

Welcome to St Andrew's Cathedral,
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry,
and St Mary, Our Lady of Victories, Forebank



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 June 2022 - Year of Luke (C)

Next Sunday: 14th in Ordinary Time

Following Jesus
On A New Journey

~ Luke 9:51-62 ~



A warm welcome to our Masses across the parishes this Sunday!
We want you to know you are a welcome part of our parish family, whether you are a visitor or a regular worshipper with us.

Our Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass: 5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel
Day Masses: 9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel
11am [Solemn Mass] & 6pm in Cathedral
11.15am [Solemn Mass] in St Mary's, Forebank

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Mass
Schedule

Monday 27 June:

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Tuesday 28 June: *Memorial of St Irenaeus, Martyr*

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul at 6pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel

Wednesday 29 June: *Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul—a Holy Day of Obligation*

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11am in St Mary's, Forebank

1pm in the Cathedral 7pm in the Cathedral

Thursday 30 June:

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

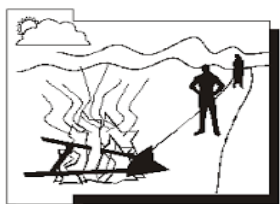
Friday 1 July:

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 2 July: Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral

If you're able to come to daily Mass you'll know that recently we have been treated to the great epic of the vocation of story of Elijah in the Old Testament readings. Far from being just a treatise on ancient history, the books of Kings are truly a parable for today, because in many ways our society is not unlike the society in which God's prophets Elijah and Elisha found themselves in the 9th century BC. Those who work to defend the dignity of all human life, and strive for peace and justice can fruitfully tune in to what God was saying in the world of Elijah and Elisha, and so discern what he is saying to us in the midst of a world and a society where life is often cheapened, and, as we see in the world around us, can be drastically snuffed out - we can ponder the many thousands of lives of the unborn annihilated before birth, the cheapening of the dignity of the human person, the stories of violent atrocities we read of and witness in the media.

The society to which Elijah and Elisha were addressing God's word seemed to be steadily unravelling spiritually. The great kingdom established under King David and secured under Solomon his son, had spilt in two - the northern kingdom of Israel centred on Samaria and the southern kingdom of Judah centred on Jerusalem. Elijah and Elisha were God's *men in the north*. The culture they were dealing with was very much a "me" culture; they had great challenges to be faithful to the God who put them there in that land. The big problem was now idolatry to the land god *Baal* to whom the people prayed for a good harvest, for safe pregnancy, and for prosperity **now** - there was a passion for wealth and *living it up* without a care for the poor. The two gigantic towers in Samaria were a sign of their plenty. Their society was immoral - temple prostitution was rife, as was child sacrifice; it wasn't safe to walk the streets at night. A violent society it was, and politically corrupt, as we heard in the story of Ahab and Jezebel conspiring to murder in order to secure for themselves Naboth's vineyard. People would lie and cheat to get what they wanted. [Read more at 1 Kings Chapter 21]



ELISHA LEFT AND FOLLOWED ELIJAH

And so these stories of old can ring bells for us; they can perhaps help us to discern the presence of a new god *Baal* in our time and help us see and name the obsession with the "me" culture, and see how the gospel calls us to a conversion from all of that. When we come to the Eucharist, then in a sense we encounter "Horeb", the mountain of God, the spiritual place, the place of encounter with the divine. Elijah left that mountain ready for mission, and what is the first thing he does? He calls Elisha, a partner, someone who with him would say "yes" to God, yes to God's ways and embark on the mission of converting the society in which they lived. [Listen to the First Reading this Sunday for more]

As people turn their back on the one true God and the Christian heritage of our society they are perhaps drawn not to worship nothing but to worship anything that suits them: there is a temptation to embrace whatever satisfies **now**, and not think about the bigger picture, the future and the eternal dimension of life. The quest for life in abundance that people of the Gospel feel is not simply born of our human nature, though it is strong there. It begins in the heart of God who is life.

Our Prayers for the sick: Norman Hadden, Leona McDonnell, Ray Conchie, Sheena Barnett, Ross Murray, Janet Isherwood, Theresa Kay, Dawn Wood, Heather Moffit, Steven Hackney, John McCarry, Sonya Rostan, Margaret McMenemy, Tony Beck, Isabel Blackmore, Karen Dammer, Allison Matthew, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Thinley Chodron, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

for those who have died recently: Colin McGinness, Mary Storrie, Jean Graham, Winnie Mudie, Mario Carena, Wieslaw Lazur, Lindsay Angus, Lee Crossley, James Welsh;

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Richard Miller Senior, Margaret Morgan, Pierantonio Carena, David Strachan, Mary Fyffe, Stella Milne, Dwane De Silva, Anthony Callaghan Thomasina Scott, Gerard Grattan, Jean Rooney, Denis Tully, Bill McGinness, John Gorman, Gloria Callaghan, Rose Connor, William Hunter.

The **Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul** falls this Wednesday 29 June is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Masses will be as follows:

Vigil Mass on Tuesday 28 June

at **6pm** in Our Lady of Counsel;

9am on Wednesday in Our Lady of Good Counsel;

11am in St Mary's, Forebank on Wednesday;

1pm in the Cathedral & **7pm** in the Cathedral.

Monsignor Kenneth McBride will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his Ordination on Wednesday at the 1pm Mass in the Cathedral. *All are welcome.*

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £425 in St Mary's, Forebank, £641 in Our Lady of Good Counsel and £804 in the Cathedral.

The Annual **Peter's Pence** collection for the Missionary Work of the Pope will be taken at all Masses on Sunday 3 July; and the **Sea Sunday** collection for the ministry of the Church to seafarers will be taken on Sunday 10 July.

Our Lady's Primary School Prizegiving

It was a privilege to be present and present some of the prizes at the awards ceremony in the Church last Monday. The achievements of every child in the school was celebrated. Well done to all the pupils, teachers and ancillary staff.

There may not be a newsletter every week during the school holidays, but weekday Mass time will be posted on the notice boards in each Church. As far as possible, Mass times will be at usual times on weekdays and certainly on Sundays.

Hospitality for the forthcoming Ordination

Would you be able to help with the catering for the ordination on Wednesday 6 July by providing a loaf of sandwiches or home baking? Would you be able to help with setting things up, serving or clearing up the Cathedral Hall afterwards?

If you can help in any way please can you text Cath McNally on 07742 652926 or speak to her at the back of the eh Cathedral.