



MEET THE CATECHETICS COMMISSION



Christine Clark

Catechist at St. Andrew's, Livingston.

I began working on the Catechetics Commission in 2016. I have completed the Certificate in Parish Ministry and Mission from Maryvale Institute and the Diploma in Catechetics in our own archdiocese. I have much experience teaching RE in schools and supporting a range of catechetical programs in my parish: sacramental preparation, RCIA, children's liturgy and youth group ministry. In recent years, I have undergone training in the Montessori-based Catechesis of the Good Shepherd which I deliver weekly to younger children. My main focus as a Commission member is RCIA and the creation of resources to support parish-based sacramental preparation. I currently run the RCIA group in my parish. I studied French and Italian at university and have been teaching in secondary schools for many years, more recently in an ASN role. I am a fluent Gaelic speaker and enjoy social and leisure activities which involve languages and other cultures.

Clare Devlin

Catechist at St. Columba's, Edinburgh.

I have been a member of the Catechetics Commission since 2023, further to graduating from the Archdiocese's Diploma in Catechetics in 2022. I am the co-ordinator for our parish Teens Group, teach confirmation preparation classes and previously led children's liturgy. I have been involved with planning and running a wide variety of adult formation and catechist training events through the Commission. I enjoy meeting new people, visiting new places and learning new things. Recently, I had the opportunity to go on a Catholic pilgrimage to Peru.





Anne Lamond

Catechist at St. Joseph's, Burntisland.

I have been a member of the Catechetics Commission for several years. I completed the Diploma in Catechetics when it was first offered in 2021. I have over 20 years' experience teaching primary school children sacramental preparation in our parish. I also lead a children's Liturgy group and feel that this programme helps to encourage parents to bring their children to Mass. These 2 important parts of our parish life compliment each other and help the children to a better understanding of their Faith. I support the Commission on its Adult Formation days at Gillis.

Gordon MacPherson

Catechist at St. Andrew's, Livingston.

I have been a member of the Catechetics Commission since 2024. Over the years I have done two, 18month Distance Learning courses for RE in High School through Craiglockhart and Gillis. Recently I have completed both the Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year, with Father Mike Schmitz. Currently going through The Bible in a Year again. This last year, I have been involved in our Parish RCIA and also the RCIC. I am currently volunteer teaching at St Andrew's Primary school in Livingston. Doing RE in upper school as well as Sacramental preparation in Eucharist and Confirmation. Prior to that I was a teacher in High school, St David's High School, Dalkeith where I taught PE, RE, PSE, guidance. Across all age groups. Teaching career has covered 45 years to date.





Mary Margaret McDemott

Catechist at St. Mary of the Assumption, Bo'ness

After completing the Archdiocesan Diploma in Catechetics (2023) it gave me the confidence to become active in the parish as a reader and helping at the children's liturgy group. I enjoy helping in RCIA meetings, and attend community groups, such as, the Parish Pastoral Council and Churches Together events.

I am enjoying my retirement as an NHS Orthopaedic Nurse through my role on the Commission for Catechetics. I joined the Commission in 2024 and have been having a fabulous time meeting so many wonderful people and sharing our faith at our adult faith formation events. Through my Commission work I have a particular role working with our wonderful Children's Liturgy Leaders. Our children are our future and so I am honoured to be a part of this service.

Marie Brady

Parish Safeguarding Coordinator at St Patrick's, Kilsyth

I have been a member of the Catechetics Commission since 2024. I am a Parish Safeguarding Coordinator and as such have an awareness of the diversity of Parish life. I am a lifelong Catholic and have in recent years gained a wider perspective of the Faith as the wife of an Ordained Minister of the Church, specifically a Permanent Deacon.

I have in the past been an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and I also participated in Faith sharing groups. I was previously the National Secretary for the Union of Catholic Mothers an organisation focused on family life and praying for Vocations. My focus within the Catechetics Commission is assisting with the planning and delivery of Faith Days as well as assisting with the scoping and planning of the Catechesis programme. A retired NHS manager, I currently work part time for the NHS at a local level. I am a member of a Glasgow choir which supports Archdiocesan events providing Liturgical music as well as supporting Ecumenical events.

