

# DUNKELD NEWS

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## Door to open on The Holy Year of Mercy



The Rt. Rev. Stephen Robson

### My Dear People of the Diocese of Dunkeld

As you know, some months ago, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, with his special letter 'Misericordiae Vultus', the 'Face of Mercy' promulgated an Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy. The title of his letter refers to the face of Christ which reveals to us the Merciful Heavenly Father. This Holy Year will begin on 8th December, 2015 and end on the Feast of Christ the King, 20th November, 2016.

A Jubilee, of course, accords us a very special time of reflection in the life of the Church. This particular Jubilee focuses on the Theme of Mercy which lies both at the heart of the teaching of the Old Testament and is central to the ministry of Jesus, as described in the Gospels of the New Testament. The teaching of St Paul in his letters and also the teaching of St John the Evangelist in his letters, speak constantly of mercy. Divine Mercy is the Father's bountiful and faithful love for us as communicated to us in the love of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

During this Holy Year there will be many opportunities to express our faith as a Catholic people. Every month there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Holy Year with various groups in our Diocese, echoing the Church's celebrations happening centrally in the Holy City of Rome, presided over by the Holy Father.

There will be regular updates of these Jubilee celebrations in our Diocese from me, your Bishop, in the coming months.

There will also be a heightened sense of Holy Year as we celebrate the various Pilgrimages that many of our fellow parish-



ioners will take part in during this Year of Mercy. Therefore, Lourdes will be a special time of prayer and celebration this year in July of next year. Also in July, there will be a World Youth Day Pilgrimage for many of our young people to Krakow, Poland, when they will meet the Holy Father, Pope Francis. In September, there will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome where we can celebrate the Mercy of the Lord, visit the threshold of the Tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and visit the Holy Father.

Also, there will be a Diocesan celebration Pilgrimage in the month of June culminating with a procession in honour of Our Lady in the grounds of Kilgraston School, Bridge of Earn.

The first of these great celebrations of the Holy Year will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral in Dundee on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady on Tuesday, 8th December, 2015 at 7pm. In the evening of this day we shall bless and open the Holy Door which will remain open for our journey during the entire Holy Year. As we pass through it we will be able to pray the devotions and prayers

which remind us of our Pilgrimage through Life that the Holy Door symbolises for us.

There will also be a number of designated Churches in the Diocese which will remind us of our links with our Cathedral Church and with the Holy Father in Rome. In these special places we will be encouraged to pray the prayers of the Holy Year to gain the Plenary Indulgence promulgated by Pope Francis.

These churches are St John the Baptist, Perth; St Thomas', Arbroath; St Mungo's, Alloa; Holy Family, Dunblane; St Mary's Forebank, Dundee and St Andrew's Cathedral in Dundee

I would hope that prayer, penance and reconciliation will be the hallmark of renewal in our Diocese during this coming Holy Year.

With every blessing  
Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Stephen Robson  
Bishop of Dunkeld

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE: News, views and coming events from around the diocese**

# Seeking a genuine moral compass in a sea of turmoil and change

**Bishop Stephen Robson addressed civic and academic leaders at the Annual Town and Gown Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral on the Feast of Christ the King, on Sunday 22nd November 2015. Bishop Stephen said:**

My dad is ill at ease with the modern world! He is ninety and heavily shocked with the world around him. Because of vascular dementia, my mum is on the other hand, happily unaware of things and shocks impinging too much on her life. Take last Friday for example, both had lived through the last war, but after Paris, despairingly my dad said: 'Fortunately I'm on the way out.' It is not only the violence and the threat of a widespread regional war – perhaps even wider, or as the Pope said last week: we are already in WWII, but as yet it is piecemeal. It is also the cultural changes, the rapid change in moral mores and what society in general is prepared to accept as usual, regular, normal, 'cope-able' with that makes me suspect, even convinced, that my dad and countless others are in culture shock.

What is culture shock? A dictionary definition will help.... 'Culture shock is the personal disorientation a person may feel when experiencing an unfamiliar way of life due to immigration or a visit to a new country, a move between social environments, or simply travel to another type of life.'

Of course all of the parameters maybe don't apply according to that sociological definition. But one aspect does. If we say... culture shock is the personal disorientation a person may feel when experiencing an unfamiliar way of life due a move between social environments. If there is too much change, too quickly, too insistently, and too deeply, then shock will be the result.

## The key to future challenges is to build on past triumphs, for continuity rather than discontinuity, for learning from past mistakes in such a way that we do not make them all over again in the future

I'm sure my dad isn't alone; I reckon there may be millions just like him – and not just the elderly either! Even I – and I am only 65 and have lived in a number of other cultures – I often don't recognise some of the things around me now, some of the practices, lifestyles, societal mores, as even remotely related to the world I grew up in. Even I sometimes feel that the world is running away from me or rather those of us who might be a little slow to adapt, a bit reluctant, a bit more stubborn maybe (?) are getting left behind.

For in some ways in the last few years cultural change has reached fever pitch: While we've always experienced social engineering by successive governments it is the increased pace of social change, mainly caused by a raft of far-reaching and seriously deeply penetrating statute legislation by both Westminster and Holyrood parliaments, have left many people in a state of culture shock.

The result is that we, as a society, could be in danger of losing our social and spiritual anchor and even our spiritual coordinates.

Perhaps those who are younger among us can absorb such a pace of change, and such a breadth of change, better. I'm not so sure though: even young people often feel disorientated, rootless in a world in which they experience interminable change.

Maybe especially the young are assaulted on all sides by new radical ideas: marriage and family models which have undergone a sea change in rapid succession; the kind of social engineering that challenges and even demolishes what is known and accepted by the vast majority of our society for centuries, even millennia; the axiom, which now seems to be embedded, that change is always for the better and will be the most progressive choice for all of us; and that is not even to mention the constant threat of terrorism, rumours of wars and unrest which undermines the mental and physical security of all of us and which may be beyond the control of ordinary mortals like us.

Yes, I really do suspect that many of us here are in a state of culture shock with the kind of social and cultural changes we have to absorb and endure. In a highly globalised world all the world's challenges and problems seem as if they are sprouting up in our own back yard.

Our moral coordinates; our bedrock assurances; even our religious truths and those much-treasured religious securities which we rely on to keep us focussed and resilient and sane; at times even these seem to desert us. It seems that nothing seems sacred any more or are untouchable and unchangeable.

God's people in the Israel of the Old Testament had a similar experience to the culture shock we are experiencing today. First in the exodus and secondly in the Babylonian Exile (586-538 BC).

In the Exodus the people were coming from Slavery in Egypt to freedom after the flight across the Red Sea. After the shock of the departure from what they knew they had to learn to depend on God in their sojourn through the desert and be formed into a people. Disorientation led to adjustment and then to identity as they eventually entered the Promised Land. But the transformation was gradual and generations passed before it was complete. Even they suffered culture shock.

The Exile (586-538 BC) was altogether a much quicker and harsher change and shock for them. Before the Babylonian Exile, King Nebuchadnezzar sacked Jerusalem and especially the Temple, the insti-



tution that gave the people their identity; their God present among them. They lost their businesses, religion, family structures, securities and homes as they were carted into exile in Babylon.

Disorientated, the people were in deep crisis. Crisis gave way to shock, and reflection on the past and the goodness that God had shown them, which led to a longing for what was lost: the longing inspired one of the most beautiful of all the psalms: 'By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept remembering Sion'. They had come to realise the good things from God that they had lost, repented and looked forward for the Exile to come to an end.

After the Exile, and with the return to Jerusalem and the recovery of lost and cherished memories, recovery was swift but it would have to be said that 'things were never quite the same again. Return was not to where they were before'. Nothing was quite the same again.

But, is all this thought simply a nostalgic call, a deep sigh for things lost, a yearning for better times – or perceived better times? Perhaps easier times to make sense of, to understand? To make sense of the senseless we sometimes feel?

In our Civic Mass we gather as city fathers, leaders of public services, religious leaders, university chancellors and other educational experts and civil institutions: fire, ambulance, police, city councillors and members of Holyrood and Westminster parliaments. We all gather to ask God's blessing on how we try our best to lead our people in the best way we can and which is appropriate to our understanding of life and what we want our society and country to become.

On the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe, the King, the ultimate source, Catholics believe, of all religious and civil authority, governance and power, we remember that Pope Pius XI instituted it in 1925 in the face of political and cultural change which was sweeping Europe in the aftermath of the First World War. With his Encyclical 'Quas Primas', Pope Pius XI reminded the people of his time, unsettled by change and instability that the ultimate stability is only to be found in the Kingdom of Christ the King. Some of his words are prophetic even today:

*'The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal. If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires, and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God.'*

Today's Gospel reminds us, and as the empurpled Christ before Pilate retorts: 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; Yes I am a King I was made for this', and as the Gospel authors remind us; through our baptism we access the security of this Kingdom now. Only the Kingdom will fur-

nish that security we seek, nothing else. It is Christ that enables us to cope with and to assimilate such rapid change and be able to see the truth in them from the chaff and whatever conflicts with his truth and standard. In such rapid social and cultural change, the only real succour, the only genuine moral compass is Christ. What can we say of the pace of change and the depth of cultural challenges we face? Let all of us – leaders of church and state, civil institutions and centres of learning – be aware of the fragility we sometimes expose our people to. Let all of us: legislators, policy makers, city governors, religious leaders, society builders, social engineers; leaders of the universities and the scientific community and educational community – be aware of the power we yield and potential to engineer attitudes and social values to nudge people into areas of life they are not yet perhaps, ready or fitted or equipped to enter. Equally, let us be aware of the social forces that can easily de-stabilise society and leave the vulnerable and fragile among us knocked off their equilibrium and leave them all at sea without a rudder. Let us always be mindful of the long-term effects of seriously social change on society in Church and in State.

Each of us constructs our reality from the building blocks that our parents, families, communities and societies provide us with. There may occasionally be times when our understanding of reality needs challenged and our comfort zone might even be required to change. As leaders, let our approach then always be gentle and to convince, rather than to cajole or unnecessarily to command. The key to future challenges is to build on past triumphs, for continuity rather than discontinuity, for learning from past mistakes in such a way that we do not make them all over again in the future.



Civic and academic leaders gather with Bishop Stephen in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, for the Annual Town and Gown Mass



Ron Wylie, a parishioner at St Joseph's, Dundee, was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Stephen Robson during the Annual Diocesan Mass for Vocations at St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, on Saturday 3rd October 2015. Deacon Ron has now taken up his duties as Deacon in the parish of St Pius X, Dundee.

## Why should I think about serving as a Priest or as a Deacon?

*In his book **The Joy of Priesthood** Fr Stephen Rossetti writes:*

"Many generous young people want to commit themselves to a life that stretches them and that will in the end mean something. (...) Priesthood, when lived with integrity, is such a life." (Page 13, Ave Maria Press)

Recently I heard a priest saying that people often asked him why he became a priest? He said that for him this is the wrong question. The correct question is "why are you



Kris Jablonski, a parishioner at St John the Baptist, Perth, has now entered the final stages of his preparation for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate



*Bishop Stephen celebrates the Annual Vocations Mass with his Vicars General, Mgr Aldo Angelosanto (far left) and Canon Drysdale (far right) supported by Deacon Ron Wylie, Brother Ninian Doohan and Deacon Charles Hendry (partly hidden).*

still a priest?" He goes on to recall the many challenging situations into which he has been called to minister. He speaks about the privilege of working with young people and with older people. He talks about how he has been honoured to share faith and celebrate the Eucharist. These and many other reasons he concludes are why I am still a priest! Why should you think of becoming a priest? Because you feel called to proclaim the gospel and lead others to Christ; you feel called to a life that will stretch you but will make a difference.

### How do I know if God is calling me to be a priest?

I would guess that this question above all others is the one that vexes most people who might be considering, even tentatively, the idea that they would like to serve as a diocesan priest. For if God doesn't want me to be a priest then I am happy to leave the idea to one side but if this is what God wants for me then I am sure that I will be happy and fulfilled as a priest. If this is what God wants I am eager to serve. The question is of course a good one, even a gifted one, because it demonstrates an openness to God's will and an acceptance of the idea that God may be offering a direction for my life. Whether or not I will ever become a priest the idea that God wants to be involved in my future is important.

### How do I know what God intends for me?

The answer to the question lies in my experience of God and in an appreciation that God has gifted me for a purpose and that purpose must surely be the building up of his kingdom in service to those I meet. Perhaps you could think of the priests that you have known? Can you appreciate their gifts

and do you share any of those qualities? Can you see yourself serving in a similar role? The gospels make clear that Jesus surrounded himself with a variety of different people. Some of those called he invited to become his closest associates. That varied group of men and women shared a variety of backgrounds, qualities and gifts. Peter, a fisherman who is sometimes strong in faith but at others strong in will; floundering and searching for the truth. Matthew, a tax collector who must have had to overcome some opposition as he strove to align his life to Christ and to follow him. Thomas who was hesitant in faith and needed to see the evidence for himself. If the variety of priests has not convinced you that there is no such thing as a typical aspirant to priesthood then just look at the scriptures for a similar range of characters.

### But how do I know that God is calling me?

In a homily at a Chrism Mass in 2006 Pope Benedict XVI said the following, "Being a priest means becoming an ever closer friend of Jesus Christ with the whole of our existence. The world needs God – not just any god but the God of Jesus Christ, the God who made himself flesh and blood, who loved us to the point of dying for us, who rose and created within himself room for man. This God must live in us and we in him." (Priests for Jesus Christ, page 16, Family Publications). So knowing what God asks any of us flows from us knowing God. Later in another homily the Pope went on to say, "This is not a matter of mere intellectual knowledge but of a profound personal relationship, a knowledge of the heart, of one who loves and is loved; of one who is faithful and one who knows to be trustworthy." (Priests for Jesus Christ, page 41, Family Publications)



# Planning for the future at St Joseph's Wellburn

**W**ellburn Care Home is set for a major new facility — just months after it was feared the well-known service would be lost forever. Plans to build a new 60-bedroom residential care facility at Wellburn House, in Liff Road, have been submitted to Dundee City Council.

If given the go-ahead, work on the new facility will get under way in 2017, and will be built within the grounds of Wellburn House, on a 7,900 sq m area of land, just south of Liff Road and west of the current care home's main driveway.

The plans include a chapel, a conference room, lounge areas and a sensory garden. The application was submitted by James F Stephen Architects, on behalf of the Diocese of Dunkeld. The diocese owns Wellburn House having stepped in to save the facility from closure earlier this year.



*James F Stephen Architects' visualisation for the new Wellburn Care Home, Dundee*

A spokesman for the diocese of Dunkeld said: "We have submitted planning permission to build a new residential facility in the grounds of Wellburn Care Home which we hope will enable us to care for more people in need.

"The Little Sisters of the Poor served the people of Dundee faithfully for over 150 years, and we are pleased to be able to continue their good work."

Lochee councillor Tom Ferguson welcomed the plans and said the new facility will be a positive addition to Lochee, and the city as a whole. He added: "If this happens, it would be another, real community asset. I believe the powers-that-be at Wellburn wanted a like-for-like facility, and it appears that is what will happen — albeit on a more modern scale."

Wellburn Nursing Home was at risk of closure after The Little Sisters of the Poor announced last October that they could no longer continue to run the facility. However, the Diocese of Dunkeld stepped in and bought the Lochee institution from the Little Sisters in March, with a view to continuing the work done by the nuns. The Diocese now wants to increase the capacity of the facility in Lochee.

Just before the start of Advent the diocese launched its Wellburn 'Wee' Box Appeal - inviting parishes to support the project as part of a campaign, which will include special Investment initiatives and financial institution loans aimed at achieving the £7.5million target.





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## **Three Diamond Jubilarians United in Rome**



Thanks to the Scots College in Rome for this photo of the first three of their guests of honour to arrive for the College's St Andrew's Day celebrations. Pictured with Fr Sharkey (Vice-Rector) (left) and Fr Cassidy (Spiritual Director) (centre) are, from left to right: Fr John McAllister (Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh), Mgr Charles Hendry (Diocese of Dunkeld), and Fr Charles Kane (Archdiocese of Glasgow) – all three are celebrating an impressive sixty years of priesthood. We join with the staff at the College as they thank God for these men and their priestly ministry in Scotland over six decades.

## *Stepping into the limelight*



*Sisters (l-r) Laura, Lisa, Cheryl and Sammy were thrilled to be reunited with their brother at the Edinburgh Festival Theatre.*

Shaun James Kelly left Our Lady's Primary in 2001, at the end of P7, to attend at the specialist Dance School of Scotland in Knightswood, Glasgow, before undertaking training with the English National Ballet School, and, having performed in theatres across Europe, he now dances with the Royal New Zealand Ballet Company.

Shaun's family are parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Perth, and they were delighted to hear that RNZB would be on tour in Scotland last month, with Shaun dancing the role of the Groom in Giselle. Mum and dad, sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles and parishioners were all so proud.

The family is used to being in the limelight. Shaun's cousin, Mark Laurie, made

headlines in 2010 when, as a pupil at Perth's St John's Academy and altar server at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, he was given the honour of handing Pope Benedict XVI the chalice at the Papal Mass in Bellahouston.





# Dunkeld's Pilgrims at San Gimignano



Parishioners from St Anne's Carnoustie, St Bride's Monifieth, St Thomas's Arbroath, and St Andrew's Cathedral as well as from the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, were led by Fr Ian Wilson, on Pilgrimage to San Gimignano. The group stayed at the Convento di Sant Agostino in San Gimignano which is run by the Augustinian order. Their pilgrimage included visits to Assisi, Sienna, Monteriggioni and the Augustinian Hermitage and Monastery of the Holy Saviour at Lecceto.

## Perth Italian Association's Pilgrimage to Venice



Celebrating Mass in the Duomo at Ravenna with Bishop Stephen and Mgr Aldo



Arriving at St Mark's Square in Venice



Pilgrims taking a stroll (above) after a visit to Ravenna's stunning 5th Century Mosaics (left)





The Rt. Rev. Stephen Robson

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# HOLY YEAR PROGRAM

8th December 2015-

## OPENING OF HOLY YEAR JUBILEE FOR OUR LADY

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

Holy Year Door opens for the first time

7pm, Tuesday 8th December 2015

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

## HOLY YEAR DEVOTIONS

*in each designated centre*

St John the Baptist's, Perth

St Mungo's, Alloa

St Margaret's Montrose

St Fergus', Forfar

St Columba's, Cupar

## MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions; concentration in Advent and Lent  
with regular times for individual reconciliation

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in all parishes  
on a regular basis coupled with Confessions

Usual Advent and Lent Penitential celebrations  
with individual confession.

## NIGHTFEVER

Some Saturdays, advertised later, with Confessions  
and Adoration, St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee.

## STATION MASSES

*in each designated centre*

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT 2016

**Ash Wednesday** 10th February

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

Wednesday 17th February

St John the Baptist's, Perth

Wednesday 24th February

St Margaret's, Arbroath

Wednesday 2nd March

St Mungo's, Alloa

Wednesday 9th March

St Mary's, Forebank, Dundee

Wednesday 16th March

Holy Family, Dunblane

Wednesday 23rd March

**Holy Week - Chrism Mass**

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

## JUBILEES BEING CELEBRATED

### JUBILEE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

*Baptism of Our Lord*

11am, Sunday 10th January 2016

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

and in all our parishes

### JUBILEE FOR RELIGIOUS PRIESTS AND SISTERS

*Presentation of the Lord*

11am, Tuesday 2nd February 2016

St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside

*All invited*

### JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS, RCIA, PARENTS, CATHOLIC TEACHERS WHO TRANSMIT THE FAITH TO CHILDREN

*Solemnity of St Joseph*

7pm, Thursday 19th March 2016

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

### JUBILEE DAY FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

11am, Sunday 4th April 2016

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

### JUBILEE FOR SINGLE PEOPLE

*Solemnity of the Ascension*

7pm, Thursday 5th May 2016

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

### JUBILEE FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, SERVERS, PASS KEEPERS AND READERS

*Corpus Christi*

*Procession of the Blessed Sacrament*

3pm, Sunday, 29th May 2016

Wellburn, Liff Road, Dundee

### JUBILEE FOR CATHOLIC TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION

*Education Mass*

7pm, Thursday, 2nd June 2016

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee



# RAMME OF EVENTS

20th November 2016

## ED DURING THE HOLY YEAR

### JUBILEE OF DIOCESE

*Procession of Our Lady  
and Pilgrimage to Kilgraston*  
3pm, Sunday 12th June 2016  
Kilgraston, Bridge of Earn

### JUBILEE FOR PARENTS, AND CHILDREN, GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN

*Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne*  
7pm, Tuesday 26th July 2016  
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

### JUBILEE FOR PRIESTS, DEACONS, BISHOPS AND SEMINARIANS

*Feast of St John Vianney*  
7pm, Thursday, 4th August 2016  
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

### JUBILEE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady*  
7pm, Monday, 15 August 2016  
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

### JUBILEE FOR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN MINISTRY OF SAFEGUARDING: CO-ORDINATORS, PARISH AND DIOCESAN

*Feast of St Michael Archangel*  
7pm, Thursday 29th September 2016  
St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside, Dundee

### JUBILEE FOR THE SICK AND AGED WITH SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

*Feast of Saint John Paul II*  
11am, Sunday 22nd October 2016  
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee  
and in ALL PARISHES on or near this date

### JUBILEE OF MERCY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*Commemoration of All Souls*  
7pm, Wednesday, 2nd November 2016  
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee  
on this day in ALL PARISHES

### JUBILEE FOR THE MARRIED WITH RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

*Feast of St Margaret*  
7pm, Wednesday 16th November 2016  
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee



## CLOSING OF HOLY YEAR

### JUBILEE FOR CHRIST THE KING

*Feast of Christ the King*  
11am, Sunday 20th November 2016  
End of the Holy Year  
with closing of the Holy Door  
and Civic Mass  
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee,

### PILGRIMAGES DURING THE HOLY YEAR

#### Pilgrimage to Kilgraston

Jubilee of Diocese,  
Sunday, 12th June 2016

#### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

8th -15th July, 2016

#### Pilgrimage to Krakow **WORLD YOUTH DAY**

25th July - 1st August 2016

#### Pilgrimage to Rome

8th -18th September, 2016

#### Pilgrimages to Padua, Verona, Ravenna and Venice

3rd - 10th October and 10th -17th October 2016  
by the parishes of Tayport, Newport and Cupar

*Please note: regular updates  
will be sent in advance  
of the various events together  
with supporting materials,  
if necessary*

# Learning about the Church's mission to seafarers



Pupils from St Bernadette's Primary School, Tullibody, had a school assembly with a difference recently – they got the chance to discover about the lives of seafarers and the world of shipping. The students were all ears when told about how seafarers play a vital role in moving essential goods by sea.

They also learnt about the work of seafarers' charity Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) and how the organisation provides spiritual, pastoral and welfare support to seafarers in need.

AoS Development Officer for Scotland, Euan McArthur, who spoke at the school's assembly said: "The subject of the sea and the lives of seafarers touches many aspects of the national curriculum and is a fundamental part of this country's heritage."

He added: "We rely on the sea for many things and up to 95% of the goods we use or consume in the UK arrive by sea. There are some 100,000 ships at sea crewed by more than 1.5 million seafarers."

AoS, through its network of 16 port chaplains in ports around Great Britain offers seafarers spiritual and practical care. This includes arranging for them to attend Mass, praying with them and providing them with free WiFi connection and phone top up cards so they can contact their families back home.

Nuala McElroy, Head Teacher at St Bernadette's, thanked Euan for delivering the early-morning assembly. Mrs McElroy said: "We are very grateful to Apostleship of the Sea for sharing with us their work as a charity. It makes you realise just how important seafarers are to our daily lives."

## Bishop Stephen visits St Andrew's RC Primary, Dundee



Recently, Bishop Stephen visited St Andrew's RC Primary School, Dundee, talking to pupils and staff. Pictured (above) with pupils from Primary 1A and then, (below), with the whole school, at Mass in Ss Leonard's and Fergus' Church



## St Thomas Primary School Arbroath prepare to receive the Sacraments



More photos <http://www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk/st-thomas-ps-arbroath-a-pastoral-visit/>

St Thomas RC Primary School held their service of enrolment for the sacraments of initiation recently. The children in Primary 4 signed their names in the book of enrolment and will now prepare with teachers, parents and the parish to receive First Confession and First Holy Communion next year. (Pictured here with Fr Michael Carrie).





*Pupils at St Pius RC Primary School, Dundee enrolling as candidates for the Pope Francis Award*



## Kilgraston supports Shoebox Appeal

It has been a very busy week at Kilgraston Prep School. Over the last few weeks the prep children have been purchasing goodies, and packing their shoeboxes for the Blythwood appeal. The children did a fantastic job and managed to pack 105 shoeboxes, which will be sent to countries such as Romania, India and Bulgaria where poverty is overwhelming. On Tuesday the children helped load up the Kilgraston mini-bus and watched as they left the school site to start their next adventure.



Primary 1 children from St Bride's, Monifeth, celebrating their welcome Mass.

## St Luke's and St Margaret's pupils show an eye for detail



(L-R) Nicole Kennedy and Khianna Telfer, pupils from St Luke's & St Margaret's PS, Dundee, using microscopes to examine the detailed work of an animator on their visit to Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design at Dundee University.

## St Paul's pupils reach out to their Indian partners



In a week that focused on global citizenship pupils at St Paul's RC Adademy, Dundee staged a Bollywood Spectacular with a feast of music, dance and food - strengthening the school's close partnership over the past 10 years with the Marist secondary school that was opened in the village of Mangamanuthu, Southern India.

## BISHOP'S DIARY November - December 2015

### Monday 23rd November

11-3pm Visit to St Serf's Primary School  
High Valleyfield

### Wednesday 25th November

4pm Head Teachers' Conference  
Diocesan Office  
7pm Mass for teachers/staff  
St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside

### Friday 27th November

11.30am Mass for National Tribunal  
Glasgow Cathedral  
7pm Mass for 25th Anniversary  
of Canon Kevin Golden -  
St Anne's, Carnoustie.

### Saturday 28th November

- Saturday 5th December  
Pastoral Visit  
to the Palatine Priests  
- various churches in Poland

### Tuesday 8th December

All day Bishops' Conference  
7pm Mass for the Feast  
of the Immaculate Conception  
Beginning of Holy Year  
St Andrew's Cathedral

### Wednesday 9th December

All day Bishops' Conference  
7.30pm Finance Meeting  
Diocesan Office

### Thursday 10th December

9.30am SCIAF Board Meeting  
Glasgow  
7pm Tayside Hospitals Christmas  
Carol Concert - Caird Hall

### Friday 11th December

12.15pm Visit to St Vincent's  
Primary School - Dundee

### Sunday 13th December

am Pastoral Visit to St Mungo's,  
Alloa and St Serf's,  
High Valleyfield.

### Tuesday 15th December

2pm Parliament, Holyrood

### Thursday 17th December

12 noon St Mary's Monifieth.  
Meeting of Management  
Committee

### Friday 18th December

7pm Churches Together  
St Leonard's-in-the-Fields, Perth

### Saturday 19th December

10am Diaconate Family Retreat  
St Ninian Institute, Dundee

### Sunday 20th December

3pm Festival of Carols  
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee  
4pm Old Rite Mass  
St Joseph's, Lawside, Dundee



*Associations of the faithful are groups of Catholics, clerics or laity or both together, who according to the Code of Canon Law jointly foster a more perfect life or promote public worship or Christian teaching, or who devote themselves to other works of the apostolate*

# News from our lay associations



Members of the Dundee and Perth Circle of the Catenian Association gathered at the Queens Hotel in Perth at their monthly meeting to hear guest speaker, Donna Brown, senior Procurator Fiscal Depute in Dundee, who spoke on the work of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

The Catenian Association is an international society of practising Catholic laymen who meet socially, at least once a month, in local circles. The local circle was started in Perth in 1934. Since then they have given mutual support to each other and their families, based on the shared values of their Catholic belief and practice.

In an increasingly secular society, the Association provides a sociable and supporting oasis of calm for those facing challenges to their beliefs and moral values in their

business, professional and family lives. Through their membership, Catenians are helped to enjoy and fulfill their various vocations in life. Firstly as baptised Christians and also in their family as a son husband or father; in their chosen profession or workplace; within the civil community and within the Church.

It is not a fund raising agent for the Catholic Church, nor is it a Catholic action group. However, it is a group of active Catholics. On an individual basis, Catenians take an

*(L-R Councillor Archie MacLellan, Douglas and Trish Crighton, Raymond Carlin, Donna Brown, Sheriff Kevin Veal, circle president Joe Dagen, Frank MacGinty and Peter Bleasdale (Glasgow Circle).*

active part in the life of their parishes and many play a leading role in their dioceses and Catholic lay organisations locally and nationally. The Association is non-political although Catenians are prominent in many aspects of public life and service.

## Catholic Spiritual Renewal St John Paul II Prayer Movement

The St John Paul Prayer Movement meets on Thursday evenings for regular weekly prayer at the St Ninian Diocesan Centre, Lawside Rd, Dundee. Their move to these new premises followed the success of their initial four years at St Pius X, Dundee.

Says John McCrosson, "Having grown from strength to strength and in many ways having outgrown the venue at St Pius X, the group were delighted when Bishop Stephen invited them to base themselves at the Diocesan Centre in order to be of greater service to the whole Diocese."

"The movement's aim is to respond to calls for a New Evangelisation by helping to foster the Lay Faithful in discovering new depths of personal relationship with Christ through prayer, worship and the nurturing of a greater openness and response to the Holy Spirit. It recognises and supports the need for the Lay Faithful to grow in con-



fidence, conviction and knowledge of our faith and understanding of Scripture as well as its application to their lives, formed by mature teaching and Catholic education."

"By engaging in a more active approach to the faith they support, encourage and up-build one another aiming to provide opportunities to enable lives to be spiritually renewed so as to be transformed in Christ and therefore better prepare us to respond to the call of our Baptism to give witness and edify the Church."

A welcome addition to the group has been the arrival of the sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a community of five Nigerian sisters who have recently taken over the day to day running of the Pastoral Centre. Fr Jim McManus CSSR became the group's Spiritual Director and led their Advent Retreat in St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside, on Saturday 5th December. Earlier this year a second prayer group was formed and now runs on Wednesday evenings, under the auspices of Fr Tom Shields at St Fillan's Church in Crieff.



## The Legion Of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets weekly for the spiritual formation of members in the spirit of Our Blessed Lady and practical and spiritual help to others. The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the church's work for souls. The first praesidium (parish group) in Scotland met on 28th April 1928 in Glasgow and soon after spread throughout various dioceses.

The weekly commitment is attendance at the praesidium meeting and going out in pairs on the allocated work. This varies according to the needs of the parish – but does not include the giving of relief either in kind or money as other organisations take care of this kind of apostolate. Always the work of the Legion is done with a partner, one is never permitted to go alone on any work task. Reaching out to everyone has always been the main aim of the Legion of Mary. In order to be prepared for this members are encouraged to develop and increase their own spirituality.

## SERRA International

Serra International is an organisation of lay people who share a deep faith and love of the Church. It aims to promote, support and sustain Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and to encourage members to develop their understanding of their faith and fulfil their own vocations. The group meets for Mass in St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside, on the third Saturday of the month, at 10am.

# Pro Life Mass marks SPUC's 40th anniversary



Bishop Stephen Robson celebrated Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral recently to mark 40 years of The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children in Dundee. The branch was started in 1975 by Marysia Kobylarska O'Sullivan who is still active in the branch and attended the Mass. Also present for the occasion were SPUC National Director John Smeaton; John Deighan, Director in Scotland and members and supporters of the Dundee branch.

A special address was given by Obianuju Ekeocha, Foundress of Culture of Life in Africa. Ms Ekeocha was delighted to be in Dundee to share this pro-life occasion. She spoke about the great pro-life heroine from Dundee, Mary Slessor, who saved the lives of so many baby twins in her home country of Nigeria.

*PHOTO – courtesy Eddie Mahoney – Clare McGraw and Marisia O'Sullivan of Dundee SPUC with other SPUC supporters and workers; Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Obianuju Ekeocha, Pro Life Speaker and activist Founder of Culture of Life, Africa; John Smeaton, CEO of SPUC UK and John Deighan CEO of SPUC Scotland with Bishop Stephen, Bishop of Dunkeld*

SPUC has been a visible pro-life presence in Dundee through the local branch who hold regular "Celebrate Life" Stalls in Dundee City Centre as well as lobbying local MPs and MSPs. Their work was commended by Bishop Robson and a vote of thanks was made after Mass by National Director, John Smeaton.

## Knights mark 10th Anniversary in Alloa



On Friday 20th November, Charter Council 636 of The Knights of St Columba, which meets in St Mungo's Church, Alloa, celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Council receiving its Charter.

The occasion was marked with a Mass in St Bernadette's Church, Tullibody, celebrated by Fr Paul Lee, Provincial Chaplain.

The Order's Supreme Knight, Charlie McCluskey, was in attendance and he congratulated the Council for all it had achieved over the years and wished it continued success for the future. After Mass, Brothers both past and present gathered for a celebratory dinner.





Bright faces for 10.30am Mass at Kilgraston's Chapel after the Youth Rally Sleepover - proof that teenagers can do mornings!



Bishop Stephen lends a hand during the Quiz



Competitive games - in it to win it!

## Diocesan Youth Gathering for Advent

*Celebration of Mass  
Creative Catechesis  
Food & Games*

**Sunday 20th December**  
10.30am - 2.30pm

**Our Lady of Sorrows RC Church**  
Fintry, Dundee. DD4 9JF.

*Let's get excited about Christmas together!  
Youth groups and families welcome.*

*Priests warmly invited to join us.  
Please contact DYS if you'd like to concelebrate*

*Confirm numbers for catering  
[youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)*





# Inspiring young people



## NIGHTFEVER

--- DUNDEE ---



5.30pm, Saturday 12th December  
in St Andrew's Cathedral,  
Dundee.

Contact Frankie McGuire,  
Diocesan Youth Officer  
[youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)  
or call 07706610543  
Dunkeld Youth Service  
Diocesan Office  
24 - 28 Lawside Road  
Dundee, DD3 6XY

## Youth Ministry Formation Programme

Saturdays - 11.30-1.30pm

28th November 2015

Sharing the vision, Servant Leadership

30th January 2016

Creative Catechesis, The New Evangelisation

12th March 2016

Helping our young people to take the next  
step,  
Commitment to Youth Ministry

23rd April 2016

Mass and Service of Commissioning

If you are a Catholic, if you believe that the future of the Church is worth investing some of your time in, and if you are interested in working with young people, then youth ministry is definitely for you! These are the only credentials that you need to be a potentially outstanding youth minister in your parish. With a little training and support, you could be doing 'valuable work' for our young people and for the Church. Youth ministry is rewarding, inspiring, challenging, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, absolutely life giving! DYS (the Dunkeld Youth Service) believe in local, parish based, youth ministry so much that we are offering a number of training and formation opportunities to active or potential youth ministers in the diocese.

**What is it?** Eight practical sessions designed for one purpose: to help you to lead the young Church! They are fun, practical, and very relevant to modern youth ministry.

**Who is invited?** Catholics of all ages and backgrounds who think that they can step up to the challenge! You will require PVG (protection of vulnerable groups) membership, which we can arrange for you. It is also important that any youth ministry undertaken in your parish is done with the approval and partnership of your parish priest. S6 pupils participating in the Caritas Award, and newly qualified Catholic teachers may also find the sessions invaluable!

**What's next?** Please request a registration form and return it to the diocesan youth office (contact details below) asap.

**What does it cost?** Nothing! It is absolutely free. We would ask that, if possible, your parish make a small donation to the youth service to help fund our work.

**Want more information?** Contact Frankie McGuire, Diocesan Youth Officer  
[youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)  
or call Frankie on: 07706610543.

**Dunkeld Youth Service  
Diocesan Office  
24 - 28 Lawside Road  
Dundee, DD3 6XY**





My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my heart rejoices ...

... 3pm, Sunday 20th December  
Festival of Carols at St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

## KILGRASTON

NURSERY • PREP • SENIOR • SIXTH FORM

Our **Whole School Open Day** on **Saturday 30th January, 10am - 2pm** will provide prospective pupils and their families the opportunity to tour our exceptional facilities, and meet the Headmistress, teachers and pupils.

Offering day and boarding education for girls aged 3 - 18 with a co-educational Nursery, Kilgraston has something to inspire every young woman. We are a school with traditional values but with a modern and forward looking perspective on education. Education is not just about exam success; developing interest and talents, nurturing an understanding of divergent cultures, and emphasising our personal responsibility as global citizens are vital. As such, a Kilgraston girl benefits from a wealth of opportunities to extend and enrich her educational experience. We offer an enormous breadth of extra-curricular activities, and enjoy modern, state of the art facilities including a Science Centre, Sixth Form Study Centre, excellent boarding accommodation, 25m swimming pool, all-weather sports pitches and Scotland's only school equestrian centre.

The school has an outstanding academic reputation and we have recently been placed as The Sunday Times top performing independent school for Highers 2015.

If you would like to explore Kilgraston or for further information, please register for our Open Day by contacting **Mrs Barbara McGarva, Head of Admissions: Email** - [admissions@kilgraston.com](mailto:admissions@kilgraston.com)  
**Telephone** - 01738 812257

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT KILGRASTON SCHOOL

**Whole School Open Day**  
*Nursery, Prep, Senior & Sixth Form*  
**Saturday 30th January**  
10.00am - 2.00pm

**Scholarship Day**  
**Saturday 30th January**

**Fairtrade Fashion Show**  
**Thursday 18th February**  
*Raising money for Mary's Meals.*  
*Tickets available from Reception.*

**Snowdrop Festival**  
**Sunday 21st February**  
1.30pm - 4.00pm

For further information on events at Kilgraston School please call 01738 812 257 or email [reception@kilgraston.com](mailto:reception@kilgraston.com)

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