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**DEI ET APOSTOLICÆ SEDIS GRATIA
ARCHIEPISCOPUS S. ANDREÆ ET
EDIMBURGENSIS**

DECREE

**OF RELEGATION OF THE CHURCH OF
ST MARY, PATHHEAD TO PROFANE
BUT NOT SORDID USE**

Whereas

1. On 13 July 2018, the extinctive union of the parishes of St David's, Dalkeith; SS. Luke & Anne, Mayfield and; St Mary's, Pathhead was decreed to become effective on 2 December 2018, the parish being known as "St David's" (Prot. N. 21/18);
2. The Decree was confirmed by Decree of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura on 24 March 2023 (Prot. N. 2023 0054);

3. Since 27 August 2023, the church of St Mary, Pathhead has not been used for the cult of the parish of St David's, Dalkeith;
4. The disused church of St Mary, Pathhead is now a drain on the financial resources of the parish;
5. There are two other churches where the faithful of the parish may now attend divine cult;
6. On 1 March 2024, the Parish Priest of St David's, Dalkeith, petitioned the Archbishop to reduce the church of St Mary, Pathhead to profane but not sordid use so that it could be sold and the resources used for the upbuilding of St David's parish;
7. In accordance with can. 1222, §2, and having been furnished with relevant details regarding the church of St Mary, Pathhead and Mass attendance in the parish of St David's, Dalkeith, on 8 March 2024, the Council of Priests duly met regarding the reduction of the church of St Mary, Pathhead to profane but not sordid use and unanimously resolved itself in support of the Parish Priest's petition of 1 March 2024;
8. The consent of those who could lawfully claim rights over the church has been given since the Parish Priest himself has petitioned for the reduction of the church to profane but not sordid use (cf. 1222, §2);

I, Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh, hereby

DECREE

- 9. That the church of St Mary, Pathhead be relegated to profane but not sordid use;**
10. And that the relegation is effective on 12 March 2024.

Furthermore

11. Notice is given that if a person considers himself aggrieved by this administrative DECREE, that person is within his or her canonical rights to seek revocation or emendation according to the norms of can. 1734 and to make hierarchical recourse according to the norms of can. 1737;
12. I instruct that this DECREE be communicated immediately to the Parish Priest of St David's, Dalkeith and that he post this DECREE in the narthex of the churches of St David's, Dalkeith and SS. Luke & Anne, Mayfield and that it also be posted on the Archdiocesan website and;
13. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Edinburgh, 12 March, in the Year of Our Lord, 2024.

+ L.J. Currie

Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh

[Handwritten Signature]

Chancellor

