

Fr. Scott Deeley



Fr. Scott Deeley was born at Yorkhill in November 1975, the eldest of four children.

He attended St Mary's Primary School, Duntocher (1980-1987) and St Columba's Secondary School, Clydebank (1987-1993). On finishing his secondary education, he went on to read zoology at St Andrews University, graduating in 1997 (B.Sc. (Hons)). In the same year he was accepted to train for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of St Andrews and commenced his studies in philosophy and theology at the Royal Scots College, Salamanca.

Fr Deeley was ordained to the priesthood on 12th August 2004 by His Eminence Keith Patrick Cardinal O'Brien at St Mary's Church, Duntocher and appointed as curate at St Patrick's Church, Kilsyth in September 2004. In September 2006 he was also appointed as curate at St. Paul's, Milton of Campsie and St. Dominic's, Torrance. In September 2008 Fr Deeley was appointed as temporary assistant in St Mary's, West Calder and St Thomas's, Addiewell. In February 2009 he took up residence at the Casa Santa Maria of the Pontifical North American College to begin his studies for the License in Canon Law at the Gregorian University in Rome which he subsequently completed.

When asked for a farewell message for this page, he 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'

Fr Tracey said of him in the newsletter on his departure:

"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 new appointment 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 the parish so in a way this site is part of his legacy.

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 who was fortunate enough to meet the Pope that day.





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