



**LEO**

**DEI ET APOSTOLICÆ SEDIS GRATIA  
ARCHIEPISCOPUS S. ANDREÆ ET  
EDIMBURGENSIS**

**DECREE**

**OF RELEGATION OF THE CHURCH OF  
ST MARY, RATHO TO PROFANE BUT  
NOT SORDID USE**

**Preamble**

1. Whereas on 13 July 2018, the extinctive union of the parishes of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Currie and St Mary, Ratho was decreed to become effective on 8 September 2018 (cf. Prot. N. 20/18);
2. Whereas following the extinctive union, the church of St Mary, Ratho is now no longer used for the Sacred Liturgy;

3. Whereas the liturgies of the parish are celebrated at Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Currie;
4. Whereas Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Currie, within whose boundaries St Mary's church is located, does not use nor need to use St Mary's church;
5. Whereas the disused church of St Mary will become a growing financial burden and will take parish funds away from important pastoral work and programmes;
6. Whereas, the recommendation of the Council of Priests, meeting for the proper and informed consultation on 7 March 2018, 28 March 2018 and 25 April 2018, was that the church of St Mary, Ratho should be reduced to profane but not sordid use (cf. can. 1222, §2);
7. Whereas the necessary consent has also been received as per can. 1222, §2 and;
8. Whereas, after due consideration, it is foreseen that the good of souls would not be harmed by the relegation of the disused church of St Mary, Ratho;
9. I, Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh hereby

## **DECREE**

### **That the church of St Mary, Ratho be relegated to profane but not sordid use**

10. That the relegation is effective immediately.

#### **Furthermore**

11. Notice is given that if a person considers himself aggrieved by this administrative DECREE, that person is within his or her canonical rights to seek revocation or emendation according to the norm of can. 1734 and to make hierarchical recourse according to the norm of can. 1737;
12. I instruct that this DECREE be communicated immediately to the Parish Priest of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Currie and that he post this DECREE in the church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Currie;

13. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Edinburgh, 27 September, in the Year of Our Lord, 2019.

+ *LW Cumbly*

Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh

*in cuius rei fidem*

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Chancellor

