



ADULT
FAITH
FORMATION
OPPORTUNITIES
2010 – 2011



ARCHDIOCESE of ST. ANDREWS & EDINBURGH

‘To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often’

Cardinal John Henry Newman

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

As we move towards the visit of Pope Benedict to our country in September, we as a team are inspired by the words of Cardinal John Henry Newman who said that 'growth is the only evidence of life'. This is what we are about in adult faith formation enabling the spiritual growth of every person in our archdiocese.

There are many opportunities available for you this year. These include retreat opportunities as well as continuing faith formation in areas of ministry.

The year of formation for parish catechists has gone very well and in response to the felt need of many catechists for theological input we have developed a new course of formation entitled 'Theology for Catechesis'. This aims to provide catechists with a basic theological framework for any catechesis in the parish. This year we will concentrate on 4 major theological themes: The Son of God, The Word of God, The Hours of God and the Reign of God. Teachers who feel the need of updating can also participate in this.

As we prepare for the new liturgical Year A there will be an opportunity for Children's Liturgy Catechists to gather and explore the major themes of that year.

You will also see that there are opportunities this coming year to participate in the 'Just Church' course, which aims at widening participation in justice and peace. This will be available in specific deaneries.

Social Care continues to support the many pastoral areas that lay people are becoming increasingly involved in, and you will see that there are opportunities to continue formation for leading funeral rites and family support.

Ongoing formation of Catholic teachers is also a key priority for us. There are many opportunities for Continuing Professional Development in the forthcoming year which we hope will enhance the delivery of the introduction of the New Curriculum for Excellence in our Catholic schools based on the Bishop's Conference Document 'This is our Faith'. For Teachers CPD opportunities contact the RE office through Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk

In the following pages you can register for any of the above by email or by post here at the Gillis Centre.

Patricia Carroll, Episcopal Delegate for Pastoral Resources

August 2010

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHOPS

JOURNEYING with MATTHEW



This is a two hour evening workshop where catechists will be given an orientation for the Year of Matthew. You will learn about the shape of Matthew's Gospel and key passages in the Lectionary. There will also be opportunity to explore how you can break open the word of God for children in simple straightforward ways, leading children to a living encounter with Christ.

Led by Patricia Carroll, Episcopal Delegate for Pastoral Resources

St. Giles Deanery	7 th October	The Gillis Centre	7 – 9pm
St. Mary's Deanery	14 th October	St. Michael's Linlithgow	7 – 9pm
St. Margaret & St. Andrew's Deanery	21 st October	St. Pauls & St. Mary's Glenrothes	7 – 9pm
St. Mungo & St. Ninian's Deanery	28 th October	St. Margaret's Stirling	7 – 9pm
St. David's Deanery	13 th October	St. Gabriel's Prestonpans	7.30 – 9.30pm

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COST £10 per person

THEOLOGY for CATECHESIS

The Son of God



Linked to the New Curriculum for Excellence: This is our Faith, this two hour workshop explores our belief in Jesus Christ, equipping catechists and teachers with the fundamental tools to provide a basic catechesis about the person of Christ and his life, teaching, death and resurrection.

LED by Patricia Carroll & Monsignor Philip Kerr,
or Fr. Basil Clarke & Elizabeth Norris according to deanery

St. Mary's Deanery	1 st November	St. Peter's Livingston <i>To be confirmed</i>	7 – 9pm
St. Giles Deanery	8 th November	Gillis Centre	7 – 9pm
St. Margaret's & St. Andrew's Deanery	18 th November	Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline	7 - 9pm
St. David's Deanery	23 rd November	St. Gabriel's Prestonpans	7.30 – 9.30pm
St. Mungo's & St. Ninian's Deanery	27 th November	St. Francis Xavier Falkirk	7 – 9pm

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Come and Rest!

A Retreat Day for All Catechists

Gillis Centre

5th December 10.30 - 3.30pm



When you are constantly giving to others it is good to take time out and resource yourself. This retreat time is for anyone in the Archdiocese who is involved in Catechesis, either with adults or children. This is time to be with God and others, to reflect, to pray and renew yourself in the spirit of Advent. The day will end with the celebration of Mass.

LED by Fr. James Crampsey sj

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COST: £5 per person

THEOLOGY for CATECHESIS

The Word of God

This 2 hour workshop is the second in the series of Theology for Catechesis for Catechists and Teachers, exploring the Catholic approach to Scriptures as well as ways of praying God's word. Participants will examine God's self-revelation and how God is revealed in the Old and New Testament, as well as the use of God's word in prayer, liturgy and as nourishment for our lives. Finally participants will be introduced to the ancient practice of Lectio Divina and how this is a central method in all catechesis.



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Episcopal Delegate for Pastoral Resources

St. Margaret's & St. Andrew's Deanery	13 th January	Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline	7-9pm
St. Mary's Deanery	17 th January	St. Peter Livingston	7-9pm
St. David's Deanery	25 th January	St. Gabriel's Prestonpans	7.30 – 9.30pm
St. Giles Deanery	1 st February	Gillis Centre	7-9pm
St. Mungo & St. Ninian's Deanery	7 th February	St. Francis Xavier Falkirk	7-9pm

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Come Follow Me!



Retreat day for Catechumens & Candidates
19th Feb Gillis Centre 10.30 – 3.30pm

Just before Lent, this is a retreat day for all those in the Archdiocese who are preparing to become Catholics at Easter: catechumens preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and reception of the Eucharist and also for adults who will be Confirmed in our faith. You will be given time to reflect on your journey of faith thus far, to meet others who are on the journey, to encounter God in prayer and reflection, to rest in his presence. Sponsors may also wish to participate in this day as we journey together.

Led by Sr. Kathleen Curran, U.J., & Juliet McKellaig

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THEOLOGY for CATECHESIS:

The Hours of God



This 2 hour workshop is the third in the series of Theology for Catechesis for Catechists and Teachers, exploring the Catholic approach to prayer and liturgy. Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures it is the whole person who prays. This tradition of prayer is supported by certain rhythms for praying intended to nourish continual prayer, such as morning & evening prayer, grace before & after meals, and Sunday gathering for the celebration of the Eucharist. The cycle of liturgical prayer and the great feasts will also be explored.

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St. Mary's Deanery	7 th March	St. Peter's Livingston	7-9pm
St. Margaret & St. Andrew's Deanery	14 th March	Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline	7-9pm
St. David's Deanery	15 th March	St. Gabriel's Prestonpans	7.30 – 9.30pm
St. Mungo & St. Ninian's Deanery	22 nd March	St. Francis Xavier Falkirk	7-9pm
St. Giles Deanery	28 th March	Gillis Centre	7-9pm

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COST: £10 per person

THEOLOGY for CATECHESIS: The REIGN of GOD

This 2 hour workshop is the fourth in the series of Theology for Catechesis for Catechists and Teachers, exploring the Catholic approach to moral life and how we are called to affirm the human dignity of every person. This is explored in relation to the themes of freedom, conscience and the law of love. The Beatitudes teach us the final end to which God calls us: the kingdom, the vision of God and participation in the divine nature.



Led by Miriam McHardy: Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Coordinator

St. Mary's Deanery	9 th May	St. Peter's Livingston	7-9pm
St. Giles Deanery	16 th May	Gillis Centre	7-9pm
St. Mungo & St. Ninian's Deanery	23 rd May	St. Francis Xavier Falkirk	7-9pm
St. Margaret & St. Andrew's Deanery	6 th June	Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline	7-9pm
St. David's Deanery	13 th June	St. Gabriel's Prestonpans	7.30 – 9.30pm

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JUST CHURCH COURSE



This is a packaged course of 1/2 hour sessions which runs over 4 weeks with the aim of widening participation in and awareness of the work of justice and peace. It explores the place of action for social justice in our faith, and enables participants to look at justice issues from different perspectives in parish life including: work with children; personal spirituality, worship. A key part of the course is reflecting on how we can take action in our own communities, and how we support each other to do so.

Three deaneries have requested this:

- St. Mary's Deanery on the following Mondays:
25th October, 1st, 8th and 15th November venue to be confirmed
- *St. Giles Deanery will run a group St John Ogilvie's, Wester Hailes.*
Wednesday 27th October, 3rd, 10th and 17th November
- 4 Wednesdays in St. Mary's Stirling in Lent 2011

If you can't make one of these courses but would be interested in hosting a course in your own parish, please contact me at: Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk

SOCIAL CARE



The following opportunities are coming up in the year ahead:

WELCOMERS WORKSHOP	St Columba's Edinburgh	28 September & 5 th October	7.30 - 9.30 pm
LAY LED Funeral Rites	Polmont	4 & 11 Oct	7 - 9 pm
LAY LED Funeral Rites	St Ninian's Edinburgh	2 & 9 February 2011	7 - 9pm
LIVING THE GOSPEL IN THE FAMILY	A monthly meeting in the Gillis Centre for parents and all who support them, with an opportunity for Gospel reading, reflection and input on the following topics:	How to enrich our own family's spirituality Monday 6/9/10 Where do young people want to meet us Monday 4/10/10 Practical parenting skills Monday 1/11/10	7.30 - 9.30 pm
LIVING THE GOSPEL IN THE PARISH AND IN THE WORLD	Exploring together available pastoral support in parishes and communities at the Gillis Centre	1/9/10 How to support people while referring them to appropriate agencies	7.30 - 9.30 pm
		6/10/10 Depression	7.30 - 9.30 pm
		3/11/10 Changes in Benefits	7.30 - 9.30 pm
		1/12/10 Homelessness	7.30 - 9.30 pm

For more information contact Social Care Coordinator maureen.mcevoy@staned.org.uk

SOCIAL CARE COMMISSION
ANNUAL LECTURE



"Thoughts on Building Caring Parishes"

*Delivered by **Rev Susan Kirkbride***

*Minister of the United Reformed Church
Saughtonhall Edinburgh*

on
Thursday 28 October 2010
7.30 p.m.

in
Conference Hall, Gillis Centre,
100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB

All Welcome
(Admission Free)

Other Adult Formation Opportunities

Staff from the Pastoral Resources Department also offer parish based and deanery based opportunities in the following areas:

- Training for Parish Councils
- Formation for Baptism Preparation Teams
- Cluster Development Support
- Parish Retreats
- Developing and Supporting RCIA Teams
- Ongoing Formation with Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ongoing Formation with Readers
- Training for Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

For more details about this or other possibilities contact

patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk

Towards the Papal Visit

As we move towards the Holy Father's visit in September we offer some reflections from Cardinal Newman, whom Pope John Paul 11 called a 'Pilgrim of Truth'. These reflections might be used in the groups you are working with.

'We are all created for God's glory - we are created to do his will.
I am created to do something or to be something for which no one else is created;
I have a place in God's world, which no one else has;
whether I be rich or poor, despised or esteemed, God knows me and calls me by name.

God has created me to give Him some definite service;
He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another.
I have my mission - I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.
Somehow I am necessary for His purpose.
I have a great part in His work.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good, I shall do his work;
I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it,
If I do but keep his commandments and serve Him in my calling.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away.
If I am in sickness, my sickness will serve Him;
If I am in sorrow, my sorrow will serve Him.
He does nothing in vain; He may prolong my life, He may shorten it; he knows what he is about.

O Lord, I trust you wholly.
You are wiser than I, more loving to me than I am to myself.
Fulfil in me your great purposes whatever they may be - work in and through me.
I am born to serve you, to be yours, to be your instrument.
I ask not to see; I ask not to know - I ask simply to be used.'

JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN
11th Feb 1801 - 11Aug 1890