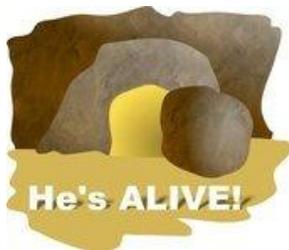




## E-bulletin for Pastoral Resources May 2010 No.4



### A word from the Cardinal

At this time, I am sure that those who received the Sacraments of Initiation or were received into full communion with our Church, are now finding their feet. The next major event in which they will be involved is what we call the 'Missioning Mass'. Following on receipt of the Sacraments and full reception, the new members of the Church are like those first apostles now ready to be 'sent out'. Invariably, this Mass takes place year by year in our Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday. However, on Pentecost Sunday, Sunday 23 May 2010 this year, I will be leading a pilgrimage group organised by the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre to Oberammergau to the Passion Play. Consequently, the Missioning Mass this year will take place on Trinity Sunday, namely Sunday 30 May 2010. Hopefully, all of those involved in the RCIA Programme this year, whether recently received into the Church or members of our various teams, will be able to attend this Mass on Trinity Sunday, 30 May 2010.

The process of 'mystagogia' or entering into the mysteries of the Church continues throughout the year. Each one of us, whatever our present role in the Church, are involved in deepening in our growth in the mystery of Jesus Christ. Consequently, that is the way in which I look upon the following two items:

**1. The Archdiocesan review of sacramental initiation for children will begin following on our 10 year experience of sacramental initiation, as we have been experiencing it so far.**

I am writing to priests in our parishes and to the head teachers of our Catholic primary schools, asking them to lead the review in their parishes and in their schools. I ask parish priests to work in consultation with any sacramental catechetical team in our parishes; and head teachers should complete their reviews in consultation with any appropriate members of staff. All are asked to collaborate on this review. Parish responses will be collated by Ms Patricia Carroll, who is the Episcopal Delegate for Pastoral Resources; and school responses will be collated by Mrs Brid O'Brien, who is the Director of Religious Education in our Archdiocese. The responses should be completed by 1 June 2010 and sent to our offices by email or by post.

**2. I see catechist training being part of the 'mystagogia' of various adult members of our Archdiocese. I congratulate those groups who are completing their final module in catechesis training and invite them to receive the Archdiocesan Certificate in Catechesis on Saturday 4 September 2010 in Gillis Chapel followed by a reception afterwards.**

As well as all that we are trying to accomplish at this present time in our own Archdiocese, our thoughts are turning towards the forthcoming Papal Visit, with the Pope beginning his visit to Great Britain here in Scotland on Thursday 16 September 2010, the Feast of St Ninian. Further information on the visit and on our preparations for the visit will be communicated on a regular basis by email, by ordinary mail, by posters etc - so that everyone is fully apprised of all that will be happening prior to and on the occasion of the visit of our Holy Father.

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

+ Keith O'Brien

## CARITAS in VERITATE: June Monday Workshops in Preparation for the Papal Visit

The overarching national theme for the Holy Father's visit in September is 'Heart speaks to heart', a phrase taken from the writings of Cardinal Newman. This theme invites us to gather to have heart to heart conversations about what it means to be a Catholic Christian today. There will be a range of pastoral opportunities available for people to begin preparing their hearts and minds for this visit: these include regular Sunday liturgy notes and slots for parish bulletins, study resources about the nature of the Church, reflective PowerPoint sessions on Caritas in Veritate, podcasts and a range of other adaptable material. These will be available nationally from Pentecost Sunday onwards.

Our archdiocese has developed the series of power point reflections about Caritas in Veritate for parishes, and we will be offering a series of workshops in the Gillis Centre. The first four will be available on the Mondays of June; these will then be followed up in mid August. The reflections have been compiled by Pastoral Resources & Justice and Peace jointly. The themes for the four Mondays are:

- Charity and Justice: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7 - 8pm
- The Common Good: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 7 - 8pm
- The Church's Role in Development: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 7 - 8pm
- Human Rights: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 7 - 8pm

Each workshop consists of a common opening prayer, a reflection from scripture, reflections from Pope Benedict and time to have heart to heart reflection together. If you are interested in these and want more information or would like to book a place contact: [miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk)

If you need more information about the papal visit in general then go to [www.thepapavisit.org](http://www.thepapavisit.org)

## Religious Education

### 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

**1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2010: BECOMING an EVEN MORE WELCOMING PARISH!** These two evening workshops will be held at Ss. John Cantius & Nicholas' Hall, Broxburn from 7 - 9pm. Prior booking is essential to book contact [Maureen.McEvoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Maureen.McEvoy@staned.org.uk), or telephone 0131 623 8915 or print the poster for the parish from the following link [..\Poster 2010 Broxburn.doc](#)

**CARE for the FAMILY: A DIFFERENT JOURNEY DAY - 15<sup>th</sup> MAY** in the Inchyra Grange Hotel, Polmont. This day is for those who are living with loss following the death of a partner while still young. The day begins at 10am and ends at 5pm and costs £18 including lunch and refreshments. For full details visit [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/adjday](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/adjday)

### **THE SPIRITUAL CARE OF OLDER PEOPLE - An Interfaith Dimension**

How do we care for our older people and how do we honour their experience and wisdom? What different approaches are there across cultures and faiths and what can we learn from one another? The **Festival of Spirituality and Peace**, the **Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association**, and **Faith in Older People** are planning a Civic Café discussion on **11 May 2010** at 1.30pm - 3.30pm at St. John's Church (on the corner of Princes Street and Lothian Road) Edinburgh to explore these and other questions. If you would like to express an interest in taking part please contact Fiona Park on [civic.cafe@festivalofspirituality.org.uk](mailto:civic.cafe@festivalofspirituality.org.uk) (or phone 0131 221 2273)

### **LIVING THE GOSPEL IN THE FAMILY 25th May at 7.30pm Gillis Centre**

An exploration of the relevance of the Gospel for the family unit in contemporary society. Presentation and guided group discussion conducted by psychologist Archie MacLulich in the first of a series of group meetings on this topic. For more details contact [maureen.mcevoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:maureen.mcevoy@staned.org.uk)

## Youth Ministry

### **NEW YOUTH MINISTRY e-BULLETIN**

We are delighted to have just produced our first issue and hope that you will enjoy it and find it helpful and informative. The aim is to keep you up to date with events in the Archdiocese and further afield. We welcome feedback, comments and contributions for future editions. The e-Bulletin is available on the Archdiocesan website and by contacting [anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk)

### **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 next gathering will be MASS on PENTECOST Sunday, **23<sup>rd</sup> May**. Please come along on this special Feast day to celebrate your faith with and meet other young people and discover new ways of praying and being together. Following Mass, there will be a chance to enjoy some refreshments, chat and even make some new friends. We look forward to seeing you, even and especially if it is your first time!

### **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, see the Archdiocesan website or contact Anne McEvoy at (0131) 6238917 or email [Anne.McEvoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Anne.McEvoy@staned.org.uk)

### **SEEKERS GROUP YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND RETREAT 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

This will take place at KINOULL Monastery, Perth from Fri 5pm to Sun 3pm, cost £55/ £45 (conc). The theme will be 'GRACE, DISCERNMENT and WILL'. For more details and to register, please email, [seekers@seek-er.org](mailto:seekers@seek-er.org)

## 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

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

## Catechists Formation

### CATECHISTS TRAINING:

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

- 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)

### WITH GREAT JOY - 2 EVENING SESSIONS for PARISH BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAMS at the GILLIS CENTRE 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 7 - 9pm

In response to requests from City parishes we are offering two evenings to explore how best to prepare parents for the celebration of infant baptism. To download the poster click [..\BAPTISM PREP\with Great Joy poster.pdf](#) and to book a place email [patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk](mailto:patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk)

## Around the Archdiocese

### DAWN CHORUS:

You may remember that last year around this time, as part of our *Environment Series* at the Lauriston Centre, we organised an early morning walk to listen to the dawn chorus. I'm very pleased to say that this will be repeated again this year, the walk to take place on **Saturday morning May 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather at the Lauriston Centre at **4.00 a.m.**, for further details visit the website [www.lauriston.org.uk](http://www.lauriston.org.uk)

### SCIENCE & RELIGION SERIES

The Lauriston Jesuit Centre, in partnership with the Scottish Episcopal Church 'Adventures in Faith' programme, is pleased to host four Tuesday evening meetings under the heading 'The Dialogue of Science and Religion' beginning on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the newly refurbished main hall of the Centre. For further details visit the website [www.lauriston.org.uk](http://www.lauriston.org.uk)

### **A Day of Prayer with Father Gerard Hughes FOR EDINBURGH 2010**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 4pm Gillis Centre.

This day is designed to encourage Christians across Scotland to discover ways of praying together for unity in the Church. Father Gerard will bring several suggestions for participants to experience and practise, but the main aim of the day is for you, participating, to discover your own inner prayer power, experience God working in you NOW, find new ways to pray, learn about your own uniqueness. To book, contact: Mr. Patrick Ferry: [pjferry@btinternet.com](mailto:pjferry@btinternet.com), tel: 01315548216 Sister Elizabeth Moran: [eamletterpost@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eamletterpost@yahoo.co.uk), tel: 07858500155

### **Forth in Praise Singing Day Saturday 15th May 2010** led by Misia Paul

St David's, Dalkeith, 41 Eskbank Road, EH22 3BH. 10 for 10.30 a.m.

The Singing Day will include a survey of the effects on music of the forthcoming new Mass text, and the handout will include some music for the new Gloria, Sanctus and Memorial acclamations.

Bring packed lunch. ADMISSION FREE, but please book in advance, contacting Katherine Cameron, 01324 612034, [Katherine.Cameron@forthinpraise.co.uk](mailto:Katherine.Cameron@forthinpraise.co.uk)

### **EDINBURGH 2010 CENTENARY CONFERENCE ON MISSION June 2 to June 6**

This year 250 delegates from all over the world will meet in Pollock Halls for three days of prayer and discussion. On Sunday June 6 they will join local churches for morning services and lunch and proceed to a final session in the Assembly Hall on the Mound, where 1200 participants are expected to gather. The Conference follows on 5 years of a worldwide study programme on Christian Mission in the world today which has taken up nine main themes of mission. The website [WWW.EDINBURGH2010.ORG](http://WWW.EDINBURGH2010.ORG) gives information about this entire process, and refers us to a monthly newsletter and to resources for reading and prayer.

On June 6 the members of the Catholic delegation to the Conference are being invited to share in a special Mission Mass celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston.

### **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)

### **MARIAPLOIS Cupar Fife July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>**

You are warmly invited to the summer gather of the Focolare Movement, the Mariapolis, where we try to live the spirit of God's family among people of all ages and backgrounds inspired by Christ's prayer 'That all may be one' (Jn 17,21) For further information see [www.focolare.org.uk](http://www.focolare.org.uk) or contact Focolare 0141 6373316

### **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)

### **CRAIGHEAD INSTITUTE - INTERGRATING LIFE & FAITH**

This course will consist of 4 weekend Modules covering the following subjects: Trust Building & Communication Skills, Christianity and Social Concern, The Word of God in Scripture, Life and Community, Ignatian Prayer & Discernment. The first weekend is on the 2 October 2010. For further information visit [www.craighead.org.uk](http://www.craighead.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 **MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2010**