

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

## Social media: community guidelines

"All social communications should be underpinned by Christian charity." **The Bishops' Conference of Scotland** 

We welcome respectful and charitable discussion on our social media platforms. Comments which display the following behaviours will be removed and may lead to users being blocked.

**Personal Attacks:** Insults, name-calling, or harassment. Disparaging or defamatory statements about the Church, clergy, parishioners, volunteers, staff or other contacts.

Attacks on Faith: Disrespecting or mocking Catholic beliefs.

**Irrelevant Topics:** Please keep comments relevant to the topic or article. Comments that steer discussions toward unrelated personal agendas or pet issues will be removed.

**Moderation Disputes:** Avoid discussing moderation decisions in the comments section. Instead, reach out to us directly to address any concerns.

Spam/Excessive Posting: Avoid repetitive, off-topic, or excessive comments.

**Trolling:** Comments meant to provoke, disrupt, or derail discussions. Thoughtful criticism is welcome; ongoing negativity, cynicism and sarcasm that hinders discussion is not.

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