



BISHOP'S NOTICES

To Congregations from the Bishop of Edinburgh

6 February 2009

Institution

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the Revd Dr Duncan MacLaren who is to be instituted as Rector of St James, Leith on Friday 6th February. We wish Duncan and his family well in their new Parish.

Stipendiary Clergy Conference

The Clergy Conference for 2009 will be taking place on Tuesday 3rd – Thursday 5th November 2009 at the Atholl Palace Hotel. Please put these dates in your diary now. Further details will be sent out to Stipendiary Clergy in due course.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

The Bishop has chosen two charities as the beneficiaries for this year's Lent Appeal.

The money will be divided between:-

FiOP (Faith in Older People) and Mary's Meals.

Leaflets with further details will be appearing in churches soon.



St Patrick's Day Parade – Saturday 14th March 2009

The parish of St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh is celebrating its patronal feast this year with a parade on Saturday, 14th March.

The parade begins at 11am outside St Giles' cathedral with a proclamation of the life of St Patrick, and then continues down the Royal Mile, led by a pipe band, to Tron Square for a brief musical interlude, then moves onwards to St Patrick's church with a celebration of the mission of St Patrick and the lighting of the Easter fire. All are warmly invited to take part in the parade and enjoy refreshments afterwards in the church foyer. The parade will take place come rain, hail or shine (we're praying for the latter!)

Mass for the feast will take place as usual at 12.30pm on Tuesday 17th March.

Any queries to St Patrick's on 0131 556 1973 or office@stpatricksparish.co.uk

'Words and Music for Tomorrow's Christian'

**– An evening with John Bell of the Iona Community and Wild Goose Resource Group.
Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm**

This event has been organised by the Edinburgh Group of the Progressive Christianity Network and will take place at the Braid Centre, (the former Braid Church), Nile Grove, Edinburgh. Tickets £5 at the door. The Progressive Christian Network, (who had an article in the September Life and Work), is a group that seeks to provide a setting where some of the opportunities and challenges posed by what has been termed 'the emerging faith' can be explored in an open, inclusive and responsive way in the context of issues posed by life in the C21st.

The Oscar Romero Lecture – Thursday 12th February 7.30pm

The Lauriston Jesuit Centre, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh is delighted to welcome to Edinburgh Fr Dean Brackley SJ, from the University of Central America in El Salvador. Following successful evenings at Lauriston with Jon Sobrino and Monsignor Ricardo Urioste, Dean Brackley will speak about the legacy of the Jesuit martyrs 20 years on from their assassination, and the abiding place in the life of the people of El Salvador that they and Oscar Romero have.



Admission is by donation, and all are welcome. More details from the website www.lauriston.org.uk or by telephoning 0131 477 5795.