



## St Ninian's Parish House

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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 – Feast of All Saints – Year A

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**Regular updates on what is happening in the parish due to the coronavirus are being emailed to those who are on the Parish Distribution List (these emails come from Admin St Ninians).**

**Because they are a group email some email providers block them or class them as spam so please check your junk folder if you have not received them.**

**If you wish to receive the updates you will need to be on the Parish Distribution List, and you can join by emailing:**

[stniniantriduaana1@gmail.com](mailto:stniniantriduaana1@gmail.com)

#### **Daily Mass**

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The church is open for people to attend Mass at **10 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. All the rules regarding social distancing, wearing a mask etc that we follow on Sunday still apply. There is currently no need to book for daily Mass.

#### **Booking for Mass**

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Our booking system for weekend Mass is working well overall and many thanks to everyone for their cooperation. Please remember that if you do not attend one weekend it is **essential** that you phone to book when next you wish to come to Mass otherwise your 'place' will be allocated to someone else. Also ensure that you make clear if your booking is for more than one person. To book text/phone to 07710 720 774 or email [des@mercattours.com](mailto:des@mercattours.com) Help to clean the pews after each Mass is also appreciated. It only takes a few minutes if a fair number are involved in the task.

#### **One World Group**

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In these difficult times, the One World Group members continue to pray the Rosary (Joyous Mysteries) in their homes at 7.30 pm each Monday evening. Please join us. If you have any prayer intentions you would like us to pray for, please let us know. You can contact me as below in the 'newsletter' section.

#### **OWG – AGM**

The group's annual general meeting will take place this year via a Zoom Meeting, on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30 pm**. All parishioners are invited to attend this and if you would like to do so, please email me and I will give you the joining instructions. [cmulvenna@btinternet.com](mailto:cmulvenna@btinternet.com)

#### **Parish Garden**

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Due to the current Covid restrictions **the garden is closed** to visitors both on Sundays and Wednesdays.

We look forward to re-opening when permitted to do so.

Next **Tuesday, 3rd November**, at **7.15 pm** there will be a meeting of the parish **Eco Group**.

During our meeting we will discuss how we can support each other in responding to the information below and it would be great if you could join us.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84122067112?pwd=eVdRaFJhbnBJQnBDZm40WGNOTjhndz09>

Meeting ID: 841 2206 7112

Passcode: 056967



As we rebuild from the devastating impacts of coronavirus, we can transform our society for the better. Eco-Congregation Scotland and SCIAF are among 80 organisations calling on the Scottish Government to take five steps for a just and green recovery plan that puts people and planet first:



Provide good publicly funded services



Provide an adequate income for everyone



Fund action to cut climate emissions and restore nature



Strengthen democracy, participation and human rights



Support an international coronavirus and climate emergency response

We can't go back to an economy that destroyed our environment and increased inequality. We must do our fair share of climate action, restore Scotland's nature and create good, green jobs across the country. We can start that collective action now by letting the Scottish Government know that we can and must Build Back Better. If you agree, please join us in this movement:

 Read our letter to Scotland's First Minister

 Sign the petition now to show the growing public desire for change



Share the video on Twitter and Facebook explaining the campaign

Please sign the petition today: <https://tinyurl.com/jgrecovery>

Among the initial 80 signatories are faith organisations Eco-Congregation Scotland, the Church of Scotland, Christian Aid Scotland, Operation Noah, Quakers in Scotland, SCIAF, the Scottish Episcopal Church and Tearfund Scotland.

## **Archdiocesan Diploma in Catechetics**

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Next month (November) the Archdiocesan Catechetical Commission will launch an online Diploma in Catechetics. It will be aimed especially at any of our lay people who are involved in the catechetical work of the Church, e.g. children's liturgists, RCIA team members, teachers, youth group leaders etc., but it will be open to anyone who wants to learn more about their faith and who wants to deepen in their understanding of Catholic theology.

- The course will be run over a year (January - December 2021) and will be coordinated by Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, whom I have appointed as Archdiocesan Catechetical Advisor.
- It will consist of 6 modules of 6 classes each and will be taught in weekly 45-minute lectures (Thursday evenings at 7:30pm). Assessment will take the form of an oral interview via Zoom at the end of each module.
- It will be taught by a variety of religious and diocesan priests, lay people and religious sisters.

There will be an introductory online session for anyone interested in finding out more about the Diploma on 24 November 2020 and the course will begin officially on 12 January 2021. There will be a nominal cost for the Diploma (£100 per person) which can be paid by the parish for any parish catechists. Financial assistance is available for anyone in financial difficulty.

In these days of enforced social isolation and of limited possibilities to bring people together, I think this is an excellent initiative and I would very much like to see as many people as possible participate in it. Please bring the Diploma to the attention of your people and please encourage them to think about taking part.

Details will be published on our social media and website on Saturday at 4pm. For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Sr. Anna Marie at [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk)

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### **Please Pray for Fr Piotr**

Please continue to pray that Fr Piotr will make a full recovery following his heart problems.

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### **PRAYING FOR LIFE**

You're invited to join other Christians for 4 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh. For more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

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### **Food Bank Wilson Memorial**

The Food Bank at Wilson Memorial is operating – under Covid conditions! They are busier than ever and require donations of all sorts. We will be collecting items for the food bank so please if you can, buy a few extras in your weekly shop and put them in the box at the back of the church.

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### **Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline**

(24 hours): 0800 027 1234.

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### **Safeguarding Contacts**

<https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding>

**Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor Emma Boothroyd**

E: [safeguarding.officer@staned.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding.officer@staned.org.uk)

**National Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Tina Campbell** 0141 332 7177

E: [tcampbell@scottishcatholicsafeguarding.org.uk](mailto:tcampbell@scottishcatholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

**Parish Safeguarding Contact is Fiona Tracey.**

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### **Newsletter**

Any items by Wednesday midday please to Carol Mulvenna, work – 672 0134, home 672 1223, mobile 07762 924916, email [cmulvenna@btinternet.com](mailto:cmulvenna@btinternet.com)

If you know of anyone who would like the newsletter emailed to you each week, please let me know by emailing me as above.

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## Remembering Our Deceased Relatives and Friends – November 2020

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As previously indicated this Sunday, the first Sunday of November, we will remember, by name, those members of our faith community who have died during the past year.

Their names will be displayed on the sanctuary as we pray for them, and those who mourn them, in a special way throughout November.

### **Respond to Scottish Government consultation to stop home abortions!**

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The Scottish Government is holding a consultation on whether to continue the practice of sending dangerous abortion pills to women to undergo abortions at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Scottish Government's questionnaire to stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the questionnaire. Please go to [www.spuc.org.uk/Scottish-Consultation](http://www.spuc.org.uk/Scottish-Consultation)

### **Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot**

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Sadly, abortion is currently available in the UK, **right up to birth**, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. **All of these conditions can be corrected.**

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

## ***Gospel, Matthew 22: 5:1-12 – Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven***

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them@

“How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle;  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn;  
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right;  
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful;  
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart;  
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers;  
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

*The Gospel of the Lord*