

Dear Parish Pro-Life Rep,

Sept 5th – Pregnancy Support Service

Rather than wait, we've decided to get a date in the diary so we can start planning an Archdiocesan Pregnancy Support service. Depending on circumstances we can adjust the format as things become clearer so it could be a physical meeting, a virtual event or a combination of both. The main thing is to move forward...

For now, save **5th September** in your diaries. It's the **feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta** who was a great advocate for unborn children and their mothers. **Save the date and keep this in your prayers**

DAY FOR LIFE – Special Collection – 7th June

This collection benefits the work of the Pro-Life Office. The Archdiocese has set up an online giving page so **please encourage your parish to publicise the event in newsletters and social media**. There is a good article on the Archdiocesan website: <https://archedinburgh.org/be-a-voice-for-the-unborn-by-supporting-our-pro-life-team/>

DIY Abortion horror stories...

Thanks if you mailed your MSPs about DIY Abortion in Scotland. If you haven't yet written or want to follow up, 3 recent stories show reckless nature of abortion at home. Feel free to cut and paste:

- The Sun newspaper reported a '[28 week abortion by post](#)' incident in which abortion pills were obtained using the new arrangements and an unborn child was aborted at 28 weeks
- In March, in Birmingham, the BBC reported the case of [Michael Oluronbi](#) who was a pharmacist and pastor who abused both positions to rape and then forcibly abort his victims
- In the United states there are reports of [a man who raped his daughter & step daughter](#) and then used DIY abortion to cover his appalling crimes

It seems clear that the 'DIY abortion' regulations have not been properly thought out. No abuses have been reported in Scotland but it seems only a matter of time

Corona Virus vaccine using tissue from unborn children?

There are many vaccine trials going on around the world & vaccination is a good thing. Some vaccines, however are being developed using tissue from aborted children. For example, it looks like the Oxford University [ChAdOx1](#) vaccine uses the cell line [HEK 293](#). HEK stands for Human Embryonic Kidney and is based on cells taken from an unborn child aborted in the Netherlands.

It's important to understand that an unborn child's cell line is not in the vaccine. The aborted baby's tissue is used as a factory to produce the carrier virus, which goes into the vaccine. But this makes it ethically tainted. Personally, I wouldn't accept a vaccine that has been grown using parts of an unborn child as compost. There are ethical alternatives and using aborted children's cell lines just legitimises abortion. Live Action have some good information on this here:

<https://www.liveaction.org/news/truth-covid-19-vaccines-cells-aborted-tissue/>

Great Pro-Life Events

Next Weekend – 5 / 6 June - SPUC Digital Conference

SPUC Conference is always a good event but it travels around the country so it's rare that we get it in Scotland. This year it's gone digital, and is free. Limited seats so book up. You don't have to travel and can make a cup of tea in the middle of the talks ! 😊

<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/spuc2020/register>

13th June - March for Life

This London event is getting bigger every year. In 2019 Scotland sent a bus, this year you can go without leaving home. The organisers have repurposed the event to 'LifeStream 20' with the world's best pro-life speakers, live Q&A's, workshops, testimonies, children's activities, book readings, music, prayer and much more. [Register online here](#)

GOOD NEWS this month

Just yesterday the Northern Ireland Assembly voted 46:40 to oppose the UK Government's abortion regulations which have been imposed on Northern Ireland by Westminster. The motion which passed was tabled in response to Heidi Crowter, the 24-year-old disability campaigner, [who has spoken out](#) against the proposal of the UK Government to impose on Northern Ireland abortion up to birth in cases of disabilities like Heidi's own, Down's syndrome.

MPs and Peers at the UK Parliament are now due to vote later this month on whether to approve or reject regulations that introduce an extreme abortion regime to Northern Ireland. Whilst the vote at the Northern Ireland Assembly will not directly change the law in Northern Ireland, it has sent a very strong message to the UK Government, MPs and Peers at Westminster that Northern Ireland reject these regulations being imposed on the province.

This will make it much more difficult for MPs and Peers to vote to impose these regulations on Northern Ireland when they have been resoundingly rejected by the elected representatives of the people of Northern Ireland.

I may write to you mid-month about this when things become clearer. If you have an SNP MP they will be sensitive to the argument that Northern Ireland should be able to make its own laws on abortion, as Scotland does.

For now, and for Life,

Yours, Paul

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