

Brechin Bulletin

11th April 2024

Sad News for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld

We received the sad news today (10th April) of the unexpected death of Fr Martin Chambers, Bishop-elect of the RC Diocese of Dunkeld. Fr Martin was a priest of Galloway Diocese and was due to be consecrated Bishop in Dundee on the 27th April 2024. Please keep him, his family and friends and all those in the Diocese in your prayers.

Sister Heather Francis OHP Celebrates 50 Years of Professed Ministry

Sr. Heather Francis, a nun from the Order of the Holy Paraclete based in Whitby, is celebrating the 50th Jubilee of her Profession as a religious this coming Thursday, 11th April.



Sr. Heather Francis (the OHP Sister on the right) is greeted by the Lord Provost and Dean Robert Breden at St Ninian's (Photo F Lamont)

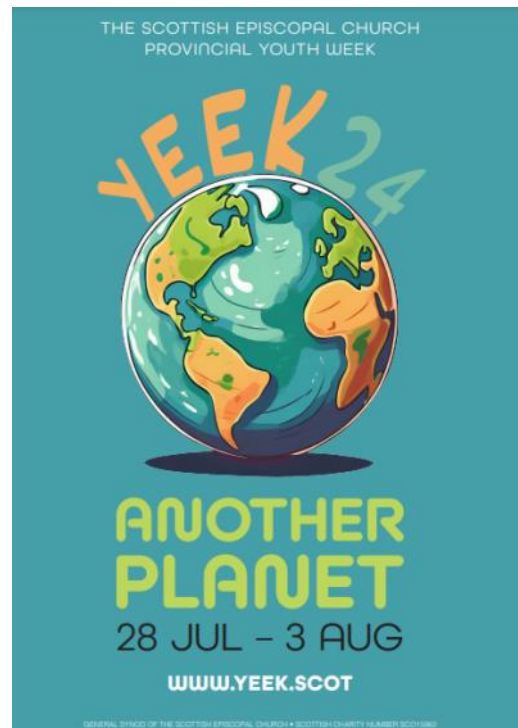
Sr. Heather Francis was one of the sisters who came to Dundee in the mid 1990s and worked, with St Ninian's Church in Mid Craigie. Many people in our churches remember the project, started under Bishop Bob Halliday in 1996. The sisters remained working in the community with (amongst others) Fay Lamont, who was a then church of Scotland Deacon working in Craigie as the OHP arrived in Dundee.

Fay will be attending the celebration of Sr Heather Francis' jubilee at the OHP's house in Whitby this week and is taking best wishes and greetings from all in Brechin Diocese.

The story of the OHP work in Dundee is told in the late Bishop Ted Luscombe's recently re-published book "Dedicated Lives: Serving the Poor and the Sick in Dundee from the Late Nineteenth into the Twenty-First Century." Please keep the Sisters of the Order and especially Sr. Heather Francis in your prayers.

Provincial Youth Week: A week for teenagers that's out of this world!

Booking is open for the Provincial Youth Week (Yeek 24). This annual event for young people at High School is a week-long immersive experience, blending faith and fun in a community where everyone values kindness, respect and mutual support. Yeek is a place with a long-standing culture where young people support and lift each other up.



Our theme this year is 'Another Planet' and it promises a week filled with discovery, creativity and connections. If you know a teenager who is connected to your church, give them the gift of an unforgettable experience at Yeek (28 July – 3 August 2024). For further information and registration, visit www.yeek.scot Please encourage families with teenagers to find out more!

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2024: "Save the Children: Gaza Crisis" Appeal

If you managed to save towards Bishop Andrew's Lent Appeal for the Save the Children "Gaza Crisis" Appeal, please send these funds into the diocese, via your charge treasurer if you are able. This appeal remains dreadfully topical, with the ongoing humanitarian crisis affecting children especially as Israel continues to engage in military action in Gaza and

aid workers are their support are so badly affected by the violence. The politics of the Israel-Gaza conflict are complex, with Hamas atrocities committed on October 7 and hostages taken and held, and the overwhelming Israeli military response since then leading to so much suffering in Gaza: that ongoing suffering of so many civilians and especially the children of Gaza demands our support.



If you wish to give directly (with Gift Aid) to Save the Children at <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/gaza-crisis-2> please let the Diocese know if you give directly so we can thank you for your response to the appeal.

Save the date – the Messy Church team is coming to Scotland

If you've wondered whether Messy Church might be something your church could try, this is for you! It's a full day of training for both new and experienced Messy Church leaders, including digging into Messy Church values, discipleship and Messy Church Goes Wild, plus a music workshop with Fischy Music. An inspiring day that's not to be missed!



Dates of events and details are below:

Friday 7 June 10am – 4pm – Dundee (£20).

[Full details and booking](#)

Saturday 8 June 10am – 4pm – Glasgow (£20).

[Full details and booking](#)

A Trauma Sensitive Approach to Children's, Youth and Family Ministry

Diocesan Child and Youth Officer Claire Benton-Evans writes: I recently undertook an excellent online training course on this subject. It is free and can be com-

pleted at the participant's own pace: each section is in bite-sized chunks, and there is a good balance of activities. It's suitable for solo or group learning. I would recommend it to anyone who missed the recent training day for clergy on the same subject. It can be accessed here: <https://cym.thinkific.com/courses/a-trauma-sensitive-approach-to-childrens-youth-and-family-ministry>

Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse: 2pm, Saturday 25th May at St Mary's Broughty Ferry



A pilot session for Brechin Diocese will be held at St Mary's Broughty Ferry at 2pm on Saturday May 25th. Encouraged by the Bishop, Mrs Isabelle Pottinger from the Scottish Mothers Union Domestic Abuse Committee will give an illustrated talk on this important topic so often hidden from sight. It is hoped clergy, safeguarding officers and any other interested parties from all the charges in the diocese will make an effort to attend. The talk will be followed by questions discussion and tea. Put the date in your diary and plan who can come from your church.

Easter Greetings to All in the Diocese

From Bishop Andrew and all at the Diocese: as the Easter Season continues through the next few weeks: have a joyous and wonderful time, filled with renewed Alleluias and the resurrection message of the Gospel! Bless you all, after the long journey through Lent and Holy Week!



Any news to share in the Bulletin?

If you have details of upcoming events, stories and photos of events around the diocese, please email Elliott Scarfe in the office on office@brechin.anglican.org.