

Scottish Catholic Historical Association

Newsletter, September 2009

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1. Welcome

Welcome to the third newsletter of the Scottish Catholic Historical Association.

This newsletter is a supplement to the *Innes Review* and the other activities of the Association. The inaugural seminar series, which ran between October 2008 and April 2009, was a great success and the second season kicks off on Monday, 26 October with a talk by Dr. Andrew Newby of the University of Aberdeen. This year's schedule promises a great selection of papers highlighting current research with a popular twist.

The Association has also launched a website with the assistance of the Scottish Catholic Archives and it can be found by going to the SCA website at www.scottishcatholicarchives.org.uk and clicking on the 'Historical Association' link.

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Let us know what you think of this newsletter and if you would like to see anything else included in the future - feel free to pen short notes and queries if you wish!

2. Upcoming Seminars

26 October 2009

Dr. Andrew Newby (University of Aberdeen), 'The Approaching Consolidation of the Aurora Borealis': Scotland and the Roman Catholic Polar Mission, 1855-1870.

30 November 2009

Dr. Iain MacDonald (University of Glasgow), 'God Bless You!': George Lauder, Donald Balloch and the Auchinleck Chronicle.

25 January 2010

Dr. Domhnall Uilleam Stiùbhart (University of Edinburgh), Alexander Carmichael (1832-1912): Collecting Folklore in the Catholic Hebrides.

22 February 2010

Dr. Carmen Mangion (Birkbeck College, University of London), Dr Agnes McLaren, nun-doctors and the Catholic medical missions, 1900-1936.

22 March 2010

Dr. S. Karly Kehoe (UHI Centre for History), Scottish Catholic Nationalism, 1850-1930.

26 April 2010

Dr. Linda Flemming (Napier University), 'Jeanie the Jew': Women in the story of Glasgow's Jews.

Location and time:

Columba House, 16 Drummond Place, Edinburgh.

Tel: 0131 556 3661

5.30-7.30pm, Mondays

4. Golden Jubilee Celebration for the Scottish Catholic Archives

In 1958, the Columba Trust made a grant to the Hierarchy of Scotland to enable the purchase of a building in Edinburgh to serve as a repository for archival records and as a centre for historical research. On the 9th September 2009, His Eminence Keith Patrick, Cardinal O'Brien with the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, welcomed a number of guests to Columba House to celebrate the passage of 50 years and the work undertaken there. Those gathered were addressed by Cardinal O'Brien, Archbishop Mario Conti, Mgr Charles Burns (formerly of the Vatican Secret Archives) and the Keeper of the Archives and Administrator of Columba House, Mr Andrew Nicoll. The reception was an excellent opportunity for people to discuss the many ways in which the Scottish Catholic Archives worked for the benefit of the Church, be it in administrative support to the various parts of Church and in cultural support, bringing the heritage and history of the Church to wider audiences.



Left: *Scottish Catholic Archives, Columba House, 16 Drummond Place, Edinburgh*



Right: *Outer hall, Scottish Catholic Archives*



Left: *Inner hall, Scottish Catholic Archives*



Right: *Reading Room, Scottish Catholic Archives*



Left: *Keeper's Room, Scottish Catholic Archives*

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5. *The McClement Project*

A joint research project between the Scottish Catholic Archives, Dr. S. Karly Kehoe (UHI Centre for History), and Professor Michael Vance (Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada), was launched in June that centres on the journal of Richard C. McClement, an Irishman and assistant surgeon in the Royal Navy. Found among the papers deposited after the Fort Augustus closure, the journal runs from 1857 to 1869 and is a tremendous historical find. Over the course of his time in the navy (aboard the *H.M.S Buffalo*, *H.M.S Hawke*, *H.M.S Galatea*, *H.M.S Duncan*, *H.M.S Terror* and *H.M.S Wellesley*) McClement recorded his experiences and observations, keeping detailed weather charts, telling of navigational hurdles and, writing with his surgeon's hat on, giving fascinating detail about the sickness and disease that plagued voyages and led to countless burials at sea. He also details the Royal Navy's attempts to police the slave trade and provides vivid descriptions of captured slavers and their African cargo.

This project aims to provide students, scholars and the general public with access to a rich resource through a website featuring digitised excerpts. Generating scholarly research and analyses is another key aim and some of the dominant themes will include the history of medicine, race and gender relations, Atlantic trade networks, slavery and Catholic participation in Empire. The project got off to a good start when Kehoe secured a generous seed corn research grant in the amount of £3,010 from UHI Millennium Institute. This money funded the transcription of the 400 page journal as well as its partial digitisation by Alistair Henderson, Archive Assistant at the Scottish Catholic Archives. It also covered expenses for preliminary research to be undertaken in Edinburgh, Dublin and Halifax, Canada. Plans are now underway for an invited paper conference in Halifax in June 2012 and for the publication of an edited version of the journal.

6. *Catholic Parish Registers Online*

Scottish Catholic Archives staff have been working for almost 2 years to prepare over 700 volumes of sacramental registers dating from 1703 through to the 20th century, which have now been digitised and are in the final stages of being indexed. It is anticipated that during October 2009, all surviving records of birth and baptism dating from before 1855, with some up to 1908 will be made available on the www.scotlandpeople.gov.uk website, in association with the National Archives of Scotland, the Registrar General for Scotland and the Court of the Lord Lyon. Also included in the project have been the records of the RC Bishopric of the Forces (records of British Catholic servicemen and women in the UK and abroad) and the records of Dalbeth Cemetery, Glasgow and Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh. By the end of 2009, it is anticipated that the remaining records - of confirmation, communicants, marriage, death, burial and status animarum will be made available. Everything across all types of records up to 1855 will be complete; records of births from 1855-1908 will be available as an incomplete dataset; records of marriages from 1855-1933 will be an incomplete dataset; deaths and burials from 1855-1958 will be an incomplete dataset. All other records will be available as an incomplete dataset from 1855 to 1908. We have what is termed 'incomplete datasets' because not all post-1855 registers have been gathered from parishes in Scotland. We are unsure at the moment if we will extend the records available.

7. *New Publication - A brief narration: The Scottish Catholic Archives*

The Scottish Catholic Archives (the National Archives of the Catholic Church in Scotland) is responsible for archives and records management services for the Church at home and abroad. This broad remit ensures that records are selected and preserved for the future and made accessible to interested parties, as well as giving practical advice and support to the administrations creating them, and means that in the 50 years since its foundation, the Scottish Catholic Archives has become an important and integral part of the administrative and cultural fabric of the Church and Scotland.

The Scottish Catholic Archives is unique in the worldwide Church by creating a unified archive service which co-locates historic archive collections, being the archives of the Church dating from the twelfth century until the restoration of the Hierarchy in 1878; archives of the national administration, which is formed by a General Secretariat and approximately twelve commissions and agencies which are responsible for international aid, media, liturgy, heritage, archives, laity, priestly formation, and justice and peace amongst others; diocesan archives dating from approximately 1878, which mainly cover the administrative files of the diocese; parish archives including parish records and administrative documents of a local nature; and records of societies and individuals. Since church law dictates that archives are the responsibility of each diocese or religious order, the model in existence in Scotland is unique, and valuable. For 50 years, Scotland has pioneered a system which is in the course of exploration by dioceses and religious orders in North America. Quite simply, a shared facility to manage and implement a unified archive and records management programme presents many strengths and advantages.

A fuller account of the history of the Scottish Catholic Archives has been published by the Aquhorties Press, Columba House, Edinburgh. Mgr Charles Burns edited the work of Mgr David McRoberts, second Keeper of the Archives, with a contribution by Mr Andrew Nicoll, fifth Keeper, it is available for purchase from the Scottish Catholic Archives (cheques made payable to Scottish Catholic Archives) at a cost of £2.00 plus £2.00 postage (£3.00 overseas).

8. *Innes Review & Special Offer*

Volume 60.1 (Spring 2009) of the *Innes Review* was published in August 2009. It includes the following articles: 'Andrew Melville, sacred chronology and world history: the *Carmina Danielis* 9 and the *Antichristus*' (Steven John Reid); ' "They must have their children educated some way": the education of Catholics in eighteenth-century Scotland' (Clotilde Prunier), and 'Sifting through the archive: an epistolary sketch of the elusive Reverend William McLeod' (Carolyn MacHardy). Contents also feature a review article on the Highland books of John Watts, by a former editor of the journal, Alasdair Roberts. Volume 60.2 (Autumn 2009) is in the course of preparation and it is anticipated that it will be published in early 2010. It will include an Index to volumes 51-60 as well as a number of articles and book reviews.

Council of the Scottish Catholic Historical Association has decided to reduce its back-stock of the *Innes Review* in an effort to reduce the amount of storage required. The following list shows which issues are available for purchase at a reduced price of £2 each. If you would like to place an order, please send a cheque to *Innes Review Offer, Scottish Catholic Archives, Columba House, 16 Drummond Place, Edinburgh, EH3 6PL* with a list of the issues you require. Please add 5 'substitute' issues to your list in case we are unable to provide your first choice. Postage will be levied at £5 flat fee. **Please make cheques payable to the Scottish Catholic Historical Association.**

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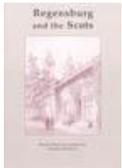
9. *Scottish Catholic Archives Bookshop*

We are pleased to be able to offer a number of items for sale at the Scottish Catholic Archives. Some are published by *The Aquhorties Press*, our in-house publishing unit; and others by the Blairs Museum - our sister institution situated in the former St Mary's College, Blairs. Order forms can be downloaded from the Scottish Catholic Archives website - <http://www.scottishcatholicarchives.org.uk> Postage is charged at £2 per order.

SPECIAL OFFER – The Scots College Rome, 1600-2000, edited by Raymond McCluskey

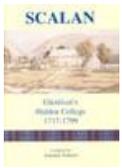
The Scottish Catholic Archives has recently secured a number of copies of this work, produced in 2000 to mark the 400th anniversary of the foundation of the College. On 6th December 1600, Pope Clement VIII founded and endowed the Scots College in Rome. For the first two centuries of its life, the College provided priests for the sustenance of Scottish Catholicism in penal times. After a short period of closure in the Napoleonic era, the College re-established itself in 1820. Taught by the Jesuit professors of the Gregorian

University, Scots students were able to share in a cosmopolitan educational environment which shaped their outlook. The outbreak of the Second World War meant that, once more, the Scots had to leave the Eternal City. They returned in 1946. Eighteen years later, Pope Paul VI opened a new College on the Via Cassia, where the College remains to this day. This book is the first complete history of the Scots College Rome, from foundation to the present and fittingly marked the 400th anniversary. It fills a gap in Scottish historiography in presenting the seminal account of what is almost certainly the oldest extant Scottish institution on the continent of Europe. It is available to purchase from the Scottish Catholic Archives at a cost of £12.99 plus £2.00 postage (£3.00 overseas).



Regensburg and the Scots by Alasdair Roberts £2.00

Regensburg in Bavaria has had links with Scotland and Ireland since the 12th century at least. This booklet traces the history of the Scots Benedictine Abbey in Regensburg, illustrating individuals and the shared history of the two communities through to the nineteenth century and beyond.



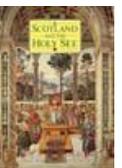
Scalan: Glenlivet's Hidden College, 1717-1799 by Alasdair Roberts £2.00

The seminary at Scalan was instrumental in the development of the post-reformation Church in Scotland. Alasdair Roberts ably edits the work of Mgr Alexander MacWilliam and brings forward the history of this small building found deep in the hills of Glenlivet in Moray.



The Scottish Sword of State by Charles Burns OBE £5.00

This history of the Scottish Sword of State was produced in 2007 to mark the 500th anniversary of the presentation of the Scottish Sword of State by Pope Julius II to King James IV. The anniversary was marked with a reception hosted by the First Minister of Scotland and allows us to recall the historic links that Scotland had with the Papacy and continental Europe. It is well illustrated with colour plates of the Honours of Scotland.



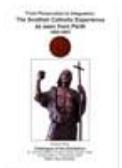
Scotland and the Holy See £2.00

This booklet gives a number of short chapters covering areas such as Christianity in Scotland from Roman Times to St Margaret; Scotland and the Papacy in the Middle Ages and Renaissance; Reformation and Catholic Survival; Emancipation and Catholic Revival, 1793-1878 and the Catholic Church in Modern Scotland. Produced for the exhibition of the same name in 1982, it still provides valuable commentary on Scotland's relationship with the Holy See.



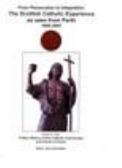
Blairs College: Past and Present £5.00

This DVD takes you on a memorable journey through the history of Blairs up to the exciting recent day events. This includes final footage of the old buildings as well as new interviews with former Blairs pupils, among them Archbishop Mario Conti, and former rector Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien, now Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh. This unique presentation includes previously unseen cine film recordings of Blairs during its prime and looks at the recent decision to rescue and regenerate the Blairs Estate. This DVD is available in PAL format, and is not suitable for most North-American DVD players, but should play on all home pcs. NSTC format can be supplied, please contact the Archive if required.



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The Scottish Catholic Experience as seen from Perth, 1685-2007. Volume One: Catalogue of the Exhibition in St. John the Baptist's Roman Catholic Church



From Persecution to Integration £3.50

The Scottish Catholic Experience as seen from Perth, 1685-2007. Volume Two: A New History of the Catholic Community and Parish of Perth.