

# *St. David's Dalkeith*

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## News from the Schools



### **St. David's High School**

Spring term in St. David's High School has been very eventful. We now have an Eco Group, involving pupils and staff from several departments. Our challenge is to improve our school environment in many ways, including recycling and litter control. Recycling bags are in use across the school and our pupils have completed an environmental audit. We are aiming for an Eco Schools Silver Award and would welcome advice and support from the wider community. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact Mrs. Keegan in the Geography Department.

Our Modern Languages Department has also been active in promoting the value of learning a foreign language. In February, we hosted a very successful visit from French-speaking footballers from Hibs, Hearts and Kilmarnock. Our pupils made presentations in French, performed French songs and took part in footballing sessions with the players. They also heard the players' views on the value of languages in today's world. In March, a French class visited Easter Road for a tour of the club and a chance to develop their language skills.

Planning is well underway for our Polish-Scottish Celebration in partnership with Newbattle Abbey College. We have now translated into Polish several school DVDs, providing essential information for parents. We also offer Polish families the chance to study online English language courses. This programme will be extended to other communities in the next phase of the project. On April 16, Cardinal O'Brien will say Mass for the Polish community in the college crypt. This will be followed

by a Polish-Scottish buffet and ceilidh, featuring the many talents of our pupils and staff. We will be joined at the celebration by Fiona Hyslop, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning.

Our seniors are now in the final stages of preparation for their exams in May. Please remember them in your prayers. Several of our S6 pupils are also involved in Nazareth House, where they support the residents and the community. They are really enjoying this experience. Finally, we look forward to joining St. David's Parish at your ceilidh in May in support of the young people travelling to Lourdes this summer. Bring your dancing shoes!

(Marian Docherty)

### **St. David's High School S1 trip to Carfin**

The following are the observations of some of the pupils who joined a group visiting Carfin Lourdes Grotto in October accompanied by Father Chambers, Anne Jabir and Iris Lawrie.

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I enjoyed my trip to Carfin. I especially enjoyed the exhibition centre above the café. I thought the room filled with mirrors and words was quite smart. Robyn, Hayley and me all wrote a special message to Madeleine McCann on the prayer board. In the glass chapel we had a Mass and lit candles.

(Shannon)

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At the end of October a group of S1 pupils visited Carfin Grotto. When we arrived we were given a clipboard with a question sheet. We went to Mass with Father Chambers in the beautiful glass chapel. After Mass we visited the reliquary, where we learned loads of facts about the saints. It was like a mini museum. We visited the grotto where we saw loads of statues, and the stations of the cross, it was lovely. We also saw the sunken gardens, and the exhibition centre and shop. The S1 pupils really enjoyed the visit and hope to go back again some day.

(Rebecca)

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I liked the glass chapel at Carfin where we had our Mass with Father Chambers. We also went to the exhibition centre and wrote messages on a prayer board which was really nice.

(Hayley)

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I enjoyed everything at Carfin, but my favourite part was going around the grotto. The people who showed us around knew lots about the things we needed to fill in, in our answer sheets.

(Dionne)

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I liked Carfin because the exhibition was fun, it was all made from glass and mirrors, and I also liked the prayer board where you could write anything on it. My friends and I wrote and prayed that Madeleine would be safe. I liked St. Peregrine's statue because it was for people who had cancer.

(Robyn)

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I really enjoyed my trip to Carfin, especially the Exhibition Centre. I enjoyed the room filled with mirrors on each wall, and I also liked going around and finding out about the different statues in the grotto.

(Michele)

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My favourite bit about Carfin was the statues of the saints and reading the information about them. I also liked the stained glass windows.

(Claire)

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Carfin Grotto is a small replica of Lourdes. We had a tour of the grounds which were beautiful with lots of statues and shrines to Mary. We visited both of the small museums where we learnt about different saints from all around the world. It was a very interesting day enjoyed by all.

(Katherine)

## **St. David's Primary School**

It is astonishing to realise that when I retire I will have spent 10 years as Head Teacher of St. David's Primary School. How quickly life's stages pass!

How well I remember making the decision to become a teacher and all that it entailed; (my husband was in the Royal Navy and we had two young children), the journey through a variety of schools and parishes to a new school, parish, authority where I knew no-one.

I have met and taught many hundreds of children and come to know their parents. I have taught with wonderful, inspiring and gifted colleagues. I have had lots of fun along the way but of course there have been difficult, worrying and anxious times as well – and these were when my husband, family, my friends and my faith supported me.

Soon I will leave behind my experiences here and take with me memories; of many lovely children and their parents some of whom I am happy and privileged to call friends; of colleagues from St. David's and the wider community who have become friends.

We have enjoyed the support of the parish community as we prepared for and celebrated the sacraments with our pupils. Your prayers have been much appreciated. We were so lucky to receive the support and care of our priests throughout the 10 years – Canon Healy, Father Mario, Father Tabone, Father Chambers and Father Ocdenaria. I know that this will continue when the new Head Teacher is appointed.

I will be moving on to a new stage of my life:- more time with my family, particularly my grandchildren. I arrived with only one and am now



the proud grandmother of six – two girls and four boys.

Perhaps I will do some voluntary work with children who need support, volunteer driving, a little teaching and a lot of travel, some more swimming.

Should I pass your way again I will happily join you to celebrate the Eucharist and catch up with some old friends.

Thank you for your care and support.  
(Ann Marie Hepburn)

### ***Benmore - 2 views from the sharp end***



The class of P.7 from St. David's Primary School had an incredible experience at Benmore.

Benmore House is set in sumptuous countryside in western Scotland not far from Loch Long and Loch Lomond.

The rooms are neat and tidy. The staff are polite, cheery and very helpful. The dinners are scrumptious, but the real magic of Benmore is all the new and exciting activities you can undergo such as canoeing, abseiling and so much more!!!

The canoeing was a great laugh. The climbing and abseiling, although a little daunting at first, but with encouragement and tuition from the experts, you'll soon get the hang of it and feel a great sense of achievement.

With the gorge walk, adventure walk, orienteering etc. and my personal favourite, the ropes course there was never a dull moment. There was plenty to do in the evening such as quizzes, midnight feast and disco.

The comradeship of friends all pulling together, added to the wonderful experience of Benmore an experience I can highly recommend as it will live in my memory for a very long time.

(Caitlin Mooney P. 7)

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008 the primary 7s of St. David's Primary went to Benmore Outdoor Education Centre.

On the way up on the coach we were all very excited not sure what was ahead of us in the next few days. It was an action packed week. We had to do lots of challenging activities such as climbing and abseiling, the ropes course, canoeing and a gorge walk. The majority of us completed everything but others did not as they had a fear of heights and water.

What a feeling standing on the edge of the cliff dangling over. I felt nervous but at the same time excited and when I got to the bottom I felt relieved and proud.

One night we had a midnight feast where everyone brought something to eat and we shared it between us. It was great fun. We also took part in a night walk where we had to follow a piece of rope around the woods and you couldn't see a thing. It was a real laugh falling over trees and over each other. After our activities we had free time where we sat about and chatted. However we were all so tired we didn't chat for long.

The food at Benmore was o.k. but not like home. Mrs. Golabek, Mrs. Marc and all the instructors were very helpful and friendly. We all missed home during the week but it was great because we were altogether in our last year of primary. The experience was very memorable and I will remember it in years to come.

(Emma Glen P7)

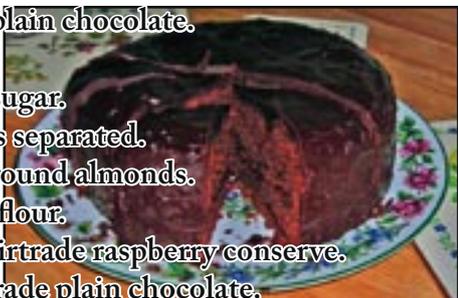


## **Fairtrade Recipes**

More recipes using Fairtrade ingredients can be found in 'The Fairtrade Everyday Cookbook' published by DK (includes many savoury recipes).

### ***Rich Chocolate Cake***

200g Fairtrade plain chocolate.  
100g butter.  
160g Fairtrade sugar.  
5 free range eggs separated.  
75g Fairtrade ground almonds.  
40g self-raising flour.  
Filling: 200g Fairtrade raspberry conserve.  
Icing: 75g Fairtrade plain chocolate.  
75g butter.



Line a 20cm cake tin.

Melt 200g chocolate and when soft cream with the butter, sugar and egg yolks. Fold in the ground almonds and the sifted flour. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in the centre oven (200°C or Gas 6) for about 45 minutes.

When the cake is quite cold, cut it in half and fill it with a layer of jam.

To make the icing, melt the butter and the chocolate together, mix it well and leave it to cool so that it becomes fairly firm. Spread it over the top and sides.

Serve as it is or with whipped double cream.

### ***Witch's Froth***

4 local cooking apples, peeled and cored.  
2 Fairtrade lemons.  
150g Fairtrade sugar.  
2 free range egg whites.  
1 tablespoon brandy.  
25g Fairtrade toasted almonds.

Place the apples, lemon zest and juice in a large dish, cover with cling film, snipping two holes in the top to allow the steam to escape and cook on high in the microwave for about 6 minutes, until the apples are soft. (This can be done on the top of the stove in a pan.) Stir in the sugar while it is still hot so that it dissolves. Pass through a sieve or blend in a liquidiser until it is very smooth. Chill overnight.

Whisk the egg whites until they stand in soft peaks. Fold in to the apple puree and add the brandy. Divide into individual serving dishes, sprinkle with the almonds and chill until served. (Serves 4)

### ***Pears in Red wine***

6 firm local pears peeled and cored but keep the stem on.

125g Fairtrade sugar.  
225ml Fairtrade red wine.  
1 Fairtrade cinnamon stick.  
water.

Stand the pears in a small pan with their stalks upwards. Mix the sugar and the red wine and pour it on the pears. Top up with sufficient water to cover the pears. Add the cinnamon stick and cook gently. Remove the pears and discard the cinnamon. Boil up the juice until it is syrupy and pour it over the pears. Chill and serve. (Serves 6, can be frozen)

### ***Lemon Delicious***

25g butter.  
50g Fairtrade caster sugar.  
25g flour.  
2 Fairtrade lemons.  
2 Free range eggs.  
275ml milk.

Cream together the butter and sugar, add the sifted flour, grated lemon rind and juice, egg yolks and the milk. Stiffly whisk up the egg whites and fold them into the mixture. Transfer into a greased soufflé dish. Stand this in a dish of water and bake in a cool oven (150°C or Gas 2) for about 45 minutes. Serve hot with pouring cream.

### ***Banana Bread by Michael Barry***

450 g (1 lb) Fairtrade bananas (gooier are better)  
225 g (8 oz) self-raising flour  
100 g (4 oz) butter  
150 g (5 oz) Fairtrade caster sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 eggs  
175 g (6 oz) Fairtrade mixed dried fruit

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4. Peel and mash the bananas, and then mix all the ingredients except the dried fruit together. You can do this in a food processor, or by hand in a basin. When they're all thoroughly mixed, add the dried fruit. Spoon the mixture into a 1 kg (2 lb) non-stick loaf tin, spread it out evenly and bake it for 1.5 hours. The loaf is done when a skewer pushed into its middle comes out clean.

Cool on a wire rack before slicing.

## News from Parish Groups

### **Mary Thornton**



A very happy group of parishioners gathered in Rosehill after the 9 a.m. Mass on the 10<sup>th</sup> December to fete Mary Thornton who had retired after 40 years of faithful, dedicated service to the church arranging flowers for the altar

This was an important and demanding work for big feasts such as Christmas and Easter but for Mary it was the love of her heart. How often did we hear her say “I love my job”.

Mary was also responsible for the washing and ironing of the altar linen. Like Anna in St. Luke’s gospel Mary was “continually in the Temple worshipping and praising God” while she performed her various duties.

She was a familiar figure pulling her trolley behind her as she climbed up the hill from Gibraltar Street every morning.

“I loved my work” she kept saying, and Father Chambers was quick to point out that three ladies are needed to replace her.

After a happy chat and cup of tea, Mary was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, a box of Thornton’s chocolates (which Mary wittily said she had made herself!) and an envelope with card and gift.



## **Youth for Lourdes - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

As you are all aware, for the past two years we, the Parish Family, have been raising funds to send six of our young people to Lourdes to join in the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady.

In order to get an idea of the number of youth who might be interested in making this journey and to gauge the level of their commitment, the adults involved decided to make a few requests.

These ranged from asking the young people to help out at the Parish Fun Day (Washing Cars, Face Painting and Selling Hamburgers) to washing up on Bacon Roll Sundays,

dressing the Christmas tree and organizing the youth of the Parish for the Youth Mass.

Finally, those wishing to go on this trip were asked to produce a statement of support, explaining why they wished to be considered, which would be published in the Parish Magazine or the weekly newsletter.

Throughout this whole process the same six names kept appearing. This made it very easy for Father Allan to make his final decision, and as he announced in December, the youth who were chosen, were in actual fact self selecting.

The group from St. David’s comprising of Kevin Lucchesi, Claire Czajka, Louisa Waddell, Bernadette Flynn, Catherine Weatherhead and Amy Lucchesi will join the youth from the rest of the diocese on

the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of May these young people are planning to hold one final fundraising event. This will be an event for all the family, with a Ceilidh Band, Raffle and bar. Please come along, join in the fun and offer these youngsters and their families your support. Tickets will be on sale after Mass.

Watch out for an announcement about an information evening planned for September when the youth will deliver a power-point presentation of their experience.

### **World Day of Prayer**

The service in Dalkeith for the 'World Day of Prayer' was held in St. David's Church on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.

Members from four other churches took part in the event: Dalkeith Baptist church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and from the Church of Scotland, St. John's & King's Park, and St. Nicholas Buccleuch.

The Order of Service, written by the Christian women of Guyana, was celebrated with full participation from the assembled congregation, and involved specific readers from the five churches. St. David's Church Choir and the Music Group helped greatly with the service, as did Stanley Bonthron of the Baptist Church who gave a very informative and inspiring address.

Father Allan welcomed the congregation and the service was lead by Sister Ethel. Father Allan also gave the retiring benediction.

Much appreciated refreshments (kindly donated by members of St. David's) were served in the church hall after the service.

Many thanks to all who helped make this such a successful evening. Special thanks to Sister Ethel and Mary Walker for the organisation of this event.

(JR)

### **Parish Choir**

*"The playing of the merry organ.  
Sweet singing in the choir."*

The season of holly and ivy saw some lusty carol-singing and a tuneful tenor solo by Joe Holmes. The "Boys and Girls" of the Choir are still quite chirpy after a busy week in mid-Lent. The octogenarian "Boy" on the organ still finds enough spring in his step to hirple up the winding stair to the loft with music hanging round his neck.

The church was full for the Deanery Station Mass with the Cardinal, and people were in good voice

led by a fine turn-out of choristers. Then on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March St. David's hosted this year's World Day of Prayer. The service was drawn up by Christians of Guyana, with a challenging selection of music which our Choir tackled with fervour, and the Saturday group boldly took on the special anthem.

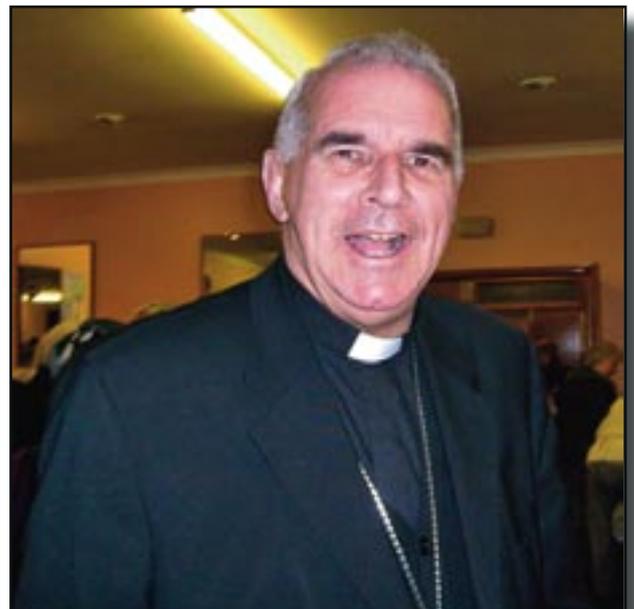
Soon come Palm Sunday, followed by Ecumenical Stations of the Cross and then the Easter Triduum with fresh plan for Good Friday. Then quite soon again come Confirmations and First Communions.

We look forward to fresh ideas for solos, duets or small-choir items. New Soprano and Bass voices would be welcome. Ability to read music is helpful but not essential.

"We are the music makers. And we are the dreamers of dreams." Our main dream is of a few more voices. Come and join us!

(Frank and the Dreamers)

### **Deanery Station Mass in St. David's**



A very busy Mass, led by his Eminence Keith Patrick O'Brien, was followed by refreshments in the hall.



His Eminence was obviously having a good time!

## **Dalkeith Pro-Life Group**

Another memorable Innocents Mass was celebrated in December 2007, this time at Holy Cross Church in Edinburgh, and we in the Dalkeith Pro-Life Group found ourselves reminiscing back to the origins of this annual event.

It began when a number of years ago Cardinal (then Archbishop) Keith O'Brien, asked John McIver, president of the group, to organise a Mass for all the parishes in the archdiocese on the Feast of The Holy Innocents.

The first Mass took place in St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh, the Archbishop concelebrating with clergy from all over the archdiocese. It was an inspiring occasion, drawing together all the pro-life groups and their supporters to remember the innocents who have fallen victim to present legislation, and to give courage to those people seeking to change the law. With the various pro-life groups doing the readings and bidding prayers, taking up the gifts at the Offertory, providing the music etc., it was a truly combined effort - not forgetting the hospitality provided afterwards: tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes, and the opportunity for groups to catch up with each other socially. Since then the Innocents Mass has taken place in a number of parishes throughout the archdiocese including our own St. David's.

The need to pray and work for vulnerable groups in our society has ever increased in the face of the failure of politicians to adequately address issues such as abortion, the use of human embryos and the dignity of the elderly and disabled.

Our own little group here in St. David's (half a dozen or so) has organised various events since we first started over twenty years ago, including poster and letter campaigns and a bus advert, lobbying at Westminster, hosting election hustings, participating in the annual torchlight vigil in Glasgow and the annual SPUC pro-life chain in Edinburgh (courtesy of our friendly police!), selling Lifeline candles at Christmas and providing a layette for Lifeline babies and mothers.

None of these things would have been so successful without the ongoing support of St. David's parishioners who, over a long period of time, have



made the "pro-life tea, coffee and scones" after Sunday Mass such homely and rewarding occasions. The funds raised have supported such groups as Life, Lifeline, The Innocents, SPUC and the Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative (Gospel of Life Sisters) in the valuable work they do.

We are always hoping to expand the group so as to keep up the good work and continue to meet the ever present challenge of our times.

New members are always welcome!

(Helen Holden Secretary)

## **St. David's, Dalkeith Web Site**

Our own website has been up and running for over two years. It has a lot of information available e.g. current bulletin details for Mass times and intentions, diary dates, useful links - go on try it at

[www.stdavidsdalkeith.co.uk](http://www.stdavidsdalkeith.co.uk)

(Julian Kettle)

## **St. Vincent de Paul Theatre Trip**

Senior Citizens of the Parish were treated to an outing to the Playhouse Theatre in Edinburgh early in January by the Parish St. Vincent de Paul Group to see "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" and all had a wonderful time thank you !

## **Success & Puppies for local dog breeder**

Eskmuir Kennels not showing much over the past few months due to Kirsty and Elgin being Mum / Dad to Isla and me (Kyle). Lots of hard work!

However, Eskmuir Classique (Trudy) is now 'Flying the Flag' by taking top honours in October & December at the Collie Shows.

Both Isla & I are having a go at the Spring Shows. So we'll see what our antics will be then - as long as we have fun.

**Woof! Woof!**  
(Kyle)



## Prayer, Philosophy & Humour

Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself.

*Mother Teresa*

Save us, Lord while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ  
and rest with him in peace.

At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace, according to your promise.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Save us, Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ  
and rest with him in peace.

The Lord grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end. Amen

*Canon Liam Healy*

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.  
Life is beauty, admire it.  
Life is bliss, taste it.  
Life is a dream, realise it.  
Life is a challenge, meet it.  
Life is a duty, complete it.  
Life is a game, play it.  
Life is a promise, fulfil it.  
Life is a sorrow, overcome it.  
Life is a song, sing it.  
Life is a struggle, accept it.  
Life is an adventure, dare it.  
Life is luck, make it.  
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.  
Life is Life, fight for it

*Mother Teresa*

Angel of God, my Guardian dear,  
to whom His love commits me here,  
ever this night(day) be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

*for bedtime(daytime)*

I know that you as young people  
have great aspirations,  
that you want to pledge yourselves  
to build a better world.

Let others see this, let the world see it,  
since this is exactly the witness  
that the world expects  
from the disciples of Jesus Christ.

In this way, and through your love above all,  
the world will be able to discover the star  
that we follow as believers.

Let us go forward with Christ  
and let us live our lives  
as true worshippers of God! Amen.

*Pope Benedict XVI*

*World Youth Day, Cologne, 21 August 2005*

Pavement Rage.

I get very annoyed whenever I am in Princes Street as I am usually in a hurry and people like to meander, quite unable to walk fast or in a straight line. I just want to shove them over.

However, I had been reading the Dalai Lama's book, *The Art of Happiness*, in which he advocates that when someone makes you angry, you turn it round and say to yourself, "This person was put here so that I could learn patience and tolerance."

I tried it a couple of days ago in Princes Street. It works. I laughed so much at myself that I reached the other end of Princes Street in a happy frame of mind and not stressed out as usual.

*Anon.*

Dear Lord help me to remember that  
You gave me life. Thank you for the gift of life.  
Teach me to slow down, to be still  
and enjoy the pleasures created for me.  
To be aware of the beauty that surrounds me.  
The marvel of mountains, the calmness of lakes,  
the fragility of a flower petal.

I need to remember that  
all these things come from you. Amen

Dear Lord as I come to you today  
Fill my heart and my whole being  
with the wonder of your presence. Amen

## **One Solitary Life**

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter's shop until He was thirty.

Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office.

He never had a family or owned a house.

He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city.

He never travelled two hundred miles from where he was born.

He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but Himself.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against Him.

His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While he was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothes, the only property He had on earth.

When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth so much as that One Solitary Life.

(Daniel & Molly Rudden's Nana).

## **Paradox**

Here is a paradox at the heart of modern Western life. As wealth gives us so much more control over our 'outer' lives – we can buy bigger houses, more luxuries..... we have lost control of our 'inner' lives ..... I see kids who have to be entertained constantly – whether it's the TV or computer games.

The capacity for sitting still has gone. We need to rediscover the quietness in our hearts.

(Father Sunny Paul parish priest Yeovil, England, native of India)

(Alagaiah, G. A Home from Home.)

*To be conscious about something  
is to be aware of it.*

## **Sign of the Cross**

.....To make the sign of the cross we put a hand to the head to indicate God the Father, who proceeds from no one.

When we put our hand to the middle it indicates His Son, Our Lord, who proceeds from the Father and came right down to the womb of the Virgin Mary.

When we put our hand to one side and then the other it indicates the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

When we join our hands, this indicates that the Three Persons are one true essence.

When we place the sign of the Cross on the mouth, it signifies that Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are only one God, our Creator and Lord, and that the divinity was never separated from the body of Christ at his death.....

(Munitiz J.A. and Endean P. Trans. Saint Ignatius of Loyola – Personal Writings)

## **Easter**

Have you wondered why Easter was so early this year? It is quite easy to work out the date from this formula. It falls each year on,

“The first Sunday after, the first Ecclesiastical Full Moon, after the 20<sup>th</sup> March (appointed vernal equinox).”

Thus the earliest it can be is on 22<sup>nd</sup> March as in 1761, 1818, 2285, latest 25<sup>th</sup> April as in 1943, 2038!

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Marcus Aurelius 9AD 121-180

“If there is a God, follow him. And if there isn't, be godlike yourself.”

(quoted by Lionel Blue – Hitchhiking to Heaven.)

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I like work: it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours. (Jerome K Jerome - Three Men in a Boat)

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Tell yourself each morning: today I shall meet an envious chap, an ungrateful one and a bully, and if I had their life I could easily become one too.

(Lionel Blue – Hitchhiking to Heaven.)

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A few years ago Prince Andrew went to Dornoch on a Sunday afternoon to play a round of golf with the club captain who happened to be the Moderator of the Church of Scotland. When they returned to the clubhouse, Prince Andrew turned to the Moderator and said, “Don't tell mother where I have been this afternoon.” The Moderator retorted, “And don't tell my boss what I have been doing.”

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## **Looking Forward**

### ***St. David's 'Youth for Lourdes' fund raising Ceilidh.***

- **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 7.30 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.**  
More details will be published.

### ***Organ Recitals on the new organ in St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh:***

- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008 at 8.00 p.m.**, with Olivier Latty of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris;
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 8.00 p.m.**, with Simon Nieminski of our own Cathedral.

Tickets priced £8.00 can be obtained from the Cathedral House, 61 York Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3JD (tel: 0131-556 0027; or contact Simon Nieminski, organist on 0131-523 0106 or by email: organist@stmaryscathedral.co.uk

### ***Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2008 & St. David's Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2008 during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette.***

- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** leaves Edinburgh for Lourdes.
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** returns to Edinburgh.

'Pope Benedict XVI has granted a daily Plenary Indulgence to the Christian faithful who, from 8 December 2007 until 8 December 2008, devoutly and in accordance with the established conditions, visit the Grotto of Massabielle at Lourdes.'

### ***The Assumption of Our Lady.***

- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August (Holyday of Obligation).**

### ***Lourdes Pilgrimage Information Evening.***

- **September (date to be advised).**

### ***Feast of the Birth of Our Lady.***

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**

### ***Memorial of Guardian Angels.***

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

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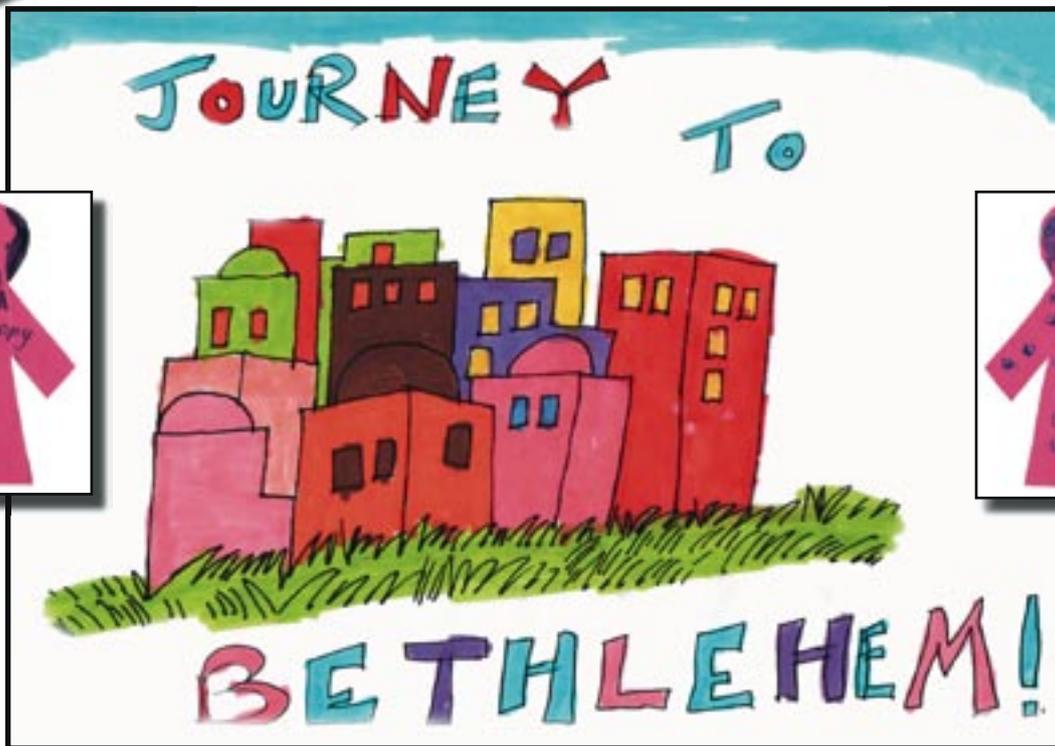
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