



## E-bulletin for Pastoral Resources March 2010 No.2



### A word from the Cardinal for Easter

It has indeed been a great pleasure for me travelling around our Archdiocese during the season of Lent to celebrate the Lenten Station Masses. As you may know, each day before the Lenten Station Mass, I met with the priests of our Deaneries or Cluster Groups here at my home to listen to some of the concerns of my brother priests. I tried to get each group of priests to concentrate on three particular concerns of their Deanery and then from this I will have an Assembly of Priests to discuss common issues. During the Lenten Station Masses, as always, I presented the Creed for those on their Lenten journey towards receiving the Sacraments of Initiation or full communion with the Church.

I do hope that many of you will manage to celebrate the Chrism Mass in our Cathedral on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm and that you enjoy the Easter celebrations in your own parishes. Remember that on Holy Saturday each year now there is an Easter Play in Edinburgh to which you are all very welcome, with the performance at 10.30am and 2.30pm in West Princes Street Gardens.

With my kindest regards, good wishes and prayers  
Yours sincerely in Christ,

*+ Keith Burnett*

### Catechists Training in Deaneries

The final teaching day for Module 3 takes place on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am - 3.30pm in the Gillis Centre, EDINBURGH. If you have not managed to take part in Module 3 in your deanery you can also take part in this day.

Module 4 which focuses on Catechesis, Prayer and Liturgy will be taught on the following days and venues:

- SS. John Cantius & Nicholas BROXBURN on the 1<sup>st</sup> MAY from 10.30am - 3.30pm
- St. Mary's LESLIE on the 8<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am - 3.30pm
- St. Francis Xavier FALKIRK 19<sup>th</sup> June from 11am - 4pm
- Gillis Centre, EDINBURGH 21<sup>st</sup> August 10.30 - 3.30pm

All those who have participated in the course will receive the Archdiocesan Certificate in Catechesis on the 4<sup>th</sup> September from the Cardinal. The afternoon will begin with some reflection time and input followed by the celebration of Mass in the Gillis Chapel.

If you have completed your journaling for modules 2 or 3 you can send them by email to [patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk](mailto:patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk)

### Religious Education

#### CURRICULAR

Planning for the implementation of the new Outcomes and Experiences for Religious Education in Roman Catholic Schools is now well underway across the Archdiocese, with most clusters of schools having availed of some form of Continuing Professional Development opportunities over the past 18 months approximately.

These events will continue during the final term of the academic year when the following sessions will be undertaken:

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010:** Be Not Afraid: Unpacking the Religious Education Outcomes and Experiences in Roman Catholic Primary Schools. This session is offered to all Catholic Primary Schools in Mid and East Lothian.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010:** The above session will be undertaken by all Catholic Primary schools in Falkirk.

#### **Recruitment Strategy:**

An inaugural gathering of all Head teachers who have been recently appointed will be held in St. Bennett's on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010. The Cardinal will officiate at Mass and following an evening meal, there will be an opportunity to liaise and exchange experiences while planning for the future. The first 'Aspiring Leaders in Catholic Education Conference' was held in the Stirling Management Centre in November 2009. Following its resounding success, it has been decided to hold a second gathering of all those who were present. It was very heartening and indeed inspiring for us all to have had the opportunity to spend the day with over 60 teachers interested in exploring more about their roles as prospective Catholic Primary School leaders. This event is being held in the Gillis Centre on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 and details will be sent to all involved in due course.

#### **Chaplaincy**

A gathering of all Chaplaincy team members in Roman Catholic High Schools throughout the Archdiocese will take place in the Gillis Centre on the evening of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010. This event will provide an opportunity for all those involved in this very valuable work to meet and gain support in a reflective and prayerful milieu.

## **Social Care**

#### **How do we welcome Jesus? How do we welcome each other?**

Any parish wanting to reach out into its community, and become friendly to families of all kinds, faces an exciting challenge. **The Welcomers Course** is a two session course run by the Social Care office to help parishes become even more welcoming. It will run in Edinburgh and West Lothian, both with one evening in May and one in June, and will be an opportunity for parishioners to ask:

- Have we welcomed people into our parish?
- Do we belong to a parish where people come each week to talk to God, but not to fellow parishioners?
- Do we belong to a parish with lots going on, but we forget to invite newcomers to join our activities?
- Do we belong to a parish which welcomes everyone as they arrive, whether they are regulars, one-off visitors or newcomers?

For further information contact the Social Care office on 0131 623 8915/8903 or email [maureen.mcevoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:maureen.mcevoy@staned.org.uk)

## **Youth Ministry**

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

Each month in the St Giles (City) Deanery at the Gillis Centre, 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 **18<sup>th</sup> April** and **23<sup>rd</sup> May**. It is an opportunity to participate at Mass, discover new ways of praying and being together, to encounter the living God, take some time out and to meet and make new friendships with other Young people in the city. The theme of our Mass on 18<sup>th</sup> April will be **Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation**.

#### **YOUTH PILGRIMAGE to LINDISFARNE SUN 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

A chance to journey together for a day and experience Celtic Spirituality on Holy Island, and learn more about the lives and faith of St Aidan, St Cuthbert and St Hilda.

For more information and to book a place, contact Anne McEvoy at (0131) 6238917 or email

[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> 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>

#### **WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID 15 - 21 AUG 2011**

We plan to have a group of 50, aged 16+, from our Archdiocese attending this great event, which will bring together young people from all over the world to celebrate their faith with Pope Benedict.

More details later re travel, accommodation and cost.

Useful websites for more information

<http://www.madridwyd2011.com/>

<http://www.vatican.va/gmg/documents/>

[http://www.madridwyd2011.com/JMJ2011ING/REVISTA/articulos/GestionNoticias\\_283\\_ESP.asp](http://www.madridwyd2011.com/JMJ2011ING/REVISTA/articulos/GestionNoticias_283_ESP.asp)

## **Justice and Peace**

**Thanksgiving Mass and celebration Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2-5pm**  
**Gillis Centre, Edinburgh**

A Mass of celebration and thanksgiving for everyone involved in action for justice and peace in the Archdiocese, celebrated by Cardinal O'Brien. Following Mass there will be activities for children and young people, as well as an opportunity to find out about the different areas of justice & peace work happening in the Archdiocese. If you are bringing a number of people, please call or email in advance to give us an idea of numbers: Miriam McHardy: [Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk), 0131 623 8922 or Ann Clark: [ann.clark@staned.org.uk](mailto:ann.clark@staned.org.uk), 0131 623 8903

#### **Environment booklet**

The Environment booklet is now available! The guide contains lots of good ideas for reflecting on the Church's teaching on the environment, practical steps we can take as individuals and parishes to cut our energy consumption and be better stewards of our environment, as well as prayers and scripture. This booklet, and the other two in the series (Fairtrade, and Nuclear weapons), will soon be available to download on the [Justice & Peace page](#) of the Archdiocesan website.

Copies will be sent to all parishes and schools after Easter. If you would like a copy for your home or workplace, please contact the Justice & Peace office: [Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk), 0131 623 8922 or Ann Clark: [ann.clark@staned.org.uk](mailto:ann.clark@staned.org.uk), 0131 623 8903

#### **Fairtrade success**

Congratulations to the Archdiocesan Fairtrade Steering group who were awarded the "Best Fair Trade Community award" in the Edinburgh Lord Provost Fair Trade Awards! This is a well deserved acknowledgement of the amount of work undertaken by the steering group in co-ordinating the archdiocese's ongoing Fairtrade status. It is also acknowledgement of the amount of work undertaken by so many parish groups and individuals to continually promote and support Fairtrade! Congratulations to all of you!

## **Around the Archdiocese**

#### **LIFELINE ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK along the WATER of LEITH**

This will take place on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> April beginning at 10am. The full route of 13 miles starts from Balerno to Leith Docks. You can choose to walk the Half-Route from Slateford to Leith, this begins at 12 noon. For more information email [lifelinescotland@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:lifelinescotland@tiscali.co.uk).

#### **ACTION of the CHURCHES TOGETHER in SCOTLAND (ACTS) Reflecting on Copenhagen**

Several months on, Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien, Archbishop of Edinburgh and St. Andrews, Dr Guillermo Kerber, World Council of Churches, and Margaret Warnock, Eco-Congregation Scotland will reflect on the Copenhagen event from moral, global and local perspectives. The event will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

2010, at the Scottish Storytelling Centre, Netherbow, Edinburgh from 5.15pm to 7.30pm. Entry is free but you are asked to contact the ACTS office to register your attendance. Refreshments will be served before the panel discussion begins. To register for the event, please contact the ACTS office on 01259 216980 or [ecumenical@acts-scotland.org](mailto:ecumenical@acts-scotland.org)

### **Voice for Life**

**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.

### **City Churches 'Retreat in Daily Life' at St. Paul's & St. George's supported by the Epiphany Group**

Easter to Pentecost 19th April - 25th May

A Retreat in Daily Life' is an opportunity to be accompanied on your spiritual journey over 5 weeks, starting with an opening gathering on 19th April, then 5 individual meetings with a trained prayer guide, closing all together on 25th May. It is an opportunity to take 'time out' and deepen your relationship with God. For more information visit [reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.uk) 552 4102

### **ST. MARGARET'S CHAPTER of BENEDICTINE OBLATES**

This has been established for those who are committed to and interested in Benedictine Spirituality. The Chapter will meet on the last Friday of every month in Dunfermline from 7 - 9pm. This is open to oblates or those who have an interest in Benedictine spirituality. For more information contact Pat Corrigan Obl.OSB at [dunfermlineosb@live.co.uk](mailto:dunfermlineosb@live.co.uk)

### **ECO CONGREGATION EDINBURGH NETWORK**

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).

### **NEW DAWN CONFERENCE - St. Andrews 5<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> July**

This is a five day residential event for all the family with International speakers and workshops for Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry and Music Ministry. For further details visit [www.newdawninScotland.com](http://www.newdawninScotland.com)

### **EDINBURGH LIVING THEOLOGY 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

The eleventh consecutive non-residential summer school will be held at St. Catherine's Convent Edinburgh. This year's Core Course will focus on the Gospel of John led by Fr. James Crampsey SJ. To download an application for visit [www.lauriston.org.uk](http://www.lauriston.org.uk)

## **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 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL**