

## Fr. Scott Deeley



Father Scott Deeley was born at Glasgow in 1975, the eldest of four.

He attended school at St Mary's, Duntocher and St Columba's, Clydebank. He then went on to read biology at St Andrews University, graduating in 1997.

In the same year he was accepted as a student for the priesthood and commenced his studies at the Royal Scots College and the Pontifical University of Salamanca, completing the STB in 2002.

Father Deeley was ordained to the priesthood on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2004 and appointed to St Patrick's, Kilsyth as curate. During this time, he also assisted at St Paul's, Milton of Campsie and St Dominic's Torrance.

In 2008 he was appointed as assistant priest at St Mary's, West Calder and St Thomas' Addiewell.

In 2009 Father Deeley began studies for the licentiate in Canon Law at the Pontifical Gregorian University, completing the JCL in 2012.

Since returning from Rome, he has served as the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh (2013 - 2024) and has been parish priest at St Philomena's, Winchburgh (2012 - 2015) and St Margaret's South Queensferry (2015 - 2022).

In September 2022, he was re-appointed to Kilsyth, returning as parish priest, the first former curate to return as parish priest in the long history of this parish.

Father Deeley is currently the Vicar Episcopal for Clergy & Religious and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Archdiocese.

In 2010 the Pontifical North American College celebrated 150 years since its foundation by Blessed Pope Pius IX. In January of the same year Pope Benedict XVI graciously granted an audience to the seminarians of the college and the priests of its postgraduate house (Casa Santa Maria) in the Hall of Benedictions at the Vatican. Fr Deeley was among those seminarians who was fortunate enough to meet Pope Benedict XVI that day.



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Fr Deeley assists Archbishop Cushley at Confirmations in St Patrick's April 2024



Fr Deeley inspecting repair works to the roof of St Patrick's May 2023



Fr Deeley washing the clerestory windows on a cherry picker 70ft above the ground June 2023



Fr Deeley in front of the altar at St Patrick's upon his return to Kilsyth as Parish Priest



Fr Deeley preaches the sermon at Solemn Vespers & Benediction on the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King, November 2024



Fr Deeley elevates the monstrance during Benediction on the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King 2024 November 2024

When asked for a farewell message for this website in 2008 upon leaving the parish as curate, Fr Deeley said simply: *'Perhaps just to say that starting out as a priest I could not have wished for a better first appointment than St Patrick's Kilsyth.'*

Fr James Canon Tracey PP of St Patrick's at that time said of him in the newsletter on his departure as Curate in 2008:

*"Fr Deeley leaves us this week to take up his temporary appointment as assistant in St Mary's, West Calder and St Thomas's, Addiewell. We thank him most sincerely for all that he has accomplished in the parish these last four years. We wish him well in his future appointments and assure him of our prayers. On a personal note I would like to thank Fr Deeley for the great support he has given to me these last two and a half years and particularly during my illness".*

It was Fr Deeley who first suggested a website for this parish, so in a way, this site is part of his legacy.



A young Fr Deeley in front of the Lady altar at St Patrick's Kilsyth in August 2004