



## A word from the Cardinal for Lent

Since my last message via the E Bulletin, the major event which has occurred for me has been my ad Limina visit to Pope Benedict XVI in the company of my brother Bishops of Scotland. As President of the Conference, it fell to me to address the Holy Father and then in the company of my brother Bishops to listen to the Pope's response to us on this visit. These speeches are on my website.

I am sure that of particular interest to all of the readers of the E Bulletin will be what the Pope said about lay apostolate and lay ministry. The full text of his words is available on my own website but perhaps I could quote them in full: "Hand in hand with a proper appreciation of the priest's role is a correct understanding of the specific vocation of the laity. Sometimes a tendency to confuse **lay apostolate** with **lay ministry** has led to an inward-looking conception of their ecclesial role. Yet the Second Vatican Council's vision is that wherever the lay faithful live out their baptismal vocation - in the family, at home, at work - they are actively participating in the Church's mission to sanctify the world. A renewed focus on **lay apostolate** will help to clarify the roles of clergy and laity and so give a strong impetus to the task of evangelising society".

I am speaking about this on my visits around the diocese at the Lenten Station Masses, emphasising that the **lay apostolate** is incumbent on each and every member of the lay faithful by virtue of the Sacraments of Initiation. We must practise this as the Pope has said for all living out their vocation 'in the family, at home, at work'.

While emphasising this invaluable lay apostolate, we must also remember the importance of **lay ministry** in our Church at this present time. One would wonder just where we would be without that great army building up the Church in our Archdiocese in so many wonderful ministries open to them. I take this opportunity of thanking all involved in the life of our Church in whatever way in our Archdiocese at this present time and pray that the lay faithful be ever more aware of both their lay apostolate, as well as the opportunity of lay ministry in so many and varied ways.

Since my return, one of the great events was, of course, the **Rite of Election** in our Cathedral when 105 people were received as members of the 'Elect' in our Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent. It was indeed a very wonderful celebration and a joy for me meeting so many of the Elect, along with RCIA Teams and family and friends afterwards.

My enjoyment has continued with the **Lenten Station Masses** - having celebrated them by the time you receive this E Bulletin in Our Lady of Lourdes, Dunfermline for St Andrew and St Margaret's Deanery; and in St Alexander's, Denny for St Mungo and St Ninian's Deanery. Again, crowded churches showed the enthusiasm of our people at this welcoming of the Elect when they were receiving the Creed and also a general appreciation of the work of the lay faithful in our Church at the Lenten Station Masses.

I am delighted also to know of the ongoing developments following on the **training of catechists** in our deaneries - and I would bring to the attention of our young adults a **Lenten Retreat Day** especially for them on 27 March 2010, led by Father Peter Scally SJ, in Gillis Centre from 9.30 am - 3.30 pm. With regard to 'young

adults', we refer to those in their twenties and thirties.

As always I will be leading my annual holiday pilgrimage to Lourdes and this time also to Bordeaux from Monday 5 July 2010 to Friday 16 July 2010. The pilgrimage will include direct return flights from Edinburgh to Bordeaux, with 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast in Hotel Ibis Bordeaux, followed by 7 nights full board in the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes from where I will be leading our Annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The inclusive cost of the holiday pilgrimage, including all coach transfers, will be £793. Further details with bookings and can be obtained from Mr. Joseph Reddington 01506 433266 or email: [joseph\\_reddington@sky.com](mailto:joseph_reddington@sky.com)

Please note that it will be possible to join the Pilgrimage direct to Lourdes on 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 being organised by Access Travel. Details are available from [www.access-travel.co.uk/holsindx.html](http://www.access-travel.co.uk/holsindx.html)

With my kindest regards, good wishes and prayers.

+ Keith Butler.

## Catechists Training in Deaneries

All of the groups are now in the process of completing the third Module of training as parish catechists. It was good to see so many of the participants at the Rite of Election in the Cathedral. The Broxburn Group have completed Module 3 and are growing in confidence and skill. The reflections from the journaling from Module 1 in each of the deaneries is identifying further development needs for the catechists; the need to grow in group skills, prayer skills and scripture skills. The further reflection from Module 2 is identifying the need for shared resources for the RCIA process, especially for the Period of Enquiry and Catechumenate. Each of the deanery groups are now meeting for support in between the teachings days and this could be the beginning of setting up catechetical support networks in every deanery of the archdiocese. The deaneries who are completing Module 3 are St. Mungo's & St. Ninian's, St. Margaret's & St. Andrew's, St. Giles. Module 3 on Catechesis, Content and Method will be taught on the following days:

- 6<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am - 3.30pm in St. Patrick's LOCHGELLY, FIFE
- 20<sup>th</sup> March 11am - 4pm in St. Francis Xavier's, FALKIRK
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am - 3.30pm in the Gillis Centre, EDINBURGH

Module 4 which focuses on Catechesis, Prayer and Liturgy will be taught in SS. John Cantius & Nicholas BROXBURN on the 1<sup>st</sup> MAY from 10.30am - 3.30pm

## Religious Education

**4<sup>th</sup> March** - Senior Pupils from St. David's Primary School, Pilton will spend the morning at St. Bennet's with the Cardinal

**5<sup>th</sup> March** - The new St. Augustine's High School will be blessed at 11am by the Cardinal, we pray that all staff and pupils will be a blessing for each other in the years ahead.

## Social Care

The **Welcomers Course** is two sessions offered by Social Care to help parishes become even more welcoming. It was recently presented in Glenrothes, with 28 people attending the course mostly from St Paul's and St Mary's, Glenrothes, but also from 5 other parishes in Fife. People found the course helpful and thought provoking. Sample comments were:

*It was very useful and raised a lot of issues which I hadn't considered or looked at from the point of view of a newcomer/visitor. Very beneficial, constructive, well presented.*

*The Parish Assessment sheets were extremely good at making you think about what is really good or really poor in our parish.*

*If only more parishioners had taken advantage of this great opportunity to try and make our parish more welcoming!*

If you would like the course to be presented in your parish or deanery, please contact Social Care at [socialcare@staned.org.uk](mailto:socialcare@staned.org.uk) or phone 0131 623 8915 on Mondays or Wednesdays.

### FUTURE EVENTS

**TO LOVE & SERVE THE LORD - Ways of Recruiting and Supporting Volunteers.** This is a series of 4 evening workshops being held in the Cathedral House, 61 York Place, Edinburgh on Wednesday 10, 17, 24 and 31 March from 7.15 to 9.15 pm. For further information telephone 0131 623 8903. Cost £20.00 per parish. All welcome but prior booking is essential as places are limited. To book now contact [maureen.mcevoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:maureen.mcevoy@staned.org.uk)

**LAY LEADERSHIP OF FUNERAL RITES - Our Lady and St Andrew, Galashiels**  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 from 10.00 a.m. until 2.00 p.m.

This workshop will be presented jointly by Social Care and Pastoral Resources. Parish Priests from the Borders Deanery are invited to send representatives from the parish to these workshops. It would be particularly beneficial to select those people who may have the attributes to perform this service for their parish or cluster of parishes, and it would be most helpful if both the parish priest and the lay people who might be asked to lead Funeral Rites were able to attend together. In addition, other parishioners may attend, so that the wider parish community might understand the different ways in which clergy and lay people, on behalf of the parish and the entire Catholic community, can share in ministry to the deceased person and those who have been bereaved. The cost of the workshop will be £10.

## Youth Ministry

### LENTEN RETREAT for YOUNG ADULTS

This will take place at the Gillis Centre on SAT 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 10.30am -3.30pm and will be led by Fr Peter Scally SJ who is the creator of award winning website [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org) The theme of this day of prayer and contemplation is SHOW ME YOUR FACE. It is aimed at young adults in their 20s and 30s who would like to explore different ways of deepening and developing their relationship with God in their lives today, through the use of Scripture, imagination and prayerful reflection on the everyday events of life. Why not come along and

share some time and space with God and other young adults? For more information and to book contact [anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk) or telephone (0131) 623 8917 on a Monday or Friday.

#### **YOUNG PEOPLE GATHER at GILLIS CENTRE**

Each month in the St. Giles (City) Deanery, there is a time for Young People to come together to celebrate and share their faith 4-5.30pm. The remaining dates for 2009-2010 are **21<sup>st</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, June Retreat**. It is an opportunity to celebrate Mass, discover new ways of praying and being together, to encounter the living God, take some time out and to make connections and new friendships with other Young people in the city. There may even be a chance to meet the Cardinal! Watch this space! Join us at the next gathering on the 21<sup>st</sup> , if you are coming with a group contact [anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk)

#### **TAIZE PILGRIMAGE for 16-29 year olds 17-26 July 2010**

This is being run by Strathclyde University Chaplaincy and will cost £225 including accommodation and travel to and from Glasgow. Please contact Marjory Macaskill on [marjory.macaskill@strath.ac.uk](mailto:marjory.macaskill@strath.ac.uk) if you have any questions about the trip. More info re Taize at <http://www.taize.fr>

## **Justice and Peace**

#### **JUSTICE & PEACE LENT RETREAT DAY SAT 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

“I myself will dream a dream within you” This is due to take place in Kilgraston from 10am to 4pm. There are still places available. The day assumes participants have an interest in, and are active in, justice and peace. More information and to book a place, contact Miriam £15 waged, £10 unwaged.

[Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk)

#### **THANKSGIVING MASS AND CELEBRATION SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AFTERNOON. GILLIS CENTRE, EDINBURGH**

A Mass of celebration and thanksgiving for everyone involved in action for justice and peace in the archdiocese. The afternoon will include activities for children and young people. There will also be an opportunity to find out about different areas of work going on in the archdiocese.

If you are bringing a number of people, please call or email me to give me numbers in advance. [Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk) or telephone 0131 623 8922)

More information nearer the date.

Don't forget this is Fairtrade Fortnight 22<sup>nd</sup> February til 7<sup>th</sup> March. There's still time to take part in the big swap!!

[http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/thebigswap/stuff\\_you\\_can\\_swap/](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/thebigswap/stuff_you_can_swap/)

#### **ENVIRONMENT BOOKLET**

Apologies for the delay to the Environmental booklet. We promised it for the beginning of Lent but can only ask for forgiveness as a number of factors have caused it to be delayed. It should be with us very soon however. I

already have a list of people waiting for it but if you would like a copy when it comes out, please email me [Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk) and I'll send one to you.

## CARBON FAST

With this ebulletin you can download a copy of our Lenten Carbon Fast [Justice & Peace\Carbon Fast ideas.pdf](#), based on an idea developed by Tearfund. It contains suggestions of ways to cut our energy consumption, along with some prayers and reflections for Lent. A short version is also available for parishes and a version is also available on the archdiocesan website. Please encourage people to use it, and please let me know how useful it is (or not!) [Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk)

## Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

### AWARENESS SESSION

An Awareness Session for the Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk is being held at **St Albert's, George Square, Edinburgh on Tuesday 16 March 2010 at 7.30 p.m.** If you have any volunteers who require to attend an Awareness Session please encourage them to come along. Please contact the Parish Support Services office on 0131 623 8943 with numbers or email me at [liz.carty@staned.org.uk](mailto:liz.carty@staned.org.uk)

## Around the Archdiocese

### LENT THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION READING GROUPS

The Gillis Reading Group for Lent meet every Tuesday of Lent from 7 - 8pm in the Pastoral Resources Room.

### WAYS of PRAYING in LENT

This takes place **every Thursday in Lent at the Gillis Centre 7.30 -9.30pm**. You can still opt into one of the evenings. For further information contact Juliet MacKellaig 0131 447 6936 or email [julietmackellaig@yahoo.com](mailto:julietmackellaig@yahoo.com). You can also visit a website for more information about the themes at [www.prayingwiththeheart.org.uk](http://www.prayingwiththeheart.org.uk)

**VOICE FOR LIFE** is the new cathedral pro-life group.

We will meet on **Tuesday 2 March 6pm - 8pm** will begin with Mass & devotions at 6pm in the Cathedral followed at 7.15pm by a short meeting in the Cafe Camino to discuss future plans and talks. You will be most welcome to join us for all or any part of the evening. **Tuesday 6 April** Mass & devotions at 6pm in the cathedral. At 7.15pm Sr Roseann Reddy of the Cardinal Winning Initiative will give a talk on her work with women with crisis pregnancies. You are most welcome to join us for all or part of the evening. Refreshments will be provided.

### 150 YEARS - CELEBRATION SACRED HEART CHURCH

The next event to be held in the Church will be **Thursday 25th March** when the St Aloysius College Choir and Orchestra will perform MOZART'S REQUIEM. The Concert will commence at 7.30pm. Further details about future events will be announced soon.

### **LEGION of MARY**

The Legion of Mary will be holding the Acies Ceremony of Consecration to Our Lady on **Saturday 27th March at 2pm in St John the Evangelist Church, Portobello**. The service will conclude with Benediction, and there will be tea in the Parish Hall afterwards. All active and auxiliary members are requested to attend. Anyone else who is interested will be made very welcome.

### **ECO CONGREGATION EDINBURGH NETWORK**

The University of Edinburgh's first International Women's Day public lecture will take place in the **McEwan Hall, Teviot Place 17.30 -19.30 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

**27 April at Morningside United Church: Climate Change & Carbon Footprint Reduction after Copenhagen**  
Speakers: Ben Murray (Earth be Glad Project) and Adrian Shaw (Church of Scotland, Climate Change Officer).

### **ASSITANCE for MISSIONARY SEMINARIES**

All such requests should be sent to Missio Scotland, 4 Laird St., Coatbridge, ML5 3LJ TEL 01236 449774 E.mail: [national.office@missioscotland.org.uk](mailto:national.office@missioscotland.org.uk) where sponsorship for seminarians in missionary dioceses is supported through the St Peters Society, and your contributions towards fees are sent directly to the Bishops and Seminary Rectors concerned. Jacqueline Laird, our Administrative Secretary, will be happy to advise and help with your enquiries

### **HEALING IN MINISTRY - Kinnoull Monastery April 19th - 21st 2010**

This is for ordained and lay ministers of any denomination interested to investigate and integrate a healing component into their ministry. If you are interested contact the Rev. Jenny Williams email : [office@cfhscotland.org.uk](mailto:office@cfhscotland.org.uk) telephone : 0131 225 2401

### **EDINBURGH NEWMAN SOCIETY Wednesday 10th March 7.30pm**

Will meet at St Catharine's Convent, 4 Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh, EH3-9HH. Fr. Basil Clark will speak on The Scottish Reformation - To the Winner the Spoils. NEW MEMBERS are very welcome.

### **ALTAR CLOTHS**

The Sisters of Francis Assisi in India run a tailoring school to get young women out of prostitution and give them a trade and an avenue out of poverty. The Sisters have produced beautiful Indian cotton altar cloths, purificators and finger towels. If a parish wishes to order altar cloths write to Sister Alphonsa, send the measurements and quantity required and in due course reimburse the Sisters for the cost of the production. Contact Sister Alphonsa, Assisi Prashanth Bhavan, (Via) Chebrolu, Kathipudi (Po), East Godavari (Dist) Andhra Pradesh, 533 449 INDIA

### **FORTH IN PRAISE SINGING DAY**

Forth in Praise is the Music Advisory Group attached to the Liturgy Commission. We have a twice-yearly music newsletter, we run training events for parish musicians and we publish music for parish singers and organ under the Forth in Praise imprint. The spring music newsletter has just been issued. It contains information about our forthcoming Singing Day taking place on **Saturday the 15th of May at St David's Church, Dalkeith**. If anyone would like to be added to the mailing list (email preferred, but there is also a postal list) or for further information about the singing day, please contact Katherine Cameron, 01324 612034 or [Katherine.Cameron@forthinpraise.co.uk](mailto:Katherine.Cameron@forthinpraise.co.uk). Or the website [www.forthinpraise.co.uk](http://www.forthinpraise.co.uk)

**MASS in the EXTRAORDINARY RITE**

This is now available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 5pm in St. Thomas's Addiewell.

**NEXT Ebulletin:**

If you have any items about the pastoral activity of the archdiocese and would like them in the next ebulletin please send them by email to [patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk](mailto:patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk) by **FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH**