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## **LETTER FROM CARDINAL:**

First of all, can I thank you most sincerely for your Christmas cards, Mass cards and gifts received at Christmas time. I do appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness – and I assure you that you have all been remembered in my prayers. It was a particular pleasure for me, as usual, visiting our larger convents, particularly those with residential homes attached. I enjoyed also the gathering at Jericho House, as well as my two visits to St Joseph's Service, Rosewell – both the Christmas party and then that beautiful performance of the 'Nativity Play' in St Matthew's Hall, Rosewell.

By the time you receive this newsletter, I will have taken part in both the in-service course for our Scottish Bishops in the Royal Scots College, Salamanca, Spain; and will have returned from my two weeks pastoral visit to Burma/Myanmar with Mr Paul Chitnis, the Chief Executive of our Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF). While deriving intellectual stimulation from the in-service course, I invariably recharge my batteries in various other ways on these pastoral visits to other parts of the world, particularly those in which there has been considerable suffering and trouble. I do hope that I managed to bring something of the life of Jesus Christ to the suffering peoples of Burma. Obviously, a full report on my visit will be prepared and issued in due course.

Included in this Archdiocesan Newsletter there are some intimations concerning our preparations during the season of Lent for the great feast of Easter. The Church's liturgical cycle certainly reminds us of our ongoing need to grow ever closer to Jesus Christ. I look forward to meeting very many of you at the Lenten Station Masses as well as, of course, the Chrism Mass to be celebrated in our Cathedral on the Tuesday of Holy Week, namely Tuesday 7 April 2009 at 7.00 pm.

## 1. APPOINTMENTS:

### (i) Pontifical Councils:

I myself have been appointed by the Holy Father for further five year terms to the **Pontifical Councils** of which I am already a member, namely the Pontifical Council for Social Communications and the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People.

It will, I am sure, be of interest to you to know that **Father Dario Gervasi**, who was until recently the parish priest of my parish in Rome of Ss Joachim and Anne ad Tusculanum, has been appointed as Vice-Rector of the Pontifical Roman Major Seminary, near the Lateran Basilica in Rome. His place as parish priest of Ss Joachim and Anne has been taken by **Father Alberto Contini** – with **Father Charles Purgatorio** and **Father Vistremundo** remaining in the parish also..

### (ii)Erection of College of Consultors:

I published a Decree, promulgated on 5 April 2008 and amended on 16 December 2008 appointing the following priests, already members of the Council of Priests of our Archdiocese, as members of the College of Consultors for the period of five years running concurrently from the date of my amended Decree (Canon 504 §1) of 16 December 2008: **Monsignor Alistair Lawson, Monsignor Philip Kerr, Monsignor Michael Regan, Reverend Basil Clark, Reverend Gerard Hand, Very Reverend Joseph Canon McMullan, Reverend John Creanor, Reverend Kenneth Owens.**

### (iii) Appointments at Lauriston:

**Father Bernard Walker SJ**, parish priest of Sacred Heart Parish, Lauriston, has been appointed by his Provincial to a new ministry in the community and at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London; to replace him as parish priest at Sacred Heart Parish, Lauriston, is **Father James Crampsey SJ**, a previous Provincial of the Jesuits and for the past 8 years having been parish priest of St Anselm's in Southall, London. These changes of appointment will take place on 30 June 2009.

## 2. PILGRIMAGES TO LOURDES:

(1) I have already announced the date of our annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, namely from **Friday 10 – Friday 17 July 2009**. It has been difficult for our pilgrimage organisers to get finalised arrangements made because of present financial difficulties, as well as difficulties with airlines.

However, for further information, please contact: **Access Travel (Lancs) Ltd**, 6 The Hillock, Astley, Manchester, M29 7GW. Sick pilgrims are asked to contact: **Mrs Bernadette Barry**, 61 Hailes Gardens, Edinburgh, EH13 0JN, or **Dr Ken Ritchie**, preferably by email to: [drkritchie@aol.com](mailto:drkritchie@aol.com) or by telephone on (01383) 413 508. Helpers for the pilgrimage are asked to contact: **Mr Scott MacKenzie**, 17 Allan Park Gardens, Edinburgh, EH14 1LN; email: [edinburgh-lourdes@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:edinburgh-lourdes@tiscali.co.uk).

(2) With regard to the Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes, contact should be made with: **Mr David Bald** on 07816-761922 or [davidbald@hotmail.com](mailto:davidbald@hotmail.com) or **Catherine Randall** on 07961-526785 or [youthforlourdes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:youthforlourdes@hotmail.co.uk).

(3) With regard to the holiday pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Monday 6 July to Friday 17 July 2009** this pilgrimage will visit one of the ancient shrines to Our Lady in France, namely that at Rocamadour. There will be return flights direct from Edinburgh to Limoges, with 4 nights half board at Rocamadour and 7 nights full board in Lourdes at Hotel d'Irlande, along with our Archdiocesan Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage will cost £735.00 – all enquiries should be addressed to: **Mr Joseph Reddington** on 01506-433266.

(4) A pilgrimage commemorating the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Knock will be led by Cardinal O'Brien on **Friday 21 August 2009**. On the closing day of the National Novena at Knock the Cardinal will be preaching – **Saturday 22 August 2009**. Further details and bookings for this event can be obtained by contacting **Mr Joseph Reddington** on 01506-433266.

### **3. ADVANCE NOTICE OF PILGRIMAGES FOR 2010:**

As you know, for certain pilgrimages advance bookings must be made – as in the following cases:

#### **(a) Visit to Austrian Tyrol and Oberammergau Passion Play 2010:**

From **Tuesday 6 July 2010 until Thursday 15 July 2010**, there will be a visit to the Austrian Tyrol and the Oberammergau Passion Play – with those travelling staying at the resort/hotel: 4\* Rösslwirt, Kirchberg in Tirol or similar, with Oberammergau day ticket - category PK 2. There will be various other visits during this time, including Salzburg and Innsbruck. The approximate cost will be in the region of £940.

For further information, please contact Canon Hugh White as soon as possible at St Matthew's, 36 Carnethie Street, Rosewell, EH24 9AT or telephone (0131) 440 2150.

#### **(b) Silver Jubilee Pilgrimage with Cardinal:**

In 2010 I will be marking the Silver Jubilee of my Ordination as a Bishop, which took place on 5 August 1985.

I hopefully will be able to lead a small pilgrimage to Rome and then on to a short holiday in Sorrento from **Sunday 12 September 2010 until Thursday 23 September 2010**. During that time I will be leading visits to the major shrines in Rome and places of importance to myself; and then will relax afterwards for some days in Sorrento before returning to Scotland.

As with other flights, there is difficulty at this present time in obtaining confirmation – but it is hoped that the complete pilgrimage/holiday will cost in the region of £1,000.

Further information may be obtained either from: **Monsignor Stephen Robson** on 0131-623 8921 or **Mr Joseph Reddington** on 01506-433266.

### **(4) PREPARATIONS FOR LENT:**

#### **(a) Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 25 February 2009:**

I remind you that Ash Wednesday this year falls on Wednesday 25 February. I myself will not be celebrating the Ash Wednesday Mass at 12.45 pm in our Cathedral on that day as I will be fulfilling engagements in Derry at that time.

#### **(b) Rite of Election – Sunday 1 March 2009:**

The Rite of Election for all those to be received into full communion with the Church this Easter will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, Sunday 1 March 2009 at 3.00 pm.

A form is being sent with this Archdiocesan Newsletter for those involved and details concerning the number of catechumens preparing for baptism and the number of candidates preparing for reception into full communion with the Church. This form should be returned to Monsignor Michael Regan at the Cathedral by Ash Wednesday at the latest. The liturgy for the Rite of Election is also contained with this Archdiocesan Newsletter.

#### **(c) Lenten Station Masses:**

The notice containing the dates and places of celebration of our Lenten Station Masses has already been issued. As always, I will be visiting the various deaneries of our Archdiocese – looking forward, as always to meeting in particular with members of the Deanery Pastoral Councils and Parish Pastoral Councils at the Lenten Station Masses – as well as, of course, those preparing on the RCIA Programme for full reception into the Church.

#### **(d) Meetings of Deans:**

The Area Vicars Episcopal/Deans of the Archdiocese have already been notified of the dates when I will be meeting with them personally to discuss the ongoing pastoral work of the Church in each of our 6 Deaneries.

**(e) Celebration of Chrism Mass:**

The annual Archdiocesan celebration of the Chrism Mass will take place on **Tuesday 7 April 2009 at 7.00 pm** in our Cathedral.

**(f) Retreats in Daily Life – Lent 2009:**

‘Retreats in Daily Life’ will be taking place throughout our Archdiocese from 28 February until 6 March 2009, with the retreats being introduced by **Father Gerry Hughes SJ** and facilitated by the Epiphany Group.

Further information on these Retreats in Daily Life can be obtained from: Alison Moody, 22 Leamington Terrace, Edinburgh, EH10 4JN; email: [malisonoody@hotmail.com](mailto:malisonoody@hotmail.com).

**5. FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE’S ELECTION:**

On **Sunday 29 March 2009** at 11.30 am, we will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Election of Pope Benedict XVI. The celebration this year will be in our Cathedral – in the presence of **Archbishop Faustino Sainz Muñoz**, the Apostolic Nuncio. All members of the Consular Corps of Edinburgh and Leith will be invited to this Solemn Mass – along with civic representatives and Members of Parliament and Members of the Scottish Parliament from various parts of Scotland.

At this time you are all asked to remember Pope Benedict XVI in your prayers for the success of his ongoing apostolate as Pope.

**6. ARCHDIOCESAN ECUMENICAL COMMISSION:**

I thank our Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission for the Worship Service which they organised for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is now an annual event which the Commission hosts – and this year was held in the chapel at St Catharine’s Convent, 4 Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh on Wednesday 21 January 2009.

Please note that the theme and material for Church Unity Week next year 2010 is being prepared by the Christian Churches in Scotland in collaboration with the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity in Rome and the World Council of Churches. This will coincide with the centenary celebrations of the World Missionary Conference, which was held in Edinburgh in 1910 and which is widely regarded as being the beginning of the modern ecumenical movement.

**7. JUSTICE AND PEACE MATTERS:****(1) Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Day:**

The next Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Day will take place in St Mary’s Cathedral Hall, Edinburgh on **Saturday 7 February 2009** from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.

The main part of the day is to develop the ideas and initiatives of the ‘Live Simply’ project started over a year ago. Also that day, there will be the opportunity to take part in another important national initiative, known as ‘The Scottish Peace Covenant’.

I do ask all of you in our Archdiocese to lend your support to this important ecumenical initiative, which involves putting our individual names to the declaration of the covenant, which reads: ‘*We desire that Scotland should be known for its international contribution to peace and justice rather than for waging war*’.

I am sure that this is something that everyone in the Archdiocese could add their names to – more information is on the website: [www.scotland4peace.org](http://www.scotland4peace.org) – and representatives from our own Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission would be more than happy to come to parishes to talk about this covenant.

**(2) Lauriston Jesuit Centre:**

As always, a stimulating series of talks are being organised at the Lauriston Jesuit Centre in Edinburgh.

In the Environment Series ‘On Holy Ground’, the following has been arranged:

**Tuesday 27 January 2009** at 7.30 pm **Dr Michael Northcott** will speak on 'Amor in Terris: a Theological Ecology'; on **3 February 2009** at 7.30 pm, **Dr David Anderson** will speak on 'John Muir: in God's Wildness'.

To mark Holocaust Memorial Day – on **Wednesday 28 January 2009** at 7.30 pm, **Professor John Pawlikowski OSM**, President Emeritus of the International Council of Christians and Jews will speak on 'The Holocaust – its continuing Ethical Challenge'.

On **Thursday 12 February 2009** at 7.30 pm, the Oscar Romero Memorial Lecture will be given by **Professor Dean Brackley SJ** of the University of Central America, San Salvador, El Salvador: 'Oscar Romero and the Latin American Martyrs – Their Challenge to Christians Today'.

Further information on all of these events can be obtained from **Father Chris Boles SJ**, Justice and Peace, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (tel: 0131-477 5795; or email: [chris.boles@gmail.com](mailto:chris.boles@gmail.com)).

## 8. ARCHDIOCESAN MUSIC GROUP:

Information is forwarded concerning forthcoming events:

**ORGAN DAY Saturday 14 March 2009**  
Led by Simon Nieminski and Brian Gill  
St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Newington,  
Edinburgh EH9 1SN  
10.45 for 11.00 am until 3.30 pm. Bring  
packed lunch.  
Cost: £8 (£7 concessions).

**SINGING DAY Saturday 16 May 2009**  
Led by Misia Paul and featuring the  
Archdiocesan Choir (director John Holden)  
St John the Baptist, St Ninian's Road,  
Corstorphine, Edinburgh  
11.15 for 11.30 am until approx 3.30 pm.  
Bring packed lunch.  
Cost £8 (£7 concessions)

Enquiries and booking for both events:

Katherine Cameron, 01324 612034,  
[katherine.cameron@forthinpraise.co.uk](mailto:katherine.cameron@forthinpraise.co.uk)

**MUSIC NEWSLETTER** The spring music newsletter be issued in February by email and post. Please contact Katherine Cameron if you would like to be on the mailing list.

**NEW WEBSITE:** Forth in Praise now has its own website, [www.forthinpraise.co.uk](http://www.forthinpraise.co.uk), which will shortly be updated with full details of Archdiocesan Liturgy Commission music.

## FREE ORGAN

An electronic Omegan organ is available, free of charge - just arrange to uplift it from Linlithgow. This is a real church instrument with two manuals and a variety of stops. It has an octave of pedals. It is 15-20 years old, but in good condition and has been well-maintained. It might be especially useful as an extra for a church with an electronic piano. More details from Evelyn Stell.

## 9. GREGORIAN CHANT SCHOLA:

Plans have been made for a schola to sing and promote Gregorian chant within the Archdiocese. This will be a male choir which will meet weekly on a Thursday evening in the Cathedral for sung Latin Vespers and rehearsal with half a dozen chanted Masses spread among the deaneries each year.

Anyone who is interested in joining the schola or supporting this increasingly popular music of the Church should visit [www.edinburghschola.blogspot.com](http://www.edinburghschola.blogspot.com) or telephone 07786 146 456 for more details.

## 10. CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: FRIDAY 3/SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2009:

Ms Paddy Rylands will conduct a seminar for those involved or interested in deepening their understanding and experience of '**Children's Liturgy of the Word**'. She has had broad experience of working with Children's Liturgy

Teams and has also been an adviser for parish and adult formation in the Shrewsbury Diocese for the past 23 years. Prior to that she was in full-time parish ministry in the Westminster Diocese.

Times and venues and a booking form are available from Mrs Jennifer Myles at the RE Office at Gillis Centre (tel 0131 623 8912 or email [Jennifer.myles@staned.org.uk](mailto:Jennifer.myles@staned.org.uk)). Please return these if you are attending before **Monday 9th March 2009**.

As you can see, the same workshop will be offered at three venues in the Archdiocese to allow the greatest number of people to participate. There is a suggested donation of £3.00 per person participating in the event.

#### **10. 'PAUL'S WORDS FOR US' – SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2009:**

A reflective and informative afternoon will be held, led by Jeff Bagnall (RE Adviser) on **Sunday 1 March 2009 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm** in the Gillis Centre. This gives an opportunity to think about St Paul in this the year dedicated to him and the content of his missionary work, of his letter to the Romans, and its relevance today.

Please register before **Friday 20 February 2009** with Mrs Jennifer Myles at the RE Office at Gillis Centre (tel 0131 623 8912 or email [Jennifer.myles@staned.org.uk](mailto:Jennifer.myles@staned.org.uk)). The cost will be £5.00.

#### **11. LEGION OF MARY:**

The Secretary of the Edinburgh Curia of the Legion of Mary, Mary Galloway, was recently in touch with me on behalf of the officers of the

Edinburgh Curia, sending me on copies of the latest 'Peregrinatio Pro Christo Annual Conference' held recently in Glasgow. Further copies of the report of this conference can be obtained from Mary Galloway at 7 Frederick Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2EY (email: [mary.galloway@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.galloway@btinternet.com)).

Legion of Mary Headquarters in Dublin have recently given Scotland 'stewardship' of the Legion of Mary in Gibraltar, initially for two years, giving them whatever help is required; this is in addition to their work in Finland which they have been accomplishing for the last 25 years approximately.

#### **12. REMEMBERING SERVICE:**

There will be a Remembering Service in St John the Baptist's Church at **4.30 pm on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009**. The service is for those who have suffered the death of a child from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, whether recently or at an earlier time. It provides an opportunity to participate in a formal acknowledgement of their grief. Those who wish to come in love and support are also most welcome. It is hoped that representatives from organisations that provide counselling for stillbirths, miscarriages, and abortions will be present and available after the service. Could the attached poster be displayed in your parish.

#### **13. DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE:**

Any notifications or material for the next edition of the Archdiocesan Newsletter are to be with the Cardinal's secretary by **Friday 20 March 2009** for publication on **Tuesday 24 March 2009**.

*Soon we will begin our Lenten journey. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Lenten Station Masses, especially those involved in parish, diocesan or our Deanery Pastoral Councils. As always, our Chrism Mass on the Tuesday of Holy Week, Tuesday, 7 April 2009, will, as always be a wonderful celebration of 'priesthood' in preparation for the great Feast of Easter. May God bless you all. + Keith Patrick*

