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Fr John Deighan



Rev John Deighan visiting Kilsyth in 2011 before his ordination. He was ordained a priest of St Andrews and Edinburgh by Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien on Saturday 30th June 2012 at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh.

John Deighan was born and grew up in Kirkcaldy, Fife. His home parish is St Marie's, Kirkcaldy. After finishing his secondary education at St Andrew's High School he then attended Edinburgh University to study literature. John then undertook study for the priesthood at the Pontifical Scots College in Rome. He completed several pastoral placements as a student in Falkirk, Edinburgh, Glenrothes, Stirling and Livingston, and here St Patrick's Kilsyth from June until September 2010 and again in 2011.

Deo gracias, Fr John completed his journey into the priesthood on Saturday 30th June 2012 at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral in Edinburgh when he was ordained by His Eminence Keith Patrick Cardinal O'Brien, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh assisted by Bishop Stephen Robson.

After his ordination Fr John came back to Kilsyth to impart his special blessing as a newly ordained priest to the people of St Patick's later in 2012.

Fr John Deighan is now the Parish Priest at our mother Church, St Machan's Lennoxton and has been a frequent visitor to Kilsyth in the years since his ordination.



John Deighan - A Student in Rome with Rev Andrew Garden and some others outside St Peter's



Deacon John Deighan before the Lady Altar
in St Patrick's Kilsyth

Deacon John flies the flag for Scotland in the Vatican during Midnight Mass

DEACON John Deighan represented Scotland as the world's attention was focussed on the Vatican City over Christmas.

Mr Deighan, originally from Kirkaldy, was selected to be 'Deacon of the Word' at the Pope's Midnight Mass in St Peter's Basilica.

As one of the key functions of

the deacon is to chant the Gospel in Latin, Mr Deighan had to undergo a 'voice test' to confirm his suitability for the task. However, the test provided no obstacle for Mr Deighan (above) and his considerable musical talent. Neither the voice-test nor the preparations for this special Liturgy presented any difficulties for him.

Whilst a Deacon in Rome, Fr Deighan was chosen to be 'Deacon of the Word' for Pope Benedict XVI at Christmas Midnight Mass, a broadcast which reaches 100's of millions of people each Christmas eve from St Peter's basilica.