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

DECREE

**OF RELEGATION OF THE CHURCH OF
ST JOHN VIANNEY, GILMERTON**

Whereas

1. In 2022, there became apparent issues with the maintenance of St John Vianney's Church, Gilmerton that will make it unsafe to use for public worship;
2. The costs that would be incurred to fix the problems were much greater than anything that the parish could afford;
3. At an open meeting of parishioners on 2 February 2023, attended by the Archbishop, there was a consensus that St John Vianney's

- Church could no longer be used and that public worship should continue at St Gregory's Church, The Inch;
4. The proposal in n.3 was put to the parishioners of St Gregory's, The Inch, which shares a parish priest with St John Vianney's, who were in favour of accommodating the parishioners of St John Vianney's in the way that they desired;
 5. His Grace, the Archbishop, has received the Petition, dated 14 June 2023, from the Parish Priest of St John Vianney's, to close the church permanently;
 6. The Council of Priests, having met on 27 June 2023, has resolved itself in favour of reducing the church of St John Vianney to profane but not sordid use (cf. can. 1222, §2) and;
 7. 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

8. That the church of St John Vianney be relegated to profane but not sordid use

9. And that the relegation is effective on 7 August 2023.


Furthermore

10. Notice is given that if a person considers himself aggrieved by this administrative DECREE, that person is within his or her

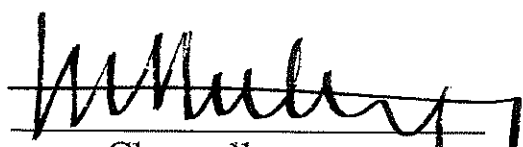
canonical rights to seek revocation or emendation according to the norms of can. 1734 and to make hierarchical recourse according to the norms of can. 1737;

11. I instruct that this DECREE be communicated immediately to the Parish Priest of St John Vianney's and that he post this DECREE in the narthex of the church of St John Vianney's and that it also be posted on the Archdiocesan website and;
12. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Edinburgh, 18 July, in the Year of Our Lord, 2023.



Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh



Chancellor

