

# PRO-LIFE PARISH LIFE

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Dear Parish Pro-Life Rep,

## ABORTION & POVERTY: our theme for 2021

In 2021 our unifying theme will be **"Abortion & Poverty."** In Scotland, women from poor areas have abortion rates twice as high as women from rich areas, and it's worst in the East of Scotland. Focussing on poverty this year puts those most in need at the top of our agenda. More on this soon!

## DIY Home Abortion: Write to your MSPs

A new opinion poll confirms an [overwhelming majority of the Scottish public have expressed concerns](#) about the Government's "barbaric" DIY home abortions. The opinion poll found **more than 8 in 10 Scottish adults** were concerned that DIY abortion increases the risk of domestic abuse as well as the chance of pills being falsely obtained for someone else. Get the [full details of this poll here](#) & [please write to your MSPs](#). You have 1 directly elected MSP and several 'list' MSPs. **It is absolutely appropriate to write to them all.** [Find all your MSPs here](#). Send me their replies!

## Stay in Touch: Pro-Active, Pro-Life!

Big tech companies are not pro-life. This month [pro-life film makers were kicked off Twitter](#) & you don't have to be a genius to see what's coming for the rest of us. So, now is the time to make sure we can keep in touch with other, and the pro-life & Catholic news we value. It's quick & easy to set up accounts with [Signal](#) and [Telegram](#)



**Be pro-active:** it's much easier to do this **now:** set up your accounts this month and, in February, I'll tell you how to stay in touch with me and other pro-life news sources.

## Vaccines

The Vatican has issued a [Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines](#) It says you can take the vaccine in good conscience because the link to abortion is remote. However the Note also says you have no obligation to use the vaccine & participation is voluntary.

Background: In the UK the Government has bought 7 vaccines from **Oxford University/AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna, GSK/Sanofi, Janssen, Novavax & Valneva**. The first 3 (in **bold**) have been approved for use. The Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine used aborted fetal cells at every stage. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines did not use fetal cells in design/development or production but did use them in some confirmatory testing. The pro-life [Lozier Institute](#) has the best information on all the vaccines.



## GOOD NEWS THIS MONTH

Our **Advent Rosary for Life** was very popular: over 90 people signed up for the final event with Archbishop Cushley. They came from all over Scotland as well as the USA and Canada. At the last minute we had to move the **Holy Innocents Mass** to YouTube BUT the 'silver lining' was 382 views for the online Mass – so we reached many more people than we could fit in the chapel at Gillis.

Thank you again for your help with events 😊 😊 😊

For Life, Paul

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