

St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education

Theology Thursdays 17.00-18.00

Theme for 2025 - Catholic School Leadership: Theory or Theology?

'Theology Thursdays' is a programme of seminars aimed at non-experts and beginners. Each seminar has a particular theological focus, lasts for one hour, with a short input by an invited speaker followed by discussion and Q&A. For Season 5, the theme will be Catholic School Leadership and sessions will focus on some of the questions that need to be addressed to support and sustain Catholic school leaders in and through their faith leadership.

In this series questions such as 'is there a theology of Catholic school leadership?' will be considered and we will hear about the enactment of this from experienced school and faith leaders. The final session will take the format of a roundtable discussion with representatives of Scotland's Catholic Headteacher Associations. The sessions will take place in-person at University of Glasgow and will also be live streamed and recorded.

Register your attendance [here](#).

| Date | Theme | Speakers |
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| Thursday 16th January | Theory and theology of Catholic School Leadership - mapping the field to go forward | Professor Margery McMahon |
| Thursday 20th February | Vision and mission – connecting and leading | Marguerite Hamilton, Leader of the Columba Community of Prayer and Reconciliation and former Principal of Thornhill College, Derry |
| Thursday 20th March | Servant leadership for today's Catholic schools | Raymond Friel, OBE, Visiting Professor, St Mary's University, former headteacher and CEO of two multi academy trusts and currently CEO of Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). |
| Thursday 24th April | Faith, leadership, social justice and equality – navigating terrain, tensions and legislation | Educational Leadership Research Practice Partnership – University of Glasgow and Glasgow City Council |
| Thursday 22nd May | CHAPS - Catholic Association of Primary Headteachers in Scotland CHAS - Catholic Association of Secondary Headteachers in Scotland | Roundtable with CHAS and CHAPS |