

St Mary's Phase 1 – Church Exterior - Project Overview compiled by John O'Meara

(Diocesan Property Manager)

Completion Target: 15/09/2025

Current Status: Ahead of schedule despite some weather-related delays (32 hours total to date)

Progress Summary

Site Setup: 100% complete.

Scaffold Erection: South and East/South near completion; North yet to start.

Rainwater Goods: Largely installed (South 100%, East/South 75%, North not yet started).

Slate Repairs: ~50% complete.

Joinery: Mostly done on South and East/South.

Masonry:

- o **South:** Complete.
- o **East/South & North:** Not yet started or early stages.

Painting: Mostly done; touch-ups ongoing.

Key Issues and Actions

Scaffold Safety: Youths climbing; additional Heras fencing installed, and ladders removed daily.

Interior Scaffold: Will be needed, timing must align with church services.

Funding: Grant delays caused brief payment holdup; additional grants being pursued.

Stained Glass: Grants pending for sanctuary windows.

Boiler House: Chimney removal complete. Structure will be demolished once scaffold is removed.

Health, Safety & Environment

No safety or environmental issues reported.

Quality monitored regularly by site manager.

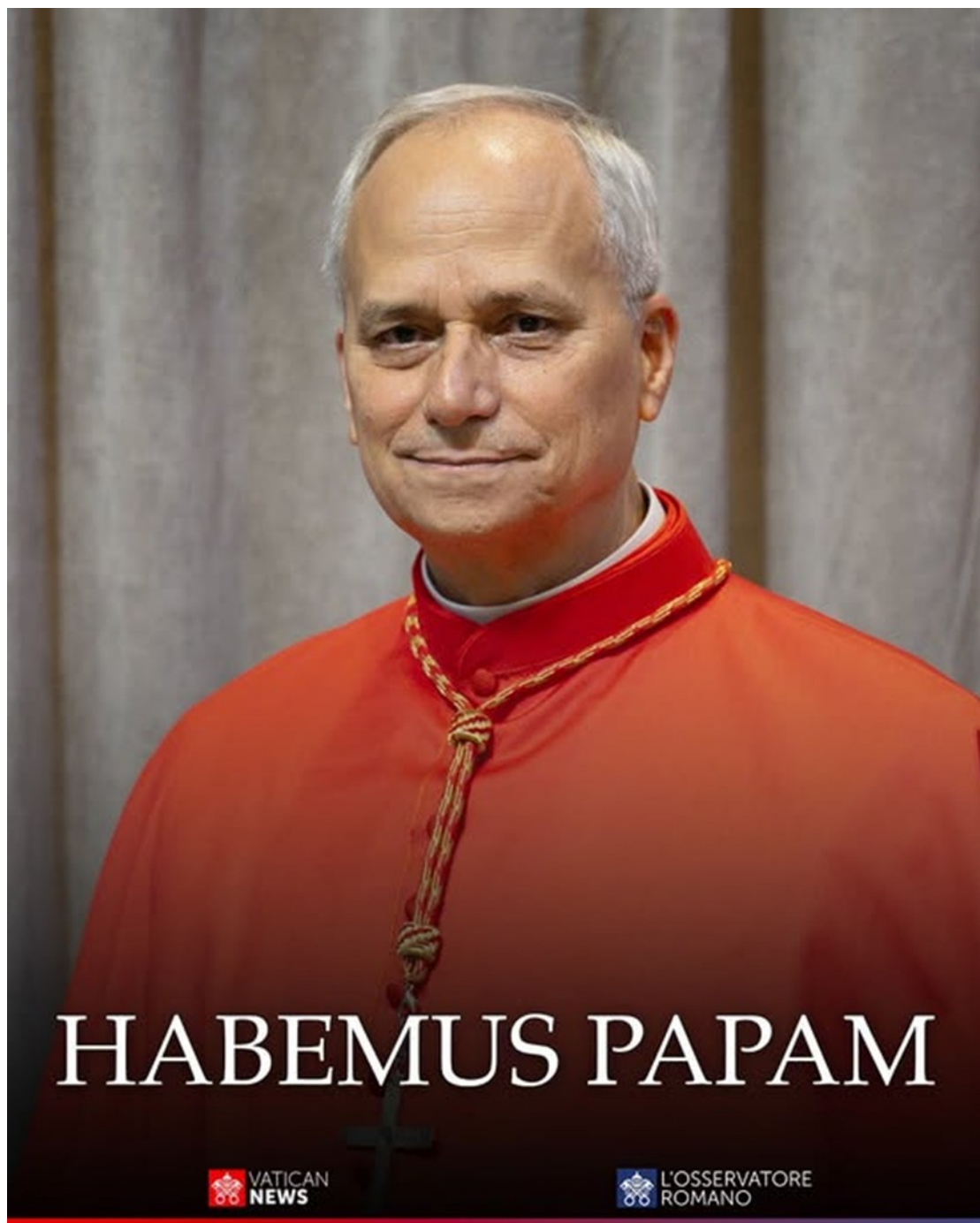
Security enhanced due to youth activity on-site.

The indefatigable Sherlock Holmes does it again!

Many thanks to Gerry Fulton and his cast for holding the premiere of Holmes on the Hilltoon in St Mary's Lochee. The performance was filled with laughter and Dundonian idiom. Proceeds from the evening will be shared between St Mary's Restoration Fund and Mary's Meals.

Thanks also to those parishioners who helped set up, provide refreshments, and clear away. Finally, thanks to all who attended.





The Bishops' Conference of Scotland welcomes the election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, Cardinal Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, as Pope Leo XIV. It asks all Catholics in Scotland to pray for the new Pope as he begins his ministry. During his short address to the faithful from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo highlighted that his pontificate would be a service of peace. His opening words were the greeting of the risen Christ to his disciples, "Peace be with you"; a greeting given by our Lord to those who were afraid and doubting. Pope Leo prayed that peace would enter the hearts of all men and women, of all families and nations and that evil would be overcome.

Echoing the words of Pope Francis and thanking our late Holy Father, the new Pope asked for dialogue and building bridges, for walking together on a synodal path as missionaries in our world. Pope Leo reminded the crowds that he is a son of St Augustine, the great saint and doctor of the Church, who brought light and understanding to a world that was falling apart in the 4th century. We pray that our new Holy Father will bring that same spirit of peace, light and understanding to all men and women in Scotland and throughout the world, that the Church will embrace those who are afraid and doubting.

God bless our Pope