

**Welcome to**  
**St Andrew's Cathedral,**  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
**St Patrick's, Stobswell,**  
**& St Mary's, Forebank,**

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**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**1 February 2026**

*Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time -  
Year of Matthew (A)*

**Dear Friends and Parishioners,**

As we share the Masses together this weekend, I ask you to keep Bishop Andrew's father in your prayers, as he is seriously ill in hospital in Glasgow at this time. Please also remember the Bishop's mother, Bishop himself and all the family in your prayers. Thank you.

This Sunday, Bishop Stephen will celebrate the 11am Solemn Mass in the Cathedral, and Father Johnpaul will celebrate the 9.30am in St Patrick's. I shall celebrate the other Masses. JP will also celebrate the 10am in Broughty Ferry on Tuesday, the 10am in the Cathedral on Thursday & Saturday and the Vigil Mass in Broughty Ferry the same day.



Monday 2 February is the **Feast of the Presentation of Lord in his Temple** and it is also the **Day of Prayer for those in consecrated life**. We shall welcome the Religious from across the Diocese to the 1pm Mass in the Cathedral on

Monday, along with some of our own diocesan priests. You would be very welcome to come and join us. The Mass will be sung and will include the blessing of Candles and the Candlemas Procession. The other Masses on Monday will be simple.

**This week's Masses**

**St Andrew's Cathedral**

Monday - Friday at 1pm

Saturday at 10am (with Novena) then Confessions

**St Mary's, Forebank**

Monday at 11.30am

**No Mass on Tuesday**

Wednesday at 11.30am

**No Mass on Thursday**

Friday at 11.30am

**St Patrick's**

**Monday at 9.45am**

Thursday at 9.30am

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**Monday at 10.30am**

Tuesday at 10am

Wednesday at 10am

**Thursday at 10.30am**

Friday at 10am

On Tuesday I will celebrate the Funeral Mass for Peter Angus RIP as 10am in St Joseph's, with Peter being received into church on Monday at 5pm.

The Funeral Mass for Mr. Frank Carrie RIP (father of Father Michael Carrie) will take place in St Mary's, Lochee, on Thursday at 11.45am.

*The beauty of being Christian*



*The privilege of being Catholic*

**Journey of faith/RCIA**

We continue this

**Wednesday 4 February** with further epiphanies and journeys into the heart of faith and how it is lived in service, witness and Liturgy in our Catholic tradition under the inspiration and guidance of God's Holy Spirit. 7pm start at St Mary's Forebank, Church Hall.

If you are unbaptised and seeking the Sacraments of Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist at this year's Easter Vigil, please come along to the Journey of Faith sessions at 7pm in St Mary's Hall on Wednesdays.

If you are already baptised Catholic but have not been Confirmed, Bishop Andrew will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults at the Cathedral on Pentecost Day - .24 May. Please let me know if you wish to be Confirmed. Please also prepare for these by attending the Journey of faith sessions.



This Sunday we will hear the *Beatitudes* — some of the strongest statements we hear from Jesus in the gospels. We heard them around twelve weeks ago when we

gathered to celebrate All Saints' Day. But imagine hearing them for the first time, more than 2000 years ago! The rule of divine retribution was deeply ingrained in these people of the first century. These statements starkly reveal that the people chosen as exemplars of nearness to God are actually all marginal, dependent people.

Further, Jesus reveals that the key feature of *blessedness* is that it involves living a deliberately chosen and cultivated sort of life which is not involved in the power and violence of the world, and which, because of this, actually makes the ones living it immensely vulnerable to being turned into victims.

This is a theme taken up by Jesus throughout this *Sermon on the Mount*. And Matthew revisits the same theme in the judgement scene towards the end of his narrative, like a mirror image. In that famous passage, judgement is defined not in terms of belonging to this or that group, or believing this or that dogma. The judgement is presented in terms of the human relationships towards victims, those who hunger, thirst, are naked, sick, or imprisoned. Those who have truly understood, whether or not they know anything about Jesus, are those who have seen their way out of the self-deception of the world which is blind to its victims, and have reached out to help them. The intelligence of the victim! And of course, as we share the Mass together, we rediscover that it is a victim, a crucified and risen Victim who is also the judge of the world, and that the world is judged in the light of its relationship to this crucified and risen Victim.

As we journey into the Beatitudes this Sunday we long that the day will come when the church, the parish, shines fully with the effects of living those Beatitudes: when we will together truly be peace makers, hunger for justice and actively show God's mercy. But meanwhile we thank God for where we are and what we have: we thank God for the sensitivity we have in our parishes for the stranger, the housebound, the sick, the bereaved, the lonely, the children, the poor.

Thank the Lord today in the Liturgy for what he enables you already to offer. Implore him to shine his light on your pathway, to make real the hymns we sing, not least about *seeking his kingdom first*. Further, implore him about the *graces we resist* and the *chances we have missed*, that in answer he will help our generosity and our resolve, to grow so that his Beatitudes really are alive in our lives.



Aid to the  
Church in Need  
ACN UNITED KINGDOM

On Saturday 14  
February and Sunday 15  
February we will  
welcome Peter  
Diamond, from **Aid to the Church in Need** (ACN), to speak at the Masses in Broughty Ferry and St Mary's, Forebank. (Peter is the nephew of the late Father Martin Chambers RIP.) He will share information about Persecuted Christians around the world, who face all kinds of terrible hardships, just for believing in Jesus. There will be a special collection that day in the Ferry & Forebank for ACN, a Pontifical Foundation of the Church that has over 5000 projects in more than 140 countries around the world.

Peter will also bring with him a photo exhibition entitled "**Portraits of Courage**" - breath-taking images of inspiring Christians from all over the world. Portraits of Courage will shine a light on the stories of persecuted and suffering Christians from individuals and places you have never heard of until now. The exhibition will be held in St Mary's, Forebank on Sunday 15 February after the 11.30am Mass. Please feel welcome to come along and share the Mass with us that day, then have refreshments in the hall afterwards and view the exhibition.

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*We also hope to have refreshments regularly (monthly) on the first Sunday of each month at St Mary's, beginning in March.*

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**Thank you** for your generosity last Sunday of £867 in the Cathedral, £530 in St Mary's, £396 in St Patrick's and £668 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

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**The Cathedral Choir** which sings at the 11am Mass each Sunday seeks new members. Please come and speak to Mary at the organ if you are interested.

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**The SPUC Dundee Branch with Dunkeld Diocese invites you to an Afternoon for Life.** On Saturday 21st February from 12.30pm to 3pm. At St Mary's Hall, Forebank Road (bottom hall).

Please come along for all or part of the afternoon. For further information:

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**Our prayers for the sick:** Sharmalie Nandadasa, Steve Hackney, Iris Penrose, Father Malcolm Hutchison, Jenny Wilson, Russell Walker, Ray Ritchie, Dr Frank Zwolinski, Tommie Feeney, Anneke Anderson, Cole Farningham, Ivy Denis, John Charkow, Heather Moffit, Susan McKay, Ray Conchie, Marie Manunga, Karen Dammer, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Marian Jackson;

**Our prayers for those who have died recently:** Letizia Giuffrida, Frank Carrie, Alice McGovern;

**and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Frank Markie, Mary Angus, Edward O'Fee, Michael Duffy, Helen Fagan, Patricia Farnan, Rennie Connelly, Rachel Henderson, Helen Heffell; Giuseppina Carena, Margaret Quinn, Peggy Quinn, Mary McIvor, Jim Robertson, William Barnett, Michael Toolan, Bruno Dello Sterpaio, Christiaan van der Kuyl, Monsignor Ben Donachie, Annie Lafferty, John Caldwell, Sister Anne Green LSP, Catherine Ravey, Bernice Connelly, Adrian Whytock; Marion Barry.