

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

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**12th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
13 June 2021**

Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

This Sunday as we share in the gift of the Liturgy we will be strengthened in faith as the Lord calms the storm and desires to hold us up in his strength when we face the struggles and storms of life.

Let's share in our Masses with fervour and devotion so we can gain all the grace we need for the week ahead.

For those with a **gluten intolerance** we have altar breads in each church with a very low gluten content; please never hesitate to ask for a low gluten host.

I look forward to celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with some of our young people and with three adults in St Mary's, Forebank this coming Tuesday at 7pm. Please remember them in your prayer.

Many Congratulations to Father Jorney Raphael of St Ninian's, Menzieshill, who is celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination at this time and also to Monsignor Basil O'Sullivan of Dunblane/Auchterarder who reaches the milestone of 65 years in the ordained ministry this month, a wonderful achievement of faithful priesthood.

Thank you for your generosity on Sunday 13 June of £465 in the Cathedral, £384 in Our Lady of Good Counsel and £323 in St Mary's.

There is a **Children's Liturgy of the Word** for this Sunday on the Cathedral Facebook page. Our grateful thanks to the Cathedral Liturgy team for this.

Bible Alive and **Day by Day**

Thanks to those who keep up their payments of these booklets each month. If you receive either of these publications and have forgotten to keep up your payments over the times of lockdown etc it would be helpful if these were made good now.

I still have some of the St Joseph Family Prayer books. There is no charge for these, due to the kindness of a parishioner. Please let me know if you would like one.

Sunday Masses

Vigil Masses: 4pm in the Cathedral

5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel

Day Masses: 9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel

11am & 6pm in Cathedral 11.15am in St Mary's

You need book a place for Mass on Sundays in the Cathedral and in Our Lady of Good Counsel. There is no need to book in St Mary's, Forebank.

**Forthcoming Sunday Mass
Bookings**

My booking team will release Mass bookings in future weeks for the Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel as follows:

Weekends of 26/27 June and 3/4 July:

Monday 21 June from approximately 6pm

Weekends of 10/11 and 17/18 July:

Monday 5 July from approximately 6pm

Weekends of 24/25 July and 31 July/1

August:

Monday 19 July from approximately 6pm

How to book for Mass on Eventbrite:

Click the link for the Church you wish to book at:

Cathedral:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-good-friday-liturgy-at-st-andrews-cathedral-dundee-tickets-112091962076>

Our Lady of Good Counsel:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-mass-at-our-lady-of-good-counsel-rc-church-broughty-ferry-tickets-112956403644>

Phone Bookings: If you have NO access to the internet call 07561 699557 and leave a message.

Weekday Mass this week

(there is no need to book for weekday Mass)

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Monday – Friday at 10am
Morning Prayer at 9.45am

St Mary's, Forebank

Monday - Friday at 11.30am

St Andrew's Cathedral

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 1pm

Thursday at 11am

— please note time

Saturday at 10am (with Novena to Our Lady)

CONFESSIONS on request before any Mass

Our Prayers

for the sick: Ian Davidson, Jane Budge, Alan McKenzie, Joyce Scott, John McCarry, Margaret McMenemy, Tony Beck, Isobel Blackmore, Karen Dammer, Bridie Mossey, Mel Caullay, Allison Matthew, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Baby Ben Welsh, Thinley Chodron, Sharon McNally, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Gillian Steedman, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Lily Jane Douglas, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

those who have died recently: Isabella Crowe (Senior), Sheila Anderson, Allan May, Helen Bell, Anne Morgan, Margaret Makusa Nkomeshya, Brother Robert Lee, Rosanna Cabrelli,

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Agnes Walker, Betty Docherty, Anthony Callaghan, Patrick McGhee, Rose Taylor, Lizzie Brown, Marion Mayer, Christina Francesca Ritchie, Michael Dooley, Janie Robertson, David Ireland, Mary Chivers, Ann Jane Cairns, Jean Clark, Anthony Callaghan, Patrick McGhee, Thomas Lavery, Rose Taylor, Lizzie Brown, Moira Wilkie.

All at sea!



Have you ever been seasick?

Listening to this Sunday's first reading and Gospel might bring to mind some unpleasant experiences on board a ship, especially in a bad storm. In the first reading, Job isn't at sea (except in his emotional state!). But God is addressing this ancient holy man out of the midst of a fierce storm. God asks Job to think about the power of the sea and its waves. That power, God says, is kept in check by God's greater power!

Switch to the Gospel—here the disciples and Jesus are sailing in a bad storm, and the boat is in some danger. When the disciples wake him with the warning that they're in danger of sinking, the power of God described in the first reading is brought to bear, as Christ calms the wind and the waves.

Now I've never been in a really bad storm at sea. Nor have I been seasick, although I've been with a friend who was pretty miserable on a relatively calm sail. But I have been tossed about by emotional winds and waves in my life. And—like the disciples—I've wondered if Jesus cared that I was sinking. So this Sunday, I'll be taking the Gospel to heart, and I hope you will too!

Is Christ asleep? We might often be tempted to think so when we sit by impotently watching the sufferings of a loved one, or in the face of personal tragedy, or in times of depression or despondency. In such moments we instinctively turn to God and yet sometimes we don't find him or he seems far away apparently busy with other matters.

But what do we know? We imperfect creatures thinking that we know how the creator of the universe ought to behave when we hardly get the slightest thing right in our own lives. Yet without hesitation we cry out just like those disciples, 'Lord, don't you care about us?'

But in our Gospel passage this Sunday Jesus does

calm the storm. And that's just it; he does calm the storm, not all storms forever; but each storm individually at the right moment, just when it is needed. After all, he is the one in charge; he is the one who knows what is really going on. We see only *through a glass darkly*, as St Paul says. We only have part of the picture in view and from our own perspective. And we always want to be the judge in our own case.

With scripture, especially the Gospels, it is interesting always to look closely at the text. What did the disciples want Jesus to do when they called out to him that he didn't care, bail out the boat? The apostles were well aware that Jesus could perform miracles but there is a sense in the text here that they didn't believe he could calm the storm—the elemental forces that fishermen have fought against for centuries. Or to put it in a better way, not that they refused to believe that he could calm the storm, but that it hadn't occurred to them that he could do it.

We can deduce this from that fact that Jesus rebuked them for their lack of faith. If they were waking Jesus up in order to get him to calm the storm then Jesus surely wouldn't have rebuked them! The point being made is that Jesus is God and as such can control everything even these elemental forces. The miracles Jesus performs are not just magic tricks with bread and fish or healings by a clever doctor—no, they are the cast-iron evidence that Jesus is truly the Son of God.

Our first reading this Sunday is also about the sea. In the (in my view) brilliant composition of the Lectionary the first reading on Sundays is most often given as a guide or a clue to understanding the Gospel. In this Sunday's first reading God speaks to Job and tells him that he has set boundaries to the cruel and tumultuous sea. The message here is the same; that God is in charge of all the forces that assault us. He sets the boundaries; he does not let us drown; he calms the storms.

Like Job we might feel that we are overwhelmed, we might fail to understand God's plans, we might believe that we are sinking beneath the waves—but these scriptures let us know that this is not so. Jesus tells us to have faith in him. His promise is that what seems like a disaster from a human perspective is no disaster at all; seen with the eyes of faith it is indeed a wondrous victory. And God knows what he is about, he who turned the greatest disaster of human history—the execution of his only Son—into the greatest victory of all.

The invitation then is to have faith in him, to trust that God knows what he is doing, to realise that in due time God does intervene to calm the storms, to believe that he is a God of love and to realise that he knows better than we could ever know what is in our best interests.