



### A word from the Cardinal

As we move into the summer many of us will take a well deserved rest, and also take part in a variety of pilgrimages and retreats. I myself will be taking part in our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> July which is always a great occasion and an opportunity to meet and pray with groups from the archdiocese.

As we move towards the September visit of our Holy Father to Great Britain I encourage you to avail of all the various opportunities there are for preparation. In our archdiocese we have begun the series of workshops of Caritas in Veritate which is a great opportunity to begin to know the teachings of our Pope. There are podcasts available on the Bishops Conference Website [www.beingcatholic.org](http://www.beingcatholic.org), these can be downloaded so that you can reflect and pray even on the beach! There is also a press release from our Bishop's Conference about the practical arrangements for the Papal Visit in Scotland, you can access this at [www.scmo.org](http://www.scmo.org).

Please get in touch with the papal visit committee secretary Fr. Paul Conroy at the Bishop's Conference if you have further questions about practical parish arrangements for the 16<sup>th</sup> September. I also suggest that each parish in our diocese now forms a papal visit organising group who can work on any opportunities and arrangements for their particular parish, if you need any assistance with this please contact Patricia Carroll, the Episcopal Delegate for Pastoral Resources.

I wish each of you a happy and restful summer break with quality time for friends, family and our God.

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

+ Keith O'Brien

### Preparation for Papal visit

The June workshops on Caritas in Veritate continue on the following dates:

- 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)

Some parishes are using this material and have adapted it for their own use, you can obtain the material from Miriam on the email above or from [patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk](mailto:patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk)

There will be a further opportunity to take part in a follow up series of workshops closer to the time of the Pope's visit on the following evenings: 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August and the 16<sup>th</sup> September all from 7 -8pm at Gillis.

Sunday Liturgy Notes have now gone out to every parish in Scotland, and there is also a text for a preparatory Novena based on prayers from the Holy Father. There is also a series of podcasts on Caritas in Veritate which you can download onto an iPod for prayer and reflection; these are available on a link in the [www.beingcatholic.org](http://www.beingcatholic.org) website with other resources such as a parish presentation on the life of Pope Benedict.

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

## Religious Education & Papal Visit

Schools are about to receive letters from SCES, requesting expressions of interest in having pupils participating in some of the events taking place during the Papal Visit. Some details of these events are provided in these letters and further details will be provided as soon as possible.

### **The St Ninian's Day Pageant - Edinburgh Thursday 16th September am**

A St Ninian's Day Pageant will take place in Princess Street, providing pupils with the opportunity to greet the Holy Father as he travels through Edinburgh. All the Scottish schools named in honour of St Ninian (11 Catholic & 3 non-denominational) have been invited to participate in the pageant (also featuring Pipe Bands) which will parade along Princess Street, ahead of the Papal motorcade as it travels back from Holyrood Palace. All other schools are invited to bring pupils to be flag-waving and cheering spectators who will be assigned safe areas to congregate in Princess Street.

### **Papal Mass - Bellahouston Park, Glasgow Thursday 16th September pm**

Now that the total capacity for Bellahouston Park has been confirmed, we hope that there will be spaces to accommodate some school pupils in the park. While the Mass will not begin until 5.30, it will be necessary for participants to assemble some hours before then. During this time various activities will be arranged to prepare the assembled crowd.

### **The Big Assembly, Twickenham, Friday 17th September**

We have already invited every secondary school to nominate 2 senior pupils to join with the Pope in 'The Big Assembly' where over 3,000 children and young people will gather in St Mary's University College, Twickenham. With live streaming of this event on the Internet, all schools will be able to join with the Pope at this Assembly. For further information visit [www.sces.org.uk/](http://www.sces.org.uk/)



## Lourdes Pilgrimage 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Under the Spiritual Guidance of **Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien** and Priests of the Archdiocese.

### **HOTEL PILGRIMS & HELPERS:**

There are currently still places available for helpers, hotel and sick pilgrims on this years pilgrimage. Details of the pilgrimage are outlined below. If you require any further information please refer to the Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitality website ([www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com)) or email us on [edinburgh-lourdes@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:edinburgh-lourdes@tiscali.co.uk) or call us on 0784 348 9287

If you are interested in being a helper, please contact us by one of the methods outlined above.

There are 2 outbound flights on 9th July from Edinburgh

Flight A is primarily for sick pilgrims and helpers. You will not be able to choose which flight you are on.

There are a number of Hotels used by pilgrims from our Archdiocese with prices ranging from £697 - £867.

**Price includes** flights, all airport and security charges, APD, baggage allowance of 20kgs, transfers between

Lourdes Airport and hotel, 7 nights full board accommodation, courier services, VAT and insurance, APC. Light refreshments on board the flights. Flight only: £400  
Hotel pilgrims should either contact Access Travel:01942 888844 Fax: 01942 891811  
E-mail: [office@access-travel.co.uk](mailto:office@access-travel.co.uk) Website: [www.access-travel.co.uk](http://www.access-travel.co.uk) Also: [www.mancunia.com](http://www.mancunia.com)

#### **SICK PILGRIMS:**

Many pilgrims from our Archdiocese choose to stay in the Saint Frai. It is not a hospital but rather a purpose built centre where people can be cared for by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, helpers and priests from our Archdiocese. From arrival at Edinburgh Airport on 9th July and throughout your pilgrimage until you return to Edinburgh on 16<sup>th</sup> July the team will be available to offer you assistance.

Pilgrims who wish to stay in the Saint Frai Centre **must** contact: The Saint Frai Centre Booking Secretary, 61 Hailes Gardens, Edinburgh EH14 0JN. Tel: 0131 441-1939 Price £679.00

#### **YOUTH for LOURDES:**

Youth for Lourdes is a group for people aged 16-30 years who travel to Lourdes, France, every year as part of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh Lourdes pilgrimage.

Details of this years trip are: 9th -16th July Staying full board at Metropole Hotel

Transfers and insurance included £697 More information from Catherine on [youthforlourdes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:youthforlourdes@hotmail.co.uk)

## **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](#)

## **Youth Ministry**

#### **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

## Catechists Formation

### CATECHISTS TRAINING & AWARD CEREMONY

You can complete Module 4 which focuses on Catechesis, Prayer and Liturgy will be taught at the following venues:

- St. Francis Xavier FALKIRK 19<sup>th</sup> June from 11am - 4pm
- Gillis Centre, EDINBURGH 21<sup>st</sup> August 10.30 - 3.30pm

### 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER -PRESENTATIONS of AWARDS & REFLECTION TIME

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 from 12.30- 2.30pm led by Theresa Barber from the National RCIA Network of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. She will enable us to reflect more deeply on the distinctive catechesis in each of the four stages of the RCIA, this will be followed by the celebration of Mass at 3pm in the Gillis Chapel where you will be presented with your certificate.

When you have completed your journaling for any remaining modules 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)

### CONTINUING FORMATION for CATECHISTS - *THEOLOGY for CATECHESIS*

As we move towards the completion of the year of formation for parish catechists we are now developing a further two years of formation based on the eight strands of faith in the new curriculum for excellence. These eight strands represent major theological themes in our Catholic Tradition and will form the framework for theological input for catechists around the archdiocese. The first year of *THEOLOGY for CATECHESIS* will begin in October in four centres in the archdiocese and the themes for the year will be focused on The Son of God, The Word of God, The Hours of God and The Reign of God. All sessions will take place in the evening from 7 - 9pm. If you did not take part in this year's formation opportunities you will still be able to participate in this new series, teachers will also be able to participate in these sessions as part of their CPD. For further information contact [patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk](mailto:patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk)

## Around the Archdiocese

### SPUC PRESENTATION on EDUCATION PROGRAMME - Cathedral Hall Thursday 10 June at 7.30pm

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children delivers an education programme on Life issues, and the cathedral pro-life group has invited Lucy McCully of SPUC to come to the cathedral to talk about it. She delivers the programme to schools and youth groups, both Christian and non-denominational. Her talk will be of particular interest to teachers, parents and youth leaders, who will have an opportunity to ask questions and to find out what is on offer.

### LUNCHTIMES at LAURISTON – A series on the Psalms led by Fr. Jim Crampsey

The series runs on Thursday lunchtimes between June 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a break on June 24<sup>th</sup> when instead of a psalm there will be a chance to watch a wonderful film entitled '[Molokai](#)', a drama based on the life of Fr Damian de Vouster, the 'Leper' priest. Highly recommended viewing!

### **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)

### **GROWTH in PRAYER & REFLECTIVE LIVING**

This is facilitated by the Epiphany Group beginning on the 29<sup>th</sup> October for anyone who wants to grow in the skills of prayer and live more reflectively, through experiencing different ways of praying. There is also an option of participating in a five week Retreat in Daily Life throughout May 2011. For applications and further information contact Claire Starr 0131 449 3045 or email [clairestarr@talk21.com](mailto:clairestarr@talk21.com)

**Nunraw Abbey Shop** (Nr Garvald, East Lothian) <http://www.nunraw.org.uk/> The shop at Nunraw Abbey is located beside the Guest House and is open from 2pm - 4.30pm every day. Tea & Coffee are available in the Guesthouse every day at 3pm. Brother Philip is also happy to open at other times by arrangement: please phone the main abbey number on 01620 830223

## **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 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2010**