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St Margaret's

Lochgilphead & Inveraray

Bishop Joseph Toal presents flowers to his mother at his ordination as Bishop of Motherwell. Tributes have been paid to Bishop Joe for all his work in the diocese of Argyll & the Isles.



Bishop Joe – Ordained in Motherwell

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Just Faith – a new initiative piloted in Argyll & the Isles

SCIAF, Justice and Peace Scotland and Mission Matters Scotland have come together to pilot a joint project funded by a charitable trust and with investment from the Bishops' Conference.

The name of the project is **Just Faith**, and Marian Pallister from St Margaret's has been appointed to deliver workshops throughout the diocese that will promote Catholic Social Teaching and global justice issues.

Philippa Bonella, head of Communications and Education for SCIAF, says: 'This is a very exciting project, which is supported by the Bishops' Conference and funded by a charitable organisation.'

'We know from Marian's voluntary work as SCIAF Ambassador for Argyll & the Isles and as Justice and Peace Commissioner that the diocese is demographically challenging but that there is a lot of good work happening there. We hope that Just Faith will support that work.'

Mgr James MacNeil, Administrator of the diocese, is facilitating Marian's new role with the help of the three diocesan deans, and a programme of workshops is already taking shape.

Marian said: 'It is a great privilege to pilot this project, which will be rolled out across all eight Scottish dioceses. I have road shows in the diary for Bute, South Uist and Morar – and I hope Fr David might invite me to St Margaret's.'

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**'He who
sings prays
twice'**

(Attributed to St Augustine*)

by Karen Goodchild

'Father Michael's skill at choosing beautiful hymns ... makes those hymns special'



New sounds for St Margaret's

A little while ago Father David asked me if I would put together a booklet of hymns that people know and like but are not in the hymn book.

After much searching on Google and Youtube I came up with a list and started to put them together into a little booklet.

Several of the hymns are ones that I have learned at Kinross with the Diocesan choir, perhaps it is Father Michael's skill at choosing beautiful hymns and psalms for us to learn of the spirituality and serenity of St Mary's Monastery that makes those hymns special.

Another of the hymns I have chosen is **Lord of the Pilgrim**. Last year I attended a mass at the cathedral to celebrate the 1450th anniversary of the arrival of St Columba on Iona. The moving, uplifting service and this hymn in particular reminded me of the peace and comfort to be found when we open our hearts to the healing love of God's Spirit:

Sail the waves, may God safely guide us.

*"Sail the waves may God safely guide us
Through all days may Heaven inspire us.*

Comforting winds in glory will sing.

Soft falling rain God's healing will bring.

*Comforting winds in glory will sing
Sail the shore and find Heaven's shelter.*

*Soft falling rain God's healing will bring
Sail the soul in waters so gentle remain*

At the moment the hymns I have gathered together to include in the booklet are:

*Sail the shore and find Heaven's shelter.
Sail the soul in waters so gentle remain."*

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Awake from your slumber
Lord, you have come to the seashore

Awake from your slumber
O God you search me and you know me

O love that will not let me go
O love that will not let me go

Our blessing cup
O God you search me and you know me

Lead me Lord

O love that will not let me go
Lord of the pilgrim

The Mary MacKillop Hymn

This is our faith
Lead me Lord

Where your treasure is
Lord of the pilgrim

Now I would like to ask you all to have a think and see if you can add to the list.

Are there any hymns that are special to you or your family, is something you heard

at a wedding or funeral, something you sang at school?

Please give your suggestions to Father David or myself, or you can email me at goodchild.karen@gmail.com

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* Scholars suggest that St Augustine actually said 'He who sings praise, not only sings, but also loves Him whom he is singing about'. Not quite so catchy as 'He who sings prays twice'. Ed



First Communions at Inveraray and Lochgilphead



**Hellos,
Goodbyes,
&
Steps on the journey
of faith**

We said a sad goodbye to Connie Docherty, a much loved presence at St Margaret's.

But we also have reminders of happier parish moments from this summer.



'Pray for justice and peace in the world' –Pope Francis



There is no doubt that we are living in difficult times at the moment. Anyone who watches the news or reads a newspaper cannot help, I am sure, getting caught up in the widespread suffering in the world.

It can be extremely harrowing to watch these images, and not to ask ourselves the question as Christians, 'Why all this suffering, and pain?'

Unfortunately, I don't have the answer either, but there is one thing that I can be sure of, and that is that, more conflict is not the answer. Dialogue, mutual respect, compassion and love, are the only weapons we as Christians should have in our armoury.

Pope Francis recently asked us "...to pray earnestly for justice and peace in the world'. And the truth of prayer is that it changes lives, breaks down bigotry, ignorance and division.

We as Christians are in a privileged position to live in this country. We can practice our faith, without any fear of being shot, killed or imprisoned for our beliefs. [23.05.2014](#) [23.11.16](#) to call on God - as the Psalm says, if we 'Cry aloud to God, Cry aloud that he may hear us'.

Prayer doesn't change God, but it does change us. It changes our hearts and minds, to strive for a world where all nations and peoples will live together in harmony, and peace. You may laugh and think that this is no more than a pipe dream. But as the Canadian writer Robin Sharma said, "Dreamers are mocked as impractical. The truth is they are the most practical, as their innovations lead to progress and a better way of life for all of us.' **Fr David**

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