

St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education
Theology Thursdays 17.00-18.00
Room 526 Ogilvie Room, St Andrew's Building
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: <https://forms.office.com/e/ycvfZ87fLY>

| Date - 2025 | Speakers | Theme |
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| Thursday 16th January | Professor Margery McMahon | Theory and theology of Catholic School Leadership - mapping the field to go forward |
| Thursday 20th February | Marguerite Hamilton, Leader of the Columba Community of Prayer and Reconciliation and former Principal of Thornhill College, Derry | Vision and mission – connecting and leading |
| Thursday 20th March* * ONLINE * | 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). | Servant leadership for today's Catholic schools |
| Thursday 24th April | Educational Leadership Research Practice Partnership – University of Glasgow and Glasgow City Council | Faith, leadership, social justice and equality – navigating terrain, tensions and legislation |
| Thursday 22nd May | Roundtable with CHAS and CHAPS | CHAPS - Catholic Association of Primary Headteachers in Scotland CHAS - Catholic Association of Secondary Headteachers in Scotland |