

Welcome to St Andrew's Cathedral

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry, and St Mary, Our Lady of Victories, Forebank

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 July 2023

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year of Matthew (A)

Our Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass: 5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel

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

This week's Daily Masses

Monday 10 July

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel No Mass in St Mary's, Forebank
1pm Mass in the Cathedral

Tuesday 11 July 10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Wednesday 12 July 10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Thursday 13 July 10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Friday 14 July 9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 10am in St Mary's, Forebank 11am in the Cathedral

Saturday 15 July Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral. Confessions after Mass.

Our Prayers for the sick:

Margaret Murray, Sister Attracta (*sister of Father Anthony McCarthy*), Susan McKay, Father John Mundackal, Norman Hadden, Ray Conchie, Karen Dammer, Marie Manunga, Margaret McMenemy, Isobel Blackmore, Jackie Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher;

for those who have died recently:

Alison Scott, Pat Petrie, Kathleen Reilly, Mary Anne Jardine;

and for those whose anniversaries fall at

this time: Esther Horn, Bill Gerry, John Gethins Junior, Mak Chuen Ho, Robert Wilkie; Pete Nuttal, Marjory Cuthill, Edmund Clarke, Joseph Hastie, Mary Reilly, Canon Peter Cullerton, Larry Devlin; Lizzie Haggerty, Ann Simpson, Father Joseph Cairns, Hugh Connolly, Theresa Connolly, Richard Devlin, William Reid, Cathie Breingan, Daniel Garrigan, Jackie Lynch, Mary Creegan.

Marking Bishop Stephen's Retiral

The Mass to mark the Bishop's retiral will take place in the Cathedral on Thursday 24 August at 7pm. There is an open invitation to all parishioners across the Diocese of Dunkeld to attend, and there will be light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall after the Mass.

Please make a note of the date and join us that evening.

The Diocesan Choir will lead the Music at the Mass: choir members will be advised of the rehearsal schedule soon.

The priests of the Diocese will entertain the Bishop to lunch and give him a presentation on Monday 28 August.

I am meeting with the Ukrainian Priests in Glasgow this Monday 10 July, so there will be a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in Our Lady of Good Counsel, no Mass in St Mary's, Forebank, and in the Cathedral Father Johny Raphael will celebrate the 1pm Mass.

On Tuesday 11 July, because of a meeting at the Diocesan office, Mass in St Mary's, Forebank will be at 11am.

There will no 1pm Mass in the Cathedral this Friday 14 July as there will be a Nuptial (Wedding) Mass that day at 1.30pm. The Cathedral Parish Mass will be at 11am this Friday.

SCIAF has launched an emergency appeal to help the famine in Ethiopia. If you would like to donate, please place your offering in an envelope marked "SCIAF" and I will ensure it is sent off.



This week,
some biblical
history....

Today we hear from the rarely read Prophet **Zechariah**, known (perhaps somewhat lamentably) as one of the “minor” Old Testament Prophets. Zechariah’s prophetic activity takes place in the period after the exiles were allowed to return from Babylon to Jerusalem, in the reign of King Cyrus.

Cyrus the Persian had seized Jerusalem in 539 BC and subsequently permitted the Jews to return to their homeland in 538 BC. The second Prophet Isaiah had anticipated such a return (“Comfort my people”). But when they returned from captivity things did not go as smoothly as they had hoped. Rebuilding the holy city and the temple took years; the people were depressed, they were the taunt of their neighbours.

The Samaritans, living to the north of Jerusalem, were a people created through old Israelite bloodlines mingled with people imported by the Assyrians after the 722BC exile. These people did worship Yahweh, the God of Israel, but their style of worship and piety was quite different from that of the returning Jews, and tensions arose: we see this in the time and ministry of Jesus also.

The most important and sacred work after the exile is the rebuilding of the temple by Zerubbabel. Zechariah and Haggai the prophets called for this rebuilding to take place, during the years 520-518 BC. The temple was dedicated in 515BC. Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, because of his completion of the new temple, was seen by the prophets as being a kind of messiah figure, but Zechariah saw beyond Zerubbabel’s governorship, to the end of the Persian dominance, its collapse, and its replacement with the Kingdom/Reign of God.

Zechariah doesn’t so much call the people to action but encourages them to wait expectantly for God to act. The signs of the new Kingdom will be wonderful! There will be a new King and he will come “humbly... on a donkey” and will banish the bow of war. Such is the importance of the contribution of even a “minor” prophet, that John the evangelist quotes him and sees Jesus perfectly fulfilling the prophecy as he, the True Messiah, rides into the Holy City on Palm Sunday Morning.

The Church chooses this piece from Zechariah to compliment the Gospel this Sunday. (The first reading on Sundays is always chosen to shed light on/prepare us for the Gospel text.) The humble king spoken of by Zechariah is seen in the flesh in Jesus of Nazareth, who, while having this unique relationship with God the Father, and blessing the Father in such personal language, is nevertheless himself “gentle and humble in heart”. We are invited to draw close to that heart, that Sacred Heart, as we keep this Sunday holy.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,



A warm welcome this Sunday to Father Willie Crombie of the White Fathers who will give a Mission Appeal in Our Lady of Good Counsel and St Mary's, Forebank. Father Willie will celebrate the Vigil Mass in the Ferry and I'll play the organ, as Daniel is away this weekend;

I will celebrate the 9.45am in the Ferry while Father Willie gives the appeal, and he shall celebrate the 11.15am in Forebank while I am in the Cathedral for the 11am and the 6pm Masses.

Father Malcolm Hutchison has been appointed assistant priest at St Peter and St Paul's in Dundee and will take up his post in August after his summer holiday.

The **Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child** will hold a Petition Day this Sunday in the Cathedral and next weekend in St Mary's Forebank. The Petitions are already out in Broughty Ferry and you can sign today if you wish.

SPUC explains this petition:

“The petition calls for the Prime Minister to end the government's unacceptable funding of the totalitarian state. The Chinese state imposes forced abortion, sterilisation and infanticide on its own population, notably the Uyghur minority.

According to the Chief Commissioner of the Independent Commission for Aid impact, the UK government sent over £60 million to China in 2021. Please sign this petition to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this terrible human rights abuse”.

Broughty Ferry Gala Week *Songs of Praise* takes place in St Mary's Episcopal Church at 6.30pm this Sunday 9 July. All welcome. My apologies for absence as I have the Cathedral 6pm Mass.

Cathedral Chairs: The Choir and Concelebrants' chairs in the Cathedral are being re-upholstered and recovered. When these chairs were originally bought, some of them were “sponsored” by parishioners in memory of a loved one, and a little memorial plaque was placed on the ones that had been sponsored. By no means have all of them been sponsored, so if you would like to do so now, please let me know, in writing, the name of the person and place your sponsorship gift in an envelope clearly marked. Each chair costs £45 to refurbish.

Finance

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £944 in the Cathedral, £480 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £557 in Our Lady of Good Counsel .

The **Pro life (“Day for Life”)** collection came to £306 in the Cathedral, £57 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £344 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.



Apostleship of the Sea
SUA - *seafarers* Worldwide

“Sea Sunday”, a day of prayer for seafarers and of financial help for the Apostleship of the Sea would usually take place this Sunday 9 July.

However, because of the mission appeal in two of our parishes we shall celebrate Sea Sunday on Sunday 23 July. There will be a special collection for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea at all our Masses that day.