



Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh

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A WORD FROM THE CARDINAL

My Dear Friends,

It is not too early now that we are reaching the end of February to think of the approaching celebration of Lent followed by the great feast of Easter.

LENTEN READING BOOK "GROWING INTO SILENCE"

The good news is that all of the 800 copies of the recommended Lenten reading book "Growing into Silence" have been taken up by parishes. If there are still parishes that need these books then they should let Yvonne Fleming know at the Pastoral Resources Office as soon as possible. I hope that as we read this book together as a Diocese and take part in the prayer exercises we will all become more confident in sharing our faith and that the Lenten journey will be very fruitful for us all.

LENTEN STATION MASSES AND CHRISM MASS:

As you know each year I travel throughout the different areas of our Diocese celebrating Lenten Station Masses. The timetable for my Lenten visits with dates and parishes are contained in this E Bulletin under an appropriate title. I urge you all to do your best to attend the celebration of these Lenten Station Masses which gives us an opportunity of preparing together as a Catholic Christian community in the areas of our Archdiocese for the great feast of Easter.

Note that the **Chrism Mass will be celebrated in our Cathedral on Tuesday 19th April 2011 at 7.00 pm**. The Chrism Mass is that annual Mass at which the Priests of the Archdiocese renew their commitment to priestly service and the Bishop of the Diocese blesses the oils to be used in the administration of the sacraments for the year ahead.

RCIA PROGRAMME:

Lent is of course very important in the life of our catechists and catechumens and candidates for reception into full communion with our Church each year. Those involved will know the details of the RCIA programme which they are following in their own parishes or areas.

Obviously this programme has already begun and been operational for some time in our parishes but I remind you of the following important dates:

- **Rite of Election in St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh on 1st Sunday of Lent - Sunday 13th March at 3.00 pm;**
- **Lenten Station Masses - as on the list enclosed for your areas;**
- **Chrism Mass St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh - Tuesday 19th April at 7.00 pm;**
- **Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday celebrations - Saturday 23rd April / Sunday 24th April**

I know that many of you have been preparing throughout the last few years for these great events and especially during this past year. I was privileged to have been able to take part in the first retreat for catechists, catechumens and candidates - at Gillis Centre on Saturday 19th February. This seemed to have been a very fruitful day for all

those involved and I am sure these pre-Lenten retreats for those involved in RCIA will develop in the years which lie ahead.



**Cardinal O'Brien
And some of those who took part
At the Catechumen Retreat Day**

RCIC REVIEW GROUP:

This review group who are examining the feedback about the Christian Initiation of Children has had its second meeting where the school responses were explored. The group is now beginning to make practical recommendations to strengthen our current sacramental preparation provision. These recommendations include:

- Gathering new resource material to support parents accompanying their children.
- Equipping parents with practical tools for faith sharing.
- Reviewing and developing parish support for parents.
- Encouraging retreat opportunities for parents.
- Forming catechetical teams to accompany parents as they journey towards the sacraments with their children.

All of these recommendations will be available in the **Final Report of the CIC Review Group which will be available before summer**. I thank all of our Deanery representatives who are giving their time to this important discernment process.

Every blessing to you all at this important time in our Church's year
Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Keith O'Brien

Lent Station Masses

Wednesday 9 th March	12.45pm	Ash Wednesday Mass	St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh
Wednesday 16 th March	7.30pm	St. Andrew and St. Margaret's Deanery, Fife	St. Paul's, Glenrothes
Wednesday 23 rd March	7.30pm	St. Mungo & St. Ninian's Deanery, Stirlingshire	St. Mary's, Stirling
Friday 25 th March	7.30pm	St. Giles Deanery, Edinburgh	St. Mary's Cathedral
Wednesday 30 th March	7.30pm	St. David's Deanery, East & Mid Lothian	Our Lady of Lorretto & St. Michael, Musselburgh
Wednesday 6 th April	7.30pm	St. Mary's Deanery, West Lothian	Ss. John Cantius & Nicholas, Broxburn
Wednesday 13 th April	7.30pm	St. Cuthbert's Deanery, Borders	Our Lady & St. Andrew, Galashiels
Tuesday 19 th April	7.00pm	Chrism Mass	St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh



Adult Faith Formation

THEOLOGY FOR CATECHESIS SERIES CONTINUES:

Five deaneries have participated in the series. The workshops are continuing in the following places:

Hours of God

This 2 hour workshop is the third in the series of Theology for Catechesis for Catechists and Teachers, exploring the Catholic approach to prayer and liturgy. Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures it is the whole person who prays. This tradition of prayer is supported by certain rhythms for praying intended to nourish continual prayer, such as morning & evening prayer, grace before & after meals, and Sunday gathering for the celebration of the Eucharist. The cycle of liturgical prayer and the great feasts will also be explored. This workshop will be led by Sr. Kathleen Curran UJ & Juliet MacKellaig.

Deanery	Date	Place	Time
St. Mary's Deanery	Monday 7 th March 2011	St. Peter's, Livingston	7-9pm
St. David's Deanery	Tuesday 15 th March 2011	St. Gabriel's, Prestonpans	7.30pm - 9.30pm
St. Mungo & St. Ninian's Deanery	Tuesday 22 nd March 2011	St. Francis Xavier, Falkirk	7-9pm
St. Giles Deanery	Monday 28 th March 2011	Gillis Centre, Edinburgh	7-9pm
St. Margaret & St. Andrew's Deanery	Saturday 2 nd April 2011	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (St. Marie's), Kirkcaldy	10.30am - 12.30pm

Bookings are now being taken, please e-mail yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk to register or call 0131 623 8903.

GROWING INTO SILENCE – RECOMMENDED LENTEN BOOK

This year the Cardinal's Archdiocesan Recommended Lent Book is 'Growing Into Silence' following on from the highly successful BBC Program 'The Big Silence', which generated a huge amount of interest around the country. The book is a resource with various prayer exercises which can be used in the 6 weeks of Lent by individuals or groups. A guideline for group leaders is available for those who wish to lead a Reading Group. We have a stock of these books at £5 per copy and we have already sold 800 copies. Parishes who order 15 or more copies will receive a 10% discount. For more information about the book visit the website www.growingintosilence.com.

Please place your orders before Lent with yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the **GROUP LEADERS GUIDE** to support reading group's through Lent.



Social Care

EVERY IDEA IS A RESPONSIBILITY:

2nd March 2011, 2pm-4pm at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh

Theme: Building Caring Parishes by Susan Kirkbride of the United Reformed Church

6th April 2011, 2pm-4pm at Saughton Prison, Edinburgh

Theme: Supporting Prisoners & their Families by Fr. John McFadden, Saughton Prison Chaplain

*****Please note that the meeting on 6th April will be held at Saughton Prison therefore names of those attending need to be sent to the prison authorities a week before the event (30th March). Numbers are strictly limited to 30. Everyone attending must bring photographic identification. Anyone turning up on the day without having registered will be refused entry (for security reasons). *****

These workshops are for those providing pastoral support in parishes, will explore a range of possible practical responses to social needs. All involved in pastoral care in parishes are most welcome. They are held on the first Wednesday of the month and are chaired by Archie MacLulich. To register e-mail yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk or call 0131 623 8903.

For more information on any of the above contact:

Maureen McEvoy on maureen.mcevoy@staned.org.uk or 0131 623 8915.



Youth Ministry

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) LENTEN RETREAT - 'This is the Wood of the Cross'

Saturday 26th March 2011, 10.30am - 3.30pm at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh

The day will offer opportunities for reflection on the Cross and Christ's Passion, as well as time to be together, There will be an opportunity for Reconciliation and the day will close with a special Mass with Cardinal O'Brien. Patricia Carroll and Fr. Anthony Caruana will assist in leading the day. To register please e-mail yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk or call 0131 623 8903.

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE:

September 2011 - 2014

Anne McEvoy the Youth Ministry Co-ordinator will be meeting Deanery Councils and parish groups over the next few weeks to present to them this excellent course.

This course is a must for those involved in leading Youth Ministry and also Catholic Teachers. This three year training course will equip you with a renewed vision, empowered to facilitate evangelisation and outreach to and with the young people in your community. You will learn the principles of pastoral care, prayer, worship and valuable skills for Christian leadership.

If you would like an information pack on the course, these are available from Anne or Yvonne on anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk or yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk Or you can call 0131 623 8903 to request one.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: MADRID

11 - 23 August 2011

A group of 50+ young people from the Archdiocese will travel to this great event to celebrate their faith with young people from all over the world in the presence of Pope Benedict XVI. Please continue to pray for the success of this special pilgrimage and for our young people and their leader's world wide as they begin to prepare. We have now prepared a booklet to accompany the young people as they prepare for this event and we hope that you will use it too, to pray with our young people and follow this event. [Click here](#) for a copy.

*****There are still a few spaces left for this event but you need to get your name and details to Anne NOW*****

MEAL AND MINISTRY: YOUNG PEOPLE & THEIR SEARCH FOR THE SACRED
Monday 14th March, 7.30pm at the Lauriston Jesuit Centre, Edinburgh

Fr. J-Glenn Murray SJ is billed as 'the closest thing to a Jesuit tele-evangelist, but without the hard sell for cash'. One of the most gifted and charismatic speakers around is visiting the UK in March and will be giving a lecture at the Jesuit centre. Don't miss it. For booking details and more information [click here](#).

YOUTH FOR LOURDES - 2011 PILGRIMAGE, 8TH - 15TH JULY 2011



If you are interested in this pilgrimage contact youthforlourdes@hotmail.com Click on the Facebook logo to link to the FB page.

For more information about any Youth Ministry activities contact Anne on anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk or 0131 623 8917.



Justice & Peace

JUSTICE & PEACE LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday 12th March 2011, 10am - 4pm at St. Catherine's Convent, Edinburgh.

The theme of this year's Lent retreat is 'this is my body, given for you: The Eucharist, social justice and service'. Fr. Chris Hughes from Hexham and Newcastle Diocese will lead the day. Fr. Chris is Parish Priest of St. Bede's, Bedlington as well as Chaplain to two prisons in the county. He has been involved in Justice and Peace issues for many years including East Timor and Church Action on Poverty. He is particularly interested in encouraging people to explore the relationship between our church practice, faith and action. The day will offer opportunities for personal reflection as well as time to pray and will end with Mass.

For an application form [click here](#), you can also register by e-mailing yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk or telephone 0131 623 8903.

JUST CHURCH TRAINING

Over the next few months the Just Church training course will take place in 3 of our Deaneries. Just Church enables people to reflect on faith and justice from different perspectives and looks at how to integrate action for justice into prayer, worship and daily life. Just Church is spread over 4, 2 hour workshops. For more information on the course contact miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk or telephone 0131 623 8922. **Places on the Just Church course are limited and popular so booking in advance is required.**

Deanery	Dates	Place	Time	Application
St. Mungo & St. Ninian Deanery	16.3.11 23.3.11 30.3.11 6.4.11	St. Mary's Church House, 15 Upper Bridge Street, Stirling, FK8 1ES	7.30pm - 9.15pm	Click here for an application
St. Andrew's & St. Margaret's Deanery	3.5.11 10.5.11 17.5.11 24.5.11	St. Marie's, Dunnikier Road, Kirkcaldy, KY1 2SA	7.30pm - 9.15pm	Click here for an application <i>For Kirkcaldy: Please forward booking forms and payment to: Iain Hirschfeld, 77 Strathallan Drive, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY2 5YP asap.</i>
Musselburgh Churches	15.3.11 22.3.11 29.3.11 5.4.11	Our Lady of Lorretto & St. Michael, Newbigging, Musselburgh, EH21 7AJ	7.30pm - 9.15pm	Click here for an application



10th Anniversary of Eco-Congregation Scotland - Annual Gathering 2011

5th March 2011 10am - 3.30pm at Allan Parish Church Halls, Kier St, Bridge of Allan FK9 4QJ.
To register for this event contact Scotland@ecocongregation.org.uk before 16th Feb.

More information on NETWORK MEETINGS is available from:
<http://www.ecocongregation.org/scotland/edinburgh.html>



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - 28TH February - 13th March 2011

Today sees the start of FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT. Is your church supporting Fairtrade? Cardinal O'Brien recently wrote out to all Parishes to encourage them to maintain their commitment to being a Fairtrade parish or consider going for Fairtrade status. Why not use this fortnight to revisit how you support 7.5 million people in the developing world towards a more secure future. For more information on how to get involved [click here](#).



CLIMATE WEEK , 21-27 March 2011

Also in March Action for climate change takes place during Climate Week. Climate Week is a supercharged national occasion that offers an annual renewal of our ambition and confidence to combat climate change. It is for everyone wanting to do their bit to protect our planet and create a secure future. You can make a difference by organizing initiatives where you are, you can find out more by [clicking here](#) which will take you to the site.

For more information or to register for any of the above courses contact:
Miriam McHardy on miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk or 0131 623 8922

Around the Diocese.....



LAURIESTON JESUIT CENTRE, EDINBURGH

Every Friday Afternoon from March 11th - April 15th, 1.30pm - 2.30pm.

Fr. Nicolas Rousselot SJ will host a series entitled 'Art & Soul - Six Meditations on the Paschal Mystery for the Season of Lent. For more information [click here](#)

Every Tuesday Afternoon from March 15th - April 5th, 1.15pm - 2.30pm

Parables of Jesus with Fr. Jim Crampsey SJ. For more information [click here](#).

Monday 14th March, 7.30pm - Fr. J-Glenn Murray SJ

Meal and Ministry: Young People and Their Search for the Sacred. [Click here](#) for more information.

Wednesday March 23rd, 7.30pm - Archbishop Romero Lecture

This year Fr Juan Hernandez Pico SJ is the speaker for the evening. [Click here](#) for more information.

Thursday 24th March, 7.30pm - Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB

Fr. Laurence will speak on 'Care of the Soul - Why Meditation Serves Peace and Justice. [Click here](#) to read more.



SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELLING

Tuesday 22nd March 2011, 5.30pm at The Martin Hall, New College, The Mound, Edinburgh

In a world marked by increasing violence especially associated with religious adherence, what does 'reconciliation' mean and what are the practical implications for Christian discipleship? Join Dr. Cecelia Clegg as she explores how we as Christians might become a reconciling presence in society. For more information contact Gordon Brown on 0131 447 0545 or e-mail on gordonbrown27@supanet.com



**Thursday 17th March, 7.30pm - Colinton Parish Church, Dell Road, Colinton
In Conversation on 'Faith & Work' with Rev Ewan Aitken & Charlie Miller**

Church of Scotland Minister and City Councillor, Rev Aitken will chair a conversation with successful city hairdresser Charlie Miller on how his beliefs and values influence his working life and business. To book e-mail info@eifa.org.uk. For more information on EIFA [click here](#).



7th March, 5.30pm at Scottish Catholic Archives, Columba House, Drummond Pl, Edinburgh
Prof. Elaine Macfarland (Glasgow Caledonian University) - 'A Common Fight for Freedom'. Irish Catholics in Scotland and the Great War.

4 April, 5.30pm same venue.

Dr. Elizabeth Ritchie (UHI Millennium Institute) 'The Gaelic Schools Society in the Catholic Highlands, 1811-1843'



New Dawn Catholic Family Conference 2011 (and Youth Festival)

4th - 8th July, Madras College, St. Andrews

For more information on this event: www.newdawninScotland.com



Don your walking shoes and help raise money for Lifeline at their Annual Sponsored Walk.

Saturday 9th April 2011, 10am sharp. Starting at Water of Leith Walkway for 13 miles. Or do the short walk which starts at 12pm at Slateford Canal Centre for 7 miles.

For a sponsor form and to take part contact info@lifelinescotland.org.uk



Forth In Praise is a great site for information on music for mass and all things music related go to www.forthinpraise.co.uk

NEXT E-bulletin:

If you have any forthcoming items about pastoral events in the Archdiocese and would like them in the next e-bulletin please send them by email to patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk by **Monday 21st March 2011**