

Dear Parish Pro-Life Rep,

THINGS TO DO NOW:

Protect Our Freedom to Pray



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Protect the Freedom to Pray in Scotland

Peaceful prayer is under threat in Scotland. Radical politicians want...

The Scottish Local Council's organisation, COSLA, is being lobbied for a Scotland wide law to ban prayer and offers of help at abortion clinics. If this happens in Scotland even silent prayer near an abortion clinic will be illegal and punishable by law. Offering help to vulnerable women considering abortion would be banned - and even holding signs like "We can help you"

COSLA's committee meets on 12th May and a petition has just been launched. We need to get over 5,000 signatures – I am confident we can!

Please ask your Parish to put this in the newsletter for Sunday, 9th May – this text will also cut and paste into Facebook and social media so do pass on to your parish organiser. Signatories can be anywhere in the world, they don't have to be Scottish residents

Newsletter / Facebook post for Sunday 9th May:

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FREEDOM TO PRAY UNDER THREAT: your right to pray in public is being threatened by a group of Scottish Local Councils Please sign this petition urgently! <https://tinyurl.com/Free2Pray>

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ALSO on this subject, I am working on letters to the individual Councillors on the COSLA Committee so I'll come back to you with more information. It is scary that people could consider banning prayer in Scotland today!

PRO-LIFE PARISH LIFE

Coming Up: Day for Life Collection

This takes place at the end of the month and some monies can be used to fund pregnancy support services in our Archdiocese. You may remember we had an online collection last year. That will still be available but I'm waiting for details so I will be back to you on this!

Good News and Thanks

Exterminating Poverty Talk

THANK YOU for helping promote this. It was very well presented by Mark Halliday Sutherland who thoroughly exposed Marie Stopes shocking ideas about the poor and their children. There was a lot of great feedback. 110 people registered and we had 77 attendees, which is the most for any Archdiocesan event on Eventbrite!



Watch it again:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iyIsnoQpdo>

It's 100 years since Marie Stopes opened her first clinic and Dr Halliday Sutherland's legal battle with her lasted until 1923. Expect more on this subject as the anniversaries come along – Stopes was born and educated in Edinburgh & is still a hero to the abortion movement today. The website is: <https://hallidaysutherland.com/>



Scottish Election

Thanks for all the candidate information you've sent me. If you have any you haven't sent, there's still time, it is very useful!

The **Catholic Parliamentary Office** has produced a [useful guide](#) on Party policy on abortion, assisted suicide, child poverty and gender law reform. I've attached a version and more info is here:

<https://rcpolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2021/#1619531339568-31f752e3-51db>

For Life,

Paul