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mark the centenary
of the 1918 Education
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Bishop Nolan with Josephine Hughes of SCES and pupils from the Queen Margaret Academy Cluster in Ayr welcoming the Icon of Jesus Our Teacher to the Diocese of Galloway and launching the celebrations to mark 100 years of partnership between Church and State.

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Catholic Schools Good for Scotland



Jesus Our Teacher



In our last newsletter we told you about the exciting plans that were underway to mark the centenary of the 1918 Education (Scotland) Act. One of these initiatives was the commissioning of an Icon that would tell the story of the history of Catholic Education in Scotland. The Icon was completed at the end of last year, and in November 2017 we were delighted to meet up with Bernadette Reilly, the artist who wrote the Icon of Jesus Our Teacher, as she presented it to the Bishops of Scotland and the Papal Nuncio. We took some time to find out about her story and her inspiration.

“I’m a Scottish artist. When I returned to my art after several years of fulfilling other areas of life which included music, being a mum and teaching, I found I was drawn to spiritual subjects. In painting Icons I feel I have found my direction as an artist. It is a wonderful way to strengthen my own faith and share it with others. I studied Neo Coptic iconography in the London studio of Dr. Stephane Rene. I have used and adapted this style in my present work, continuing to use the tempera method on gessoed panels. I hope to blend the beauty of the ancient tradition of iconography with the freshness of modern art, making it appealing and accessible in today’s world. When I am involved in writing an icon, I feel inspired and happy despite the often arduous work involved. I am aware it is a great privilege and blessing.

I hope that my work inspires a prayerful response and that it brings joy and peace to all who gaze upon the icons. The icon is there to be gazed upon and to communicate a heavenly gaze in return. Thank you to SCES who conceived the idea of having an icon to commemorate the 1918 Catholic Education Act and contributed ideas at the planning stages.”



Details of when the icon will be in your Diocese are on page 4

“ Human beings are created for beauty and genuine Sacred Art draws man to adoration, to prayer and to the love of God” (Pope Benedict XVI).

Catholic Education Week 2018



Serving the common good

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2018, “Serving The Common Good”, is taken from Developing In Faith, the document at the heart of evaluation and planning in the Catholic school. A team of teachers and R.E. advisers have been working hard over the past months to create a host of resources to support schools as they mark CEW. Assembly resources, sermon notes, classroom activities and prayers that look at the themes of Catholic Social Teaching and the school are all available on the SCES website for you to download and use across the year.



All of the materials will help schools to reflect on the Charter for Catholic schools and put into practice “Our commitment to communicate Catholic Social Teaching and thereby to promote social justice and opportunity for all”

We'd love to feature how you mark Catholic Education Week on our website. Please send your stories and photographs to director@sces.uk.com

Breaking News

Catholic Education Week has an added bonus this year! Instead of just one week in the school calendar it will appear twice during 2018. The traditional time to mark the work and achievements of Catholic Education will happen, as usual, at the end of January with CEW beginning on Sunday 28th January. However, as this is an important and historic year for the Catholic school community, we will also have an additional time to come together and reflect on the positive contribution Catholic Education makes to Scotland. It is fitting that this additional time should fall between the 16th and 30th November, the feasts of our Patrons St. Margaret and St. Andrew. From 2019 the dates for CEW will be set to always fall in this two week period, allowing schools, parishes, dioceses and families to mark the occasion however they see fitting for their local community.



Diocesan
News

Catholic Schools—Good For Scotland

Celebrating 100 years of partnership

When will the Icon be in your Diocese?



The celebrations to mark 100 years of partnership between Church and State will begin in the Diocese of Galloway during Catholic Education Week. From January to December the Icon of Jesus Our Teacher will make a Pilgrimage across the land, visiting every Diocese and reminding us the He is at the heart of what makes our schools distinctive. Each Diocese has a host of Liturgical, Civic and Community events planned to share their story and tell the local community how their Catholic schools continue to be Good for Scotland.

Galloway will be the first Diocese to welcome the Icon and they will host the Icon for the month of **February**. After the Icon has toured all of the Clusters of Galloway it will be passed on to the Diocese of **Argyll and the Isles** at the beginning of **March** and will remain there until the beginning of May.

In **May** it will head to **Aberdeen** and then be shared with **Dunkeld** for **June** 2018. After the Summer holiday period has ended Jesus Our Teacher will return to the central belt and be welcomed in **August** by **Paisley** and stay until the Feast of St. Mirin in **September**.

Towards the end of the year Paisley will meet their neighbouring schools in the Archdiocese of Glasgow and, in a prayerful liturgy, pass the Icon over the border. **Glasgow** will have numerous occasions to see the Icon from **mid September** until the school's **October** break. The final leg of the Icon pilgrimage sees Jesus Our Teacher in the Diocese of **Motherwell** from **mid October** until **November**, when He will reach the last of our Diocese and tour the Archdiocese of **St. Andrews and Edinburgh** until **mid December**.

For details of where the Icon will be while in your Diocese please contact your local school or Diocesan office.



National Events



As well as producing the Icon, commissioning our documentary and writing schools resources to mark the year, SCES will be visiting each of the Diocese throughout the course of the year to participate in parish, school and cluster celebrations. We will also be hosting a number of national events that will focus on the theme of the centenary "Catholic Schools: Good for Scotland". We hope that these will reflect the true nature of the celebrations and therefore will offer something for everyone associated with Catholic Education from parents, pupils and teachers to parishioners, politicians, priests and the staff who work tirelessly in the background to keep our schools running. We will be working with the Scottish Government, Glasgow University and the Committee for Catholic Education in Europe to host events that are fitting for such an historic moment, but also marking the moment with occasions for our family of Catholic schools to gather and celebrate together.

January: Launch of centenary at Diocese of Galloway Education Mass, 30th January

February: Catholic Education Week: Serving The Common Good

March: Catholic Education Commission Open Forum, Oban

April: The Good Shepherd- Catholic Vocational Leadership Conference, St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull 17th & 18th April

May: Catholic Head Teacher Association of Secondary Schools Scotland, Annual Conference 10th & 11th May

June: Caritas Award Ceremony, Clyde Auditorium, 7th June

National Schools' Mass, Falkirk Stadium, 1pm, 14th June

August: National Parent Gathering, Paisley, 18th August

September: Parliamentary Exhibition— Hosted in Scottish Parliament

Catholic Head Teacher Association of Primary Schools Scotland, Annual Conference 13th & 14th September

October: National Pilgrimage to Rome 15th-19th October

Committee for Catholic Education Europe Conference 25th –28th October

November: Catholic Education Week 16th—30th November

Spiritual Retreat for teachers, Hawick 2nd - 3rd Nov



What's happening near you?



Each Diocese has been planning a creative calendar of events to mark the centenary.

In Galloway there will be an Art Exhibition, which will feature Icons produced by the young people of the Diocese and a community education Mass on the 30th January.

The Catholic Education Community of the Diocese of Aberdeen will gather in May in Aberdeen City, Moray, and Inverness with Bishop Gilbert to celebrate. They will be focusing on using social media to share the Good News about Catholic schools and organising events for past and present pupils of their schools.

Paisley Diocese are looking at some intergenerational projects, that will unite the whole Catholic Education Community. Plans are in place to create cluster videos, wall murals and dramas. In addition, In-service days are being dedicated to marking the occasion with all staff and whole school assemblies planned to share the gifts and talents of current pupils.

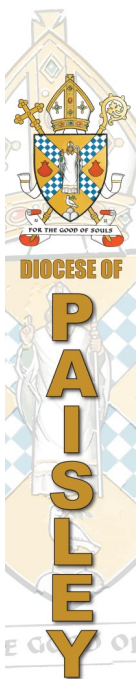
The Archdiocese of Glasgow is shaping their celebrations by offering a myriad of activities for schools to choose from on their own 'placemat' of ideas. As well as the annual events that will use the theme of Catholic Schools: Good for Scotland, they are hosting extraordinary events such as an Education Dinner, Vocations Retreat for pupils, and an exhibition. They are already underway with their events, having hosted an Academic Retreat in December and have a teacher conference planned for June 2018.

Argyll and the Isles will host the Catholic Education Open Forum in Oban in March. The parishes will play a central role in the celebrations in this Diocese and will have a focus on the unique way that Religious Education for Roman Catholics is delivered to children who don't have a Catholic school near them.

Motherwell Diocese have some creative plans including the launch of an Ambassadors programme to support and mentor those entering the teaching vocation. They are also going to bring to life the story of the Icon of Jesus Our Teacher, through a specially commissioned drama. In addition, you will be able to get a guided tour of the Cathedral from local pupils who will explain the history of their Mother Church.

The Diocese of Dunkeld will launch their celebrations on the 2nd February, during Catholic Education Week, in St. Modan's High School. They will also have events in June, while the Icon is in the Diocese, including their annual education Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral. They will conclude their events with a civic Mass and reception on the Solemnity of Christ the King.

The schools and parish communities of the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh will be marking the centenary with events, including having the Icon for St. Andrews day 2018 and participating in the exhibition that will be hosted in the Scottish Parliament.



Rome Pilgrimage

There are still some places left on the National Pilgrimage to Rome for those involved in Catholic Education from the 15th—19th October 2018.

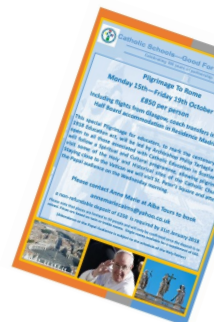
The pilgrimage will include a specially prepared itinerary that will allow pilgrims to visit the spiritual and historic sites of Rome including the rooms of St. Ignatius, the tomb of St. John Paul II and the Vatican museums.

There will be the opportunity to celebrate Holy Mass together at the tomb of St. Peter, St. Paul outside the walls and the Church of St. Anna.

Included in the itinerary will also be a walking tour of Rome city centre, where you will have the chance to visit iconic sites such as the Trevi fountain, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, the Spanish steps and visit the tomb of St. Catherine of Siena.

One of the highlights will be to join with the crowds of St. Peter's Square for the weekly Papal Audience, and then to meet with the community of our National Seminary, at the Pontifical Scots College, to celebrate Mass in the college chapel.

To book a place contact Anne Marie at Alba Travel:
annemarietarins@yahoo.co.uk
By 31st January 2018



National Mass for Schools

One of the highlights of our events to mark 2018 will be the celebration of Mass at 1pm on Thursday 14th June 2018 with all of the Catholic schools in Scotland.

At the mid point of our year of reflection on the significance of the Education Act, it is fitting that we will gather together as a community of faith and mark the historic concordat between Church and State by celebrating Holy Mass together. Schools, parishes and families are invited to join us at Falkirk football stadium for this unique moment in our history, thanking God for the gift of Catholic schools, and praying for the future of Catholic education in Scotland.



The National Liturgy Commission will meet in early January and details of the Mass will be sent to schools at as early a stage as possible so that they can begin to prepare for it.

While we hope to accommodate all of those who want to attend, there may be a need to limit numbers from each cluster. We have arranged to 'beam back' the Mass live, so that everyone can participate, even if they cannot be there in person. Further information will be sent to Head Teachers and Parishes.

The Good Shepherd Pathway Catholic Vocational Leadership of Schools

The celebrations of 2018 offer an opportunity to consider the next one hundred years of Catholic Education in Scotland, and to begin to prepare a legacy for those who will benefit from our Catholic schools in the future generations. Teachers are at the heart of the ongoing success of our schools and leadership is key if that success is to continue.

There are already many opportunities for teachers to explore what it means to be a leader in an education environment. Courses and qualifications that prepare staff to lead from the classroom all the way through their career to the post of leadership of the whole school are available in local authorities, through universities and in partnership with the Scottish College for Educational Leadership. However, there are few opportunities to explore the Vocation of the teacher and the personal response to being called to teach, called to catechise, to witness, lead and accompany young people. During 2018, SCES will launch the "Good Shepherd Pathway", a vocational leadership journey that accompanies teachers in their discernment of that personal call to leadership. The pathway will offer experiences and opportunities for personal prayer and reflection, opportunities to understand the vision and values of Catholic Education, knowledge of Church teaching and the chance to become familiar with the Catholic school system internationally.



Pope Francis' pectoral cross depicts the image of the Good Shepherd

Beginning with a conference for Aspiring Head Teachers being hosted in St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull on the 17th and 18th April 2018, the Good Shepherd Leadership Pathway, will look at the distinctive nature of leadership within a Catholic school, exploring what it means to be a 'relational leader' and offer colleagues the opportunity to be guided through Scripture to come to an understanding of their personal Vocation to leadership.

Further information is available on the [SCES website](#).

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New Resources

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON FAITH

The SCES team are always on the look out for new resources that will help schools to share the Good News about Jesus with pupils. We recently had the chance to hear about “NUA”, an innovative film series from Ireland that encourages questions, acknowledges doubt, and offers an engaging perspective on the Christian faith.

Here is what the team who wrote NUA have to say about it: **“NUA equips you with the ability to intelligently explore and understand what you believe. We give you tools to discuss your worldview with credibility and confidence, while encouraging you to wrestle with the things that just don’t seem to make sense. At the end of the day, this film series is about impact— immediate and personal, as well as the long-term, life-changing experience of working out your faith. We’re taking an honest look at questions many of us have about Jesus, the Bible, and what it means to be a Christian. It’s a fresh perspective, a different conversation — created in Ireland, hosted by an Irishman. It’s new and it’s Irish, so we’re calling it NUA. It’s as simple as that, really. NUA is a series of eight short films (approx 15mins each) intended to be watched over time. NUA is for everyone and is ideal in an educational setting, church/parish, youth group, university or with friends. These are films to engage with and pick apart. More than anything, NUA is a fresh learning experience.”** Secondary schools that currently subscribe to SCES will receive a copy of this great new resource as part of their subscription fee for 2018.

For a number of years SCES has been working with organisations that offer a uniquely Christian perspective on some of the most important areas of teaching and learning that we cover in our schools. Ten: Ten theatre company have a great history of creating innovative dramas that help pupils to explore modern day issues through the light of their faith.

Ten:Ten are now expanding their work to include an exciting new suite of resources for schools and are inviting Scottish schools to get involved.

Ten:Ten
Resources

Ten:Ten Resources provide a service for Catholic primary schools to access weekly Gospel-rooted assemblies, daily classroom prayers, staffroom prayers and links to home. Ten:Ten’s methodology is to use story to speak to the hearts and minds of children, through media-rich resources such as film, animation, drama and music. Collective worship resources include a wide range of prayer styles such as guided meditation, art prayer, interactive prayer, traditional Catholic prayers and many more. The resources can be used by all staff in a school irrespective of their religious background and experience, with full support and guidance given throughout.

The service has been running successfully in schools in England and Wales for over two years. Now, the founders would like to trial the resources in Catholic primary schools in Scotland, with a view to rolling out a unique programme in Scotland in the future. They are looking for a selection of Catholic primary schools in Scotland to trial the resources in the Spring and Summer terms 2018.

As part of the trial, three members of staff (usually Senior Leadership) will have access to the full range of resources including weekly media-rich assemblies and enriching content for staff and pupils, and every other member of staff will have access to the classroom resources. In return, Ten:Ten will ask for occasional feedback on the suitability of the resources for schools in Scotland.

The cost to take part in the trial is £75+VAT per school for two full terms. Spaces on the trial are limited.

To sign up, or sample a resource, please visit: www.tentenresources.co.uk/scotland



2018 Resources

A range of resources are now available to buy for schools and parishes to mark 2018. School banners, prayer cards, replicas of the Icon of Jesus Our Teacher and even mugs can be ordered through SCES. For the full range of items, and to place an order, please

contact Julie—mail@sces.uk

SCES have produced a number of on line resources to support schools and parishes, as they mark the centenary of the Education Act.

These resources look at the story of our Past, Present and Future and help schools to plan learning and events at classroom, whole school and cluster level to creatively celebrate this historic landmark in the history of Catholic schools. The resources include prayer materials on the Icon of Jesus Our Teacher, lesson plans that explore the history of Catholic schools and ideas for assemblies and events that can include the whole school community. The materials will be added to on a regular basis. To keep up to date, and to access the materials visit the SCES website at www.sces.org.uk

Throughout 2018 we want to ensure that the Good News from Catholic schools reaches as many people as possible. Remember to share your updates with us, here at SCES, and we will post your news on our Facebook and Twitter. Don't forget to get your local press involved too, and when they feature your stories, pass them on to us!

TELL US YOUR
GOOD NEWS!



CARITAS 2018



Over 1,500 pupils have enrolled for the Caritas Award this year. As with previous years, the pupils have been accompanied by their teachers as they explore the words of Pope Benedict, pray with Scripture and put into action God's Love in their homes, schools and parishes.

This years pupils have risen to some new challenges and are getting involved with Church agencies to make a difference at local and national level. Some have worked in partnership with 'Justice and Peace Scotland' on the "Give me Five" campaign, helping to raise awareness of the number of children living in poverty in Scotland.

SCES have been working with other Church organisations, including The Mungo Foundation and the St. Margaret's children and family care society to explore new ways for S6 pupils to make an active contribution to the work of the Church in their local Diocese.

For all those involved in the award this year, remember that the submission date for Caritas final assessments is the **28th February 2018**. The on line form for submitting the names of those pupils who are being presented for the award is available on the SCES website. For more information contact Jo Hughes at SCES.

