



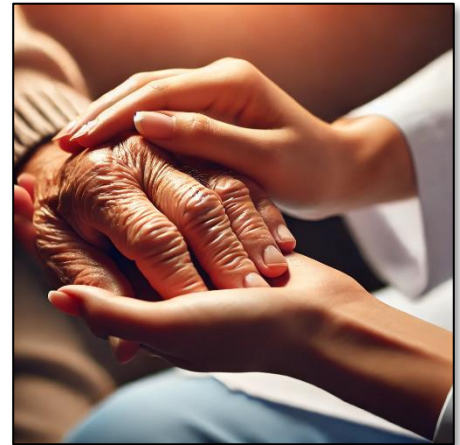
Dear Parish Pro-Life Rep,

## Assisted Suicide Updates

### Westminster – ‘strict’ safeguards???

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill continues its scrutiny at Westminster where the Committee put together by sponsor, Kim Leadbeater has been very controversial. **As many as 80+ reasonable and sensible amendments have been voted down by the committee including:**

- A prohibition on “encouraging” someone to choose assisted suicide;
- A requirement to have a meeting with a palliative care consultant;
- A requirement that capacity must include understanding key details; and
- A refusal to eat and drink not to be considered a ‘terminal illness’
- *And there’s more! I have attached a partial list from our Catholic Parliamentary Office*



### Holyrood

Holyrood’s Health Committee continues to work on the Bill in Scotland and we will be asking parishioners to write to key MSPs this month.

Please continue to encourage parishioners to write to their MPs & MSPs using <https://writetothem.com>

### Pro-Life Stations every Monday in Lent

**Thank you** for promoting this event which starts on 10<sup>th</sup> March, with Bishop Hugh Gilbert. We have over 130 sign ups so far! **Use this notice for your bulletins and social media:**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS takes place at 7:45pm each Monday in Lent as we join people online from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a brief reflection from a member of the clergy each week. From 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.45pm, on Zoom.

Register: <https://bit.ly/Stations25>





## Igniting PASSION, renewing PURPOSE: – 22 March, Edinburgh



**Unite for Education** is a movement for everyone involved with and interested in the education system. It works to set up Christian schools across Scotland, support home school networks and support Christian teachers in schools across Scotland. I went to this event last year and there was much that Pro-Life parents would like.

**If you're in and around Edinburgh or considering education choices for your family, I'd definitely recommend this event.**

Christian schools put Christ at the heart of their curriculum and support parents in their duty as educators of their children. Many of you know that my daughter attended the excellent [Mannafields Christian School](#) and she still goes willing to Church! Book here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/uniteforeducation/1582209>

## This is Chemical Abortion - docuseries

98% of Scottish abortions are now done with pills, rather than surgery. You may be interested in this docuseries, from the USA. Some of the information is relevant to America but it is the same pills, and the same children! <https://thisischemicalabortion.com/docuseries/>

## RIP: Lady Brigid McEwen

You may have known [Brigid McEwen](#) who was Parish Pro-Life Representative for Our Lady and St Margaret's parish, Duns. I first met Brigid when I came to Edinburgh over 30 years ago. She cared deeply about unborn children and their mothers and was happy to serve as Parish Pro-Life Rep when we started the Pro-Life Office in 2018. She didn't use email but was always a faithful correspondent, sending me hand written notes whenever there was work to do. She kept me going with sausage sandwiches between Masses at Duns during the parish White Flower collections.

Noble in every sense; may she rest in peace, and rise in glory!



*For Life,  
Paul*

**And Finally:** do you like the new layout? I'm trying a couple of new styles. Feedback welcome!