



Scottish Catholic Studies Arts Lab (SCAL)

University of Glasgow

Colloquium – 30th April 2026

Call for Papers –

‘What is Scottish Catholic Studies?’

SCAL is a forum for scholarly interaction with Catholic Studies in a Scottish context. In this colloquium, we are looking to explore exactly what Scottish Catholic Studies is, what it entails, and where it might go in the future.

The colloquium will feature new papers on the topic of Scottish Catholic Studies, which we now seek in this call. The second half of the event will also include a discussion, open to all participants, on ‘what is Scottish Catholic Studies’?

Keynote speaker (AM): Scott Spurlock, Professor of Scottish and Early Modern Christianities.

We invite proposals for 20-minute papers on any aspect of Scottish Catholic Studies from researchers and educators from any field. Topics may include (but are not limited to):

- ❖ Catholicism in Scottish literature and culture, philosophy and theology
- ❖ Catholic education in Scotland
- ❖ Heritage and archives
- ❖ Commemoration practices (in consecrated and/or contested spaces)
- ❖ The role of digital media
- ❖ Hagiography and/or historiography

Please submit a title and abstract, along with a brief biography, to

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