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A WORD FROM THE CARDINAL

My dear Friends,

It is with pleasure that I write to you to highlight the up and coming Fairtrade fortnight which will run from Monday 27th February til Sunday 11th March this year.

This is always a wonderful opportunity for us, as a Fairtrade diocese, to highlight the positive contribution Fairtrade makes to the lives of many poor producers and growers throughout the world, guaranteeing them a “fair” price for their products. In many ways, Fairtrade is an example of the economy of “gift and gratuity” that Pope Benedict encourages us to strive for “as an expression of fraternity”. Can I take this opportunity to thank all of you involved for all you do to maintain the work for Fairtrade in the diocese? I know at times it can be a lot of work.

I was delighted to hear about the very positive networking evening held last September, organised by the Fairtrade steering group with our Justice & Peace co-ordinator Miriam McHardy. Over 40 Fairtrade reps from across the archdiocese gathered to share successes and exchange ideas, with a number of parishes also expressing interest in becoming Fairtrade. At this time of economic constraint it is heartening to realise that so many people continue to support Fairtrade, and through their actions strive for the Common Good and a more fair and just world.

This year Fairtrade Fortnight encourages us all to “Take a step in 2012”, either by buying an additional Fairtrade product, or persuading friends or work colleagues to buy Fairtrade for the first time. More information is available from the Fairtrade website where you can also order materials to use in your parish: <http://step.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/i-am-a-supporter>

With my thanks to you all for all you do for Fairtrade, and with my encouragement for your continuing efforts.

At our celebrations on the World Day for Religious, on Thursday 2 February 2012, I had the opportunity of thanking most sincerely some of our religious sisters who are leaving our Archdiocese - leading to a sincere thank you to the Sisters of certain religious congregations which will no longer be serving with us in the years which lie ahead. In particular, I had the opportunity of thanking: Sister Margaret Service of the Little Company of Mary, the St Raphael's nuns, who has been appointed to the International Heritage Centre of the Little Company of Mary in Nottingham. Sister Frances and Sister Mary, of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, serving in Craigmillar, are also moving to their Congregation's headquarters. Sister Catherine Ryan UJ of the Ursulines of Jesus is also moving south to London to continue her apostolate with the Ursulines of Jesus.

On behalf of you all, I welcome to our Archdiocese a priest of the Syro-Malabar Rite, Father Sebastian Thuruthippillil. He has been appointed to the parishes of Livingston, working with Father Jeremy Bath and Father Kevin Douglas, while residing in the central parish house at St Andrew's, Livingston. Father Kevin Lowry OSA has taken up residence at St Joseph's, Sighthill. He takes the place of Father Gianni Notariani OSA, who has been moved from Sighthill to take up another appointment with the Augustinians based in London. Two Jesuit priests, as part of their tertianship, will be at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston for some months now and we welcome them most warmly. Father Pavel Baco SJ is from the Czech Republic and Father Antonius Bramasti SJ is from Indonesia and they will be available to help with supply work.

Please pray for Reverend Graham Turner whom I will ordain to the priesthood on Friday 27 April 2012 at 3pm in our Cathedral. Graham has indicated to me that the intensive part of his treatment for leukemia has now concluded and that his doctors and nurses are happy for him to be ordained to the priesthood at that time - which, of course, coincides with Good Shepherd Sunday and our World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. This is indeed an answer to prayer for Graham, all of his family and all of us in the Archdiocese.

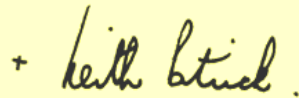
As we move towards the season of Lent, I look forward to meeting many of you at the Rite of Election in our Cathedral on Sunday 26 February 2012 at 3.00 pm the first Sunday of Lent, as well as celebrating the Lenten Station Masses in the deaneries of our archdiocese where we will have an opportunity for extended Eucharistic adoration throughout the day from 12noon to 7pm.

I hope too that the Lenten Book 'A foretaste of heaven' will be helpful in our journey together towards Easter, already 1,000 copies of this book have been bought by parishes.

There are also some marvellous opportunities for retreat times for parishes, for young people and for those involved in promoting justice and peace. I pray that this Lent will be a time of renewal for us all as we take up the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

May God bless us all in our journey and help us to proclaim the Gospel with our lives,

Yours sincerely in Christ,



+ Keith Patrick Cardinal O'Brien
Archbishop of St. Andrews & Edinburgh

Lenten Station Masses with Eucharistic Adoration



The Station Masses this year will have a special focus as we prepare to take part in the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin on the 10th June. This year deaneries are invited to gather during the day of the Station Mass at the named Station Church where there will be extended prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament from 12 noon until 7pm. Each of these times of prayer will begin with a Holy Hour at 12noon. You are encouraged to come and pray with the priests of your deanery, and to visit the Station Church throughout the afternoon for Eucharistic adoration.

Deanery	Venue	Date	Time
<i>Ss. Andrew & Margaret</i>	St. Margarets Dunfermline	29 th February	7.30pm
<i>Ss. Mungo & Ninian</i>	St Francis Xavier Falkirk	7 th March	7.30pm
<i>St. Cuthbert</i>	Immaculate Conception Jedburgh	14 th March	7.30pm
<i>St. Giles</i>	St. Mary's Cathedral	16 th March	7.30pm
<i>St. David</i>	St. David's Dalkeith	21 st March	7.30pm
<i>St. Mary</i>	St. Mary's Bathgate	28 th March	7.30pm

Adult Faith Formation

Theology for Catechesis

This series of workshops continues with the 'Revealed Truth of God'. These workshops build on the 'This is Our Faith' syllabus and focus on the Trinity. Led by Patricia Carroll. To register e-mail yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk or call 0131 623 8903.

St. Mary's Deanery				
	St. Peters, Livingston	Monday 5 th March 2012	7pm - 9pm	Revealed Truth of God
	St. Andrews, Livingston	Monday 23 rd April 2012	7pm - 9pm	In the Image of God

St. Ninian & St. Mungo's Deanery				
	St. Francis Xaviers, Falkirk	Tuesday 6 th March 2012	7pm - 9pm	Revealed Truth of God
	St. Francis Xaviers, Falkirk	Tuesday 24 th April 2012	7pm - 9pm	In the Image of God

St. Giles Deanery				
	Gillis Centre, Edinburgh	Wednesday 7 th March 2012	7pm - 9pm	Revealed Truth of God
	Gillis Centre, Edinburgh	Wednesday 25 th April 2012	7pm - 9pm	In the Image of God

St. David's Deanery				
	St. Gabriel's, Prestonpans	Thursday 8 th March 2012	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Revealed Truth of God
	St. Gabriel's, Prestonpans	Thursday 26 th April 2012	7.30pm - 9.30pm	In the Image of God

Parish Retreats 2012

All Lent and Easter dates for parish retreats are now fully booked. If you would like to book a Parish Retreat after Easter please contact Patricia as soon as possible about dates and for further information at patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk

Youth Ministry

PRAISE PROJECT - *sacred music for young people*

Praiseproject is a new initiative in Catholic liturgical and sacred music for young people in Edinburgh aged 16-25. It provides an opportunity to take part in a unique international collaboration with the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir from Indiana, USA on the Scottish leg of their 2012 tour of Scotland and Ireland. Based in Edinburgh, the Praiseproject will prepare young singers to join this internationally acclaimed student Choir in an evening concert of sacred music in St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral on 1 June 2012.

Preparation and rehearsals will take place at two Saturday workshops held in St Kentigern's Church, Edinburgh - one in February and one in April with a final rehearsal before the concert. The first workshop starts at 11 am on Saturday 4 February at St Kentigern's Church (10 minutes from the City Centre on No 41 bus route).

To join the Praiseproject or find out more: T: 0131 334 0839 M: 07825 002 699
email: praiseproject@virginmedia.com Or find us on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Praiseproject-Edinburgh/348571618503151?sk=wall>

EXPO – Eucharistic Adoration with Young People

The next young people's gathering takes place on the 25th March in the Church of St James Innerleithen. If you are a young person in the deanery and are interested in taking part please contact Anne.McEvoy@staned.org.uk

Marriage and Family Life

Would your parish, cluster or deanery like to establish or give support to their existing ministry to engaged couples, married couples and families? Several training opportunities will be available in the autumn to help build marriage and family life teams throughout the diocese. Please contact sally.mcelroy@staned.org.uk (0131 623 8919) who can offer a number of resources/support in this area.



Justice & Peace Lent Retreats

Saturday 10th March is the annual Justice & Peace Lenten retreat; an opportunity for anyone who would like to take time to reflect on action for justice and peace in the context of our faith, led by Brian Davies, previously Education Co-ordinator for Cafod. He has written and reflected on the importance of spirituality and prayer to sustain action for justice and peace. The theme of the day is "Take of your shoes, for you stand on holy ground" and will be held in Sacred Heart hall, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh from 10am-4pm. There is a charge of £15 for the day (£10 non-waged), which includes lunch. More information and booking forms available from Miriam McHardy email: miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk or call 0131 623 8922.

Saturday 24th March at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh: a day of reflection for action for anyone aged between 18 and 35 taking the theme "I have called you by your name" For those who would like to take some time out to reflect on how God might be calling them to act in the world. The cost for the day is £10 and includes lunch. This is being organised jointly by our Justice & Peace and Youth coordinators Miriam McHardy & Anne McEvoy, with SCIAF. More information on this day from Miriam miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk or call 0131 623 8922 or Anne McEvoy, anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk , call 0131 623 8917

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council



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The next meeting is on Friday 9th March at 7pm in the Gillis Centre. If you are a member and unable to attend please let the APC secretary know as soon as possible. The meeting will focus on the possibility of Deanery Conferences, updates on Christian Stewardship, and developments in Marriage and Family Life.

To obtain the minutes of previous meetings please contact the APC Secretary jimroarty@talktalk.net

Around the Archdiocese and beyond

Lauriston Jesuit Centre

- Monday 5th March 7.30pm Fr Felix Körner SJ, will speak on The Official Dialogue of the Catholic Church with Islam

- Lent Lunchtimes at Lauriston - Glimpses into Genesis led by Fr James Crampsey SJ

Five Mondays 1.30-2.30pm from 27th February to 26th March soup from one o'clock

This series will look at some familiar stories from Genesis and try to see them in their larger contexts

- Thursday 8 March Event: Day Workshop: Taize - Singing for Life.**

Facilitator: Rev Jenny Williams. Venue: Meeting Room, Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL. Registration: 9.30am - 10am. Workshop: 10am-4.30pm.

Simple repetitive songs from the ecumenical Christian community are a way to experience unity - with one another and with the Divine. Easy to learn, great to sing with others. The focus of the day will be the experience of singing, silence and sharing which mirrors the way of life in the community itself in France. Information about the community, its history, purpose and influence will be woven through in response to the interests of participants.

www.passionwalk.org This website links you to an Easter prayer walk around the city of Edinburgh, visiting various sites and stops on the way on Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

- SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELLING**
ANNUAL MARGARET ALLAN LECTURE "Bereavement in a Health Care Setting"

Speaker: The Reverend John Birrell - Bereavement Practitioner and Trainer

Open to anyone involved in pastoral care and counseling

The Martin Hall, New College, The Mound, Edinburgh Monday 26th March 5.15pm

Collection towards expenses: Book stall available

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If you have any items about pastoral events in the Archdiocese and would like them in the next e-bulletin please send them by email to yvonne.fleming@stened.org.uk by **30th March 2012**.



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