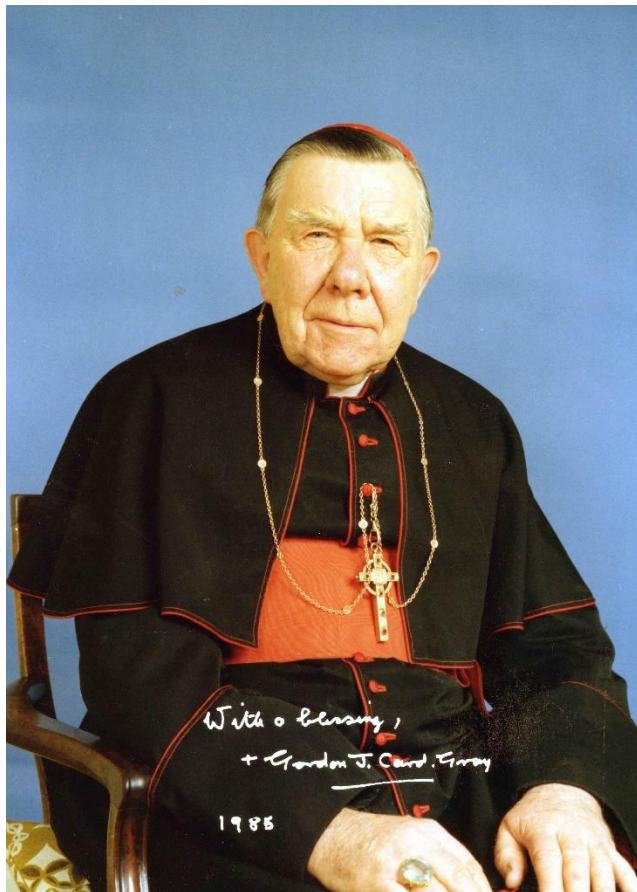




## Gordon Joseph Cardinal Gray



His Eminence, Gordon Joseph Cardinal Gray was born in Leith in 1910.

His father was Frank Gray and his mother was Angela m.s Oddy. He was the youngest of 3 children with elder sister Josephine and elder brother George. He was educated at Holy Cross Academy, Edinburgh and St Joseph's College, Mark Cross, East Sussex, England from 1927 to 1929 and then St John's Seminary, Wonersh from 1929 to 1935.

He was ordained a priest in Edinburgh on the 15th June 1935 by Archbishop Andrew MacDonald - the Archbishop of Edinburgh which one day he would succeed. He then undertook further studies at St Andrews University in Fife where he also served as an assistant priest from 1935 till 1941. He became the first ordained Catholic priest to study there since the Reformation and ultimately, he became the first priest to graduate there since the Reformation.

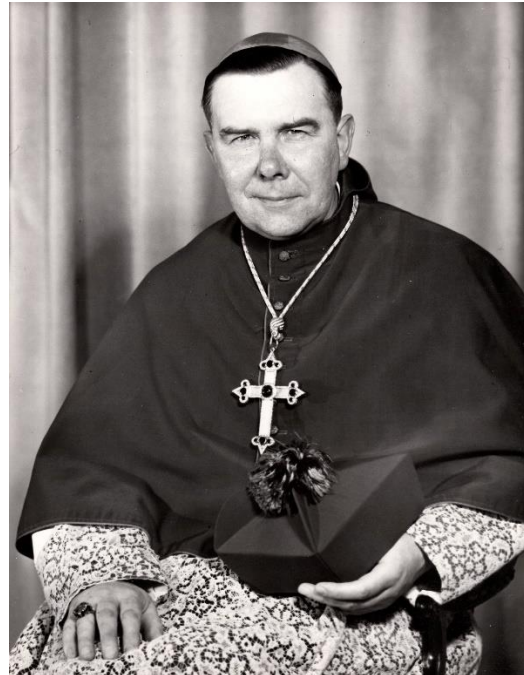
He then went to undertake further studies at St Mary College in London but upon the outbreak of war went instead to the church of St Mary and St David in Hawick where he served from 1941 till 1947.

After leaving Hawick, Fr Gray was appointed as Rector of Blairs College in Aberdeen which was then the Scottish junior Seminary for young men training for the priesthood. He was to remain Rector for 5 years until 1951.

On the 20th June 1951, he was appointed Archbishop of the St Andrews and Edinburgh Archdiocese by Pope Pius XII. His Episcopal Ordination as Archbishop in St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh took place on the 25th September 1951 where the principal concelebrant was Archbishop (ultimately Cardinal) William Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster. The other main concelebrants were Bishop James Donald Scanlan who was at that time Bishop of Dunkeld (ultimately Archbishop of Glasgow) and Bishop Edward Wilson Douglas, Bishop of Motherwell.

On 28th April 1969 Archbishop Gray was created Cardinal by Pope Paul VI - the first resident Cardinal in Scotland since the Reformation.

Cardinal Gray retired on the 30th May 1985. He died on the 19th July 1993 at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and is buried in the crypt of St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh.



Archbishop Gordon Joseph Gray some of his official photographs for his episcopal ordination, 25th September 1951.



HIS GRACE THE MOST REVEREND GORDON JOSEPH GRAY, M.A.  
*Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh*

One of Archbishop Gray's Official photographs after his Episcopal Ordination.



Cardinal Gray en-route to his Episcopal Ordination on the 25th September 1951 as the procession leaves the Archdiocesan offices in York Place for St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral around the corner.





*Archbishop Gordon Joseph Gray celebrates the Council Mass,  
Wednesday, 27th November, 1963.*

During the Second Vatican Council which ran from 1962 to 1965 Archbishop Gray had the opportunity to say Mass for Pope Paul VI and all the other Archbishops and Cardinals that were attending the Council, whilst at the Vatican in 1963. This photograph is reproduced from The St Andrew's Annual 1963 pg 6.



## AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

Each morning, at the beginning of the general congregation of the Ecumenical Council, one or other of the bishops attending celebrates Mass in presence of the assembled Fathers of the Council. The Mass, which inaugurated the seventy-sixth general congregation of the Council, on Wednesday, November 27th, 1963, was offered by the Most Rev. Gordon Joseph Gray, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh. The following day, Thursday, November 28th, 1963, all of the Scottish bishops attending the Second Session of the Council were received in audience at the Vatican Palace by His Holiness Pope Paul VI.



*The Scottish Bishops received in audience by His Holiness Pope Paul VI,  
Thursday, 28th November, 1963.*

The following day Archbishop Gray together with rest of the Scottish Bishops were asked to attend an audience with His Holiness Pope Paul VI on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 1963.





Cardinal Gray with Cardinal Heard who was also a Scottish Cardinal but resident in Rome as Dean of the Rota.



Cardinal Gray and Cardinal Heard together with the Scottish Hierarchy at Scots College Rome.



Canon Thomas McGarvey PP of St Patrick's Kilsyth meets Scotland's first Cardinal for 400 years in Scots College Rome.



Mgr Gerard Rogers then stationed at the Rota in the Vatican and Mgr John Barry then rector at Drygrange.



Pope Paul VI created the Scottish primate Cardinal Priest of S. Chiara a Vigna Clara in the consistory of 28th April 1969, and therefore the first resident Cardinal in Scotland for over 400 years. The photos on this page show the reception at Scots College Rome after this historic event at the Vatican.



Cardinal Gordon Gray at the rear of the Archdiocesan offices in Edinburgh together with a group of priests of the Archdiocese.

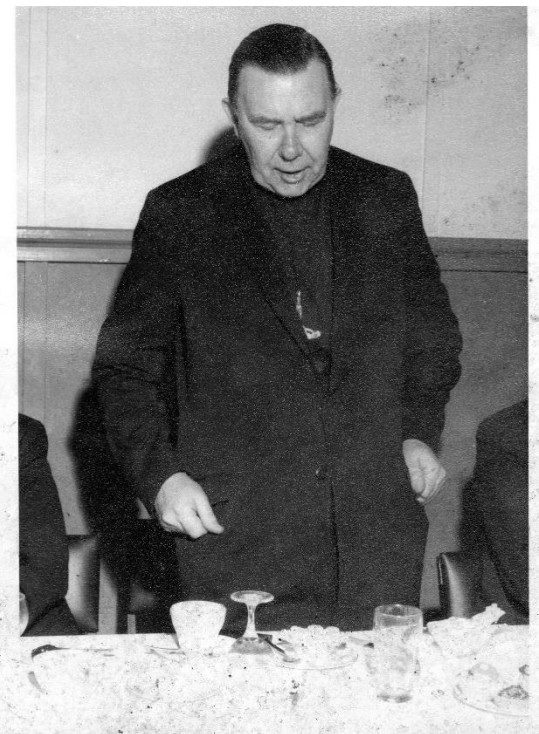




Cardinal Gray opens the new St Patrick's Church in Kilsyth on St Patrick's day, 17th March 1965.



Cardinal Gray with Fr John Gordon and Fr Patrick Brady after their ordination on 18th March 1965 at St Patrick's.



Cardinal Gray makes a speech in St Patrick's old parish halls in Kilsyth.



Cardinal Gray speaks to parishioners in Kilsyth



Cardinal Gray speaks to parishioners in Kilsyth



Cardinal Gray, Canon Thomas McGarvey PP of St Patrick's Kilsyth and Bishop Francis Thomson of Motherwell on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1965 at a celebration dinner in St Patrick's School hall after the opening of the new church.



Cardinal Gray with a group of Scottish pilgrims at Lourdes





On 20 June 1951, Gray was appointed Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh by Pope Pius XII. He received his episcopal ordination on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 1951 from Archbishop William Godfrey, with Bishops James Donald Scanlan (left) and Bishop Edward Wilson Douglas (right) serving as co-consecrators, in St. Mary's Cathedral.



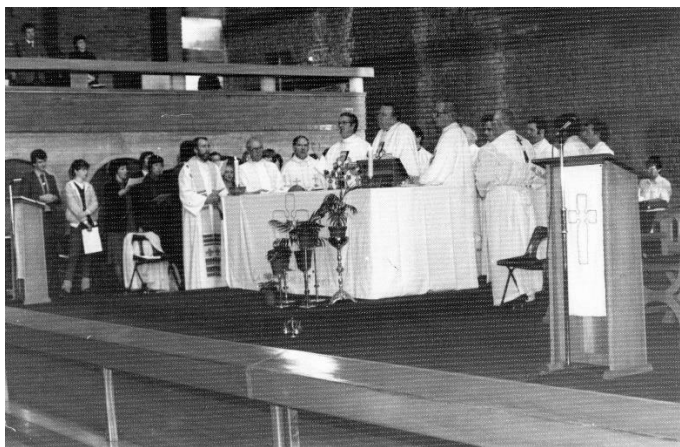


Cardinal Gray officially opens St Patrick's School on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1963, with Director of Stirlingshire Education Department Mr Meldrum.

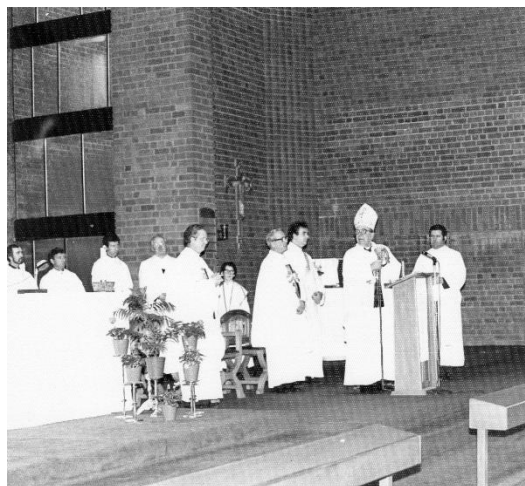


Cardinal Gray officially opens St Patrick's School on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1963 with Canon Thomas McGarvey left and Mrs Jan Allan top right.





Cardinal Gray says Mass at St Patrick's Kilsyth occasion unknown.



Cardinal Gray gives a sermon at St Patrick's Kilsyth on the same occasion.



John Bosco annual fund-raising dinner in Stirling in 1953 with some staff from St Patrick's School Kilsyth (and others). Canon Downey is front row lhs.





Cardinal Gray at Rosewell Midlothian 1973 at the Margaret Sinclair Mass receives offertory gifts. In the background is Fr Denis O'Connell vice postulator of the Cause for the Beatification of the then Blessed (now Venerable) Margaret Sinclair. Also, in this picture is assistant priest, Fr Keith Patrick O'Brien, Cardinal Gray's successor as the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh and ultimately, years later, another Cardinal.



Cardinal Gray with Fr Denis O'Connell PP at St Patrick's Kilsyth 1982 - 1987



Cardinal Gray in St Patrick's Kilsyth old parish hall with parishioners. R rear is Hugh Dempsey and the couple in the centre of the photo are George and Rosina MacDonald.



Cardinal Gray in Kilsyth at a funeral with Canon Michael Downey.



Cardinal Gray in Kilsyth with Canon Thomas McGarvey PP of St Patrick's Kilsyth. This would date the photo as in the period 1956 to 1964 as the old church gates are still visible.



Cardinal Gray walks up the lane to St Patrick's



Cardinal Gray at Dunfermline





Archbishop Gray outside the Cathedral in Edinburgh



Archbishop Gray at Lourdes



Archbishop Gray at Lourdes



Cardinal Gray enters the old Parish Hall in St Patrick's Kilsyth followed by Canon McGarvey



Cardinal Gray at St Patrick's Kilsyth recessional procession - the assistant priest at the Front is Fr McIntyre so the period is 1983 - 85



Cardinal Gray at St Patrick's Kilsyth walking behind Canon Thomas McGarvey





This is another photograph in the same sequence at St Patrick's Kilsyth which shows Fr Denis O'Connell at the head of the procession followed by two unknown priests, then Canon Thomas McGarvey and then Cardinal Gray. Occasion unknown.