

# Autumn 2020

## Newsletter

### Convenor's Welcome

As for everyone else and every other organisation, the Covid pandemic has disrupted the plans of the Scottish Catholic Historical Association. Before the Lockdown we were working on partnering with others to present a research symposium on Scottish religion and women, plans to which we will return in due course. SCHA Council has continued to meet virtually and at our September meeting decided we must develop some public activity even through the ongoing conditions of uncertainty. We intend to offer one or more SCHA lecture through the coming winter months of 2020-21.

SCHA is in its strongest ever financial situation and continues to offer research-support via small bursaries through the 'Bernard Aspinwall' competitive fund. Great appreciation needs to be expressed to our Treasurer, Andrew Nicoll, for his wise stewardship here. Our new website has also become a much more attractive affair during 2020 and will be developed further. In the past year too (October 2019) we held a very successful one-day symposium at the University of Aberdeen, particularly highlighting the wonderful resource afforded by the Scottish Catholic Archives (pre-1878) housed in Aberdeen. Warm thanks to our now outgone secretary, Dr Iida Saarinen, for all her hard work in arranging the Aberdeen symposium and in her time generally on Council. And I know that Council also joins with me to wish her all good things for her future. Iida was replaced early in 2020 by Stephen Scholes, who is Lecturer in Education at the Crichton campus of the University of Glasgow. Stephen's efficiency and excellent organisational intelligence are already much in evidence on Council.

Our journal, *The Innes Review*, continues to be an outstanding success for SCHA and for its publisher Edinburgh University Press under Editor, Dr John Reuben Davies, Assistant Editor, Dr Linden Bicket and Reviews Editor, Dr Miles Kerr-Paterson. It is a delight to congratulate Linden on the birth of her baby girl, Rosa Aoibheann, this summer. As the Association celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, a specially curated online selection of some of the *Innes Review*'s historic content will soon be available from EUP, and the most recent print-issue (summer 2020) offers material from our hugely successful Glasgow conference in 2018, commemorating the Education (Scotland) Act of 2018. The history of education has been a perennial concern in the journal throughout its existence and for the Association in general.

I am personally very pleased that as Convenor of SCHA I am now on the Board of Trustees for the Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust, under the aegis of the Scottish Catholic Bishops Conference. The SCHCT has oversight of the Scottish Catholic Archives and Blairs Museum, resources crucial to ongoing research work on Scottish Catholic history and so it is vital for there to be a fruitful working relationship between SCHCT and SCHA.

Finally, I'd like to extend sincere thanks to my fellow Council members for their sterling work over the past year and to all members of the SCHA for helping make the *Innes*, our events and the Association generally an ever-productive concern.

Professor Gerard Carruthers, Convenor.

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## The Innes Review is 70!

The Scottish Catholic Historical Association's journal *The Innes Review* is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. To mark this milestone a special anniversary virtual issue of *The Innes Review* has been published online.

Kieran Taylor, a member of the SCHA council, has provided a survey of the scholarship published in *The Innes Review* over the last seven decades. Readers can also enjoy exploring the Editor's selection of research articles exhibiting the scope, quality and range of work published since the journal was founded.

You can access the virtual issue here: <https://www.eupublishing.com/inr/virtualissues>

## The Bernard Aspinwall Prize

Entries from postgraduate students and early career researchers are invited for an essay competition in honour of Bernard Aspinwall (1938-2013). Submissions of around 6,000 words are welcomed on any aspect of Scottish Catholic history and dealing with any period. The winning entry will be awarded a prize of £250. The winning essay will, subject to normal peer-review and editing process, be eligible for publication in *The Innes Review*.

There is a rolling deadline for the prize and applications are accepted year-round.

Please send the entry submissions (with 'SCHA Essay Competition' in the subject field), accompanied by a brief covering letter (detailing eligibility) and contact details, to [scha.1950@gmail.com](mailto:scha.1950@gmail.com).

## Supporting Scholarship: Digitization Fund

The Scottish Catholic Historical Association are delighted to announce that we will be further supporting research on Scottish Catholic history through our Digitization Fund. This fund will support researchers by providing a contribution to the costs of accessing digitised material, as we recognise the impact COVID-19 has had on the ability to access key sources.

More details will be made available on our website and on our social media channels when the fund goes live in the very near future.

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### Publicise your Project

The SCHA aims to support and share research into all aspects of Scottish Catholic history and are keen to publicise exciting projects at whatever stage they may be at. As part of this work we are inviting researchers who are undertaking research on a project related to Scottish Catholic history to get in touch with us and to provide an overview of their work.

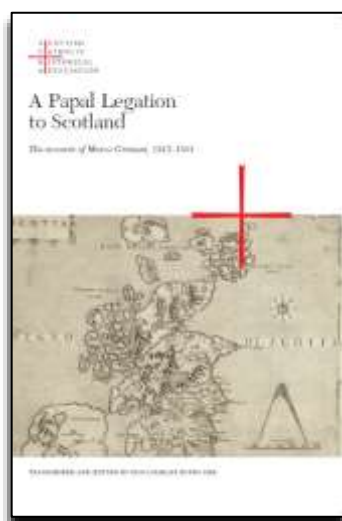
We invite academics, doctoral students, independent-researchers, and project teams to provide the SCHA with a short overview of their research project (aims, sources, (intended) outputs and (potential) findings). Overviews should be no more than 400 words in length and SCHA will share the project overviews via its newsletters, website, and social media channels. In addition, SCHA may also recommend publication of the project briefs in *The Innes Review*.

Please send project briefs (with 'SCHA Project Brief' in the subject field) and contact details to [scha.1950@gmail.com](mailto:scha.1950@gmail.com).

### SCHA Book Shop

Are you looking for something to read in the 'new normal'? Perhaps one of the Associations new titles, or a back issue of the Innes Review would help?

The following titles are available to order from the Treasurer. Please send cheques, payable to the *Scottish Catholic Historical Association*, to *SCHA, 1/19 Spring Gardens, Edinburgh EH8 8HU*. Please make sure to add the postage to your order value.



#### **A Papal Legation to Scotland The Account of Marco Grimani, 1543–1544**

Transcribed and edited by Mgr. Charles Burns

ISBN 978-0-9575756-1-5, Published by the SCHA  
Edinburgh 2018.

Price £10. Postage: £2.60 UK; £5.00 Europe; £9.00  
Worldwide

*“Politics are often compared to a game of chess, in which carefully studied moves are suddenly arrested by the removal of a single piece, even of a simple pawn, from the board, and fresh tactics are called into play. On the political stage, too, cleverly made policies must be abandoned at the unforeseen exit of a leading actor.”*

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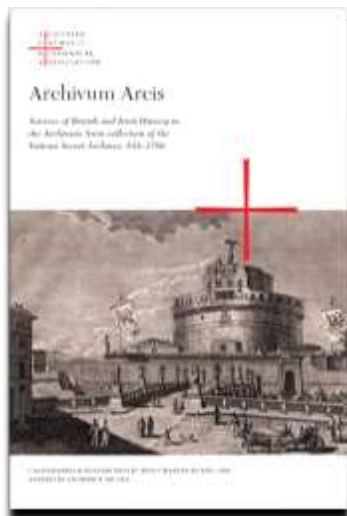
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With the death of James V of Scotland in 1542, a dire sequence of events altered the course of Scottish history. A disastrous, brief military campaign against his uncle Henry VIII of England, ended abruptly with the total rout of his army and a complete loss of prestige. The nation was confronted with two constitutional problems of paramount importance. Who should take the infant Mary Queen of Scots into ward and govern the country during her minority? And for whom should she be destined for marriage? Paris and Rome negotiated a joint policy that would safeguard the accepted balance of political power, in which Scotland was allied with France, and forestall any designs that might bring the nation into the Lutheran camp. To implement this in practice, the pope appointed as his legate with plenipotentiary powers to the Scottish court the patriarch of Aquileia, Marco Grimani. This is the account of his legation to Scotland in 1543–1544.

Monsignor Charles Burns, a Canon of St Peter's Basilica and priest of the diocese of Paisley in Scotland, served as Archivist to the Vatican Secret Archives for 35 years. He has been intimately connected to the archival sources of British and Irish history in the Vatican for much of his life holding a doctorate in Church history from the Pontifical Gregorian University and diploma from the Vatican School of Palaeography. He currently serves as Ecclesiastical Advisor to the British Embassy to the Holy See and holds the Order of the British Empire for services to the United Kingdom.



### **Archivum Arcis: Sources of British and Irish History in the Archivum Arcis collection of the Vatican Secret Archives, 855–1789**

Calendared and researched by Mgr. Charles Burns

ISBN 978-0-9575756-2-2. Published by the SCHA, Edinburgh  
2017.

Price £15.

Postage: £2.60 UK; £5.00 Europe; £9.00 Worldwide

*“For almost two thousand years the Castel Sant’Angelo has occupied its present prominent position on the banks of the Tiber in Rome. It was the safest repository for the most important muniments of the Apostolic See – the Archivum Arcis.”*

The Archivum Arcis collection of the Vatican Secret Archives contains the records of papal privileges, title-deeds to possession of lands and the like. Imperial and royal charters, many with gold seals affixed, acts of homage to the popes, documents emanating from the general councils, being among the more spectacular items in a collection that embraced wide horizons of history. This calendar records over 500 documents relating to the history of the British Isles found in the collection.

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**St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, Edinburgh  
A history, 1814-2014**

By Darren Tierney

ISBN 978-0-9575756-4-6. Published by the SCHA, Edinburgh,  
2018

Price £15.

Postage and packing: £2.60 UK; £5.00 Europe; £9.00 Worldwide

*“Built in 1814, and originally hidden by its surroundings, the Chapel of St Mary in Broughton Street has grown continually over two centuries and represents a significant element of the Catholic presence in the City of Edinburgh and Scotland.”*

Buildings are only part of a story though – they form the shell within which the people and community can exist and grow. This work details the history of the mother parish of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, exploring the historical background to the foundation of the chapel and its early years and development. Protagonists such as Bishops Gillis and Strain are key to the further revival of the faith during the 19th century, and the foundations are set for our understanding of how the Church and community developed and grew throughout the twentieth century – before entering its third century, less hidden and much more visible.

Darren Tierney is a former trustee of the Scottish Catholic Historical Association. He has published a number of works on the history of the Catholic Church in Scotland. His PhD explored the financial development of the Catholic Church in Scotland between 1772 and the late-nineteenth century. His primary research interest is the modern Catholic Church and community in Scotland.

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## The Innes Review



Some issues of The Innes Review are still available to purchase from the Association. As of December 2017, the following are available. Each issue costs £2, and postage and packing is charged at £1 each.

Year	Vol	Issue	Year	Vol	Issue	Year	Vol	Issue
1959	10	2	1976	27	2	1997	48	2
1960	11	1	1977	28	1	1998	49	1
1962	13	1	1978	29	2	1998	49	2
1962	13	2	1979	30	1	1999	50	1
1963	14	1	1980	31	2	1999	50	2
1964	15	2	1981	32	1	2000	51	2
1965	16	2	1981	32	2	2000	52	1
1966	17	1	1982	33	1	2001	52	2
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1975	26	1	1996	47	1			
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### Gift Aid

Members are reminded that, as with many other charities, the Scottish Catholic Historical Association qualifies for the Gift Aid scheme and we commend it to you as a way in which the Association might increase the funds available to it to further our aims. If you are a UK taxpayer, please read the guidance on the HMRC website – [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk) – regarding Gift Aid. If you have not already completed a Gift Aid form, please email the Treasurer ([scha.1950@gmail.com](mailto:scha.1950@gmail.com)) and a form can be emailed to you.

### Keeping in Touch

#### *Website*

There is a wealth of information available on the website about the Association, its activities, and its history. We invite members to explore the new site and check back regularly for updates and information. The website can be accessed at the following web address: [www.scha.scot](http://www.scha.scot)

#### *E-mail Contacts*

Members who have not yet indicated an email address are kindly asked to do so by contacting Edinburgh University Press who manage our membership database. Similarly, if any of your contact details have changed, please get in touch with them to update your details so that you will not miss out on issues of the newsletter, updates on events and *The Innes Review*. If you have subscribed to receive a print copy of the journal, this will continue to be sent to you by post. Edinburgh University Press can be contacted at [journals@eup.ed.ac.uk](mailto:journals@eup.ed.ac.uk) or, preferably, through their website by logging into your account at [www.euppublishing.com/action/showLogin](http://www.euppublishing.com/action/showLogin).

#### *Social Media*

The Association has also significantly increased its social media presence. Feel free to follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/scha1950](http://www.twitter.com/scha1950) or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/scottishcatholichistory/](http://www.facebook.com/scottishcatholichistory/).

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