

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

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**14th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
4 July 2021**

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Over the past two Sundays we have witnessed the divine power of Jesus – firstly as he calmed the storm on the Lake of Galilee with a word, and reduced the clamour of the waves to a whisper and secondly as he expressed the healing nature of God in cures of the daughter of Jairus and the woman who had been ill for twelve years.

This Sunday in the Gospel things are a little different - he is now at home with his “own folk” in Nazareth where, despite the wisdom he so obviously exhibits, his contemporaries who have *known him all their lives* can't see past the fact that to them he's (*only?*) the son of Mary. Jesus is amazed at their littleness of faith. This Sunday once more we will greet him in his house and ours, as we assemble in the gathering place of the Church, the place where we recognise one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord. But sometimes we need to have the blinkers removed from our eyes like the fellow Nazarenes of Jesus: the Lord will open our eyes in the Liturgy this Sunday to see his presence, his wisdom, his goodness, present in one another. If we take the scripture to heart and approach the Eucharist joyfully and humbly we shall surely not be found wanting when it comes to serving Him in those he sends our way this week.

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



Thanks to those who have been so generous in supporting Elijah in his

plans to take part in the Pro-Life roadshow 'Project Truth' where pro life young people engage in open and positive conversations about abortion with passers-by. If you want to sponsor Elijah, he will be at St Mary's for Mass this Sunday, or email him:

elijahdansmith@outlook.com Alternatively, you can put a donation in an envelope and give it to me to pass on. Kevin.

Thanks too to those who are sponsoring Father Jim Walls, as he walks the 290 miles during his summer holidays, in order to draw attention to the plight of refugees stranded in Calais. If you would like to support this venture, please donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/in-solidarity> and follow his progress via Jim's Iona to Lindisfarne Pilgrimage Facebook page.

Thank you for your generosity on Sunday 20 June of £508 in the Cathedral, £480 in Our Lady of Good Counsel and £420 in St Mary's.

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

Peter's Pence Collection

This fund helps the charitable and missionary work of our Holy Father Pope Francis. There is a bucket for this cause at the back of the church as you leave this Sunday.

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 McInally, 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: Emmanuella Nwokolo, Gracy Rosario, Josephine Lonie;

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary McNally, Jeannie Henderson, William Hunter, Frederick Brady, John Haggerty, Rose Connor, Lizzie Haggerty, Ann Simpson, Fr Joseph Cairns, John Murphy, Rev John Prendergast, Hector (Harry) Devlin, John Caswell, Moira Conway;

Wedding Congratulations.....



to **Abigail Donaldson and Matthew Reid** who were married in the Cathedral on Saturday 19 June;

....to **Laura Marr and Gerry Mooney** who were married in the Cathedral on Thursday 24 June;

....to **Shannon Fitzpatrick and Michael Clark** who were married in the Cathedral on Saturday 26 June;

....and to **Rachael Flynn and Johnnie O'Byrne** who are to be married in the Cathedral on Saturday 3 July.

May the Lord bless them all as they embark on their married life.

Do you come to Mass but don't come forward for Holy Communion?

Are you unsure if you should come forward? Please know you can come and talk about questions relating to this with myself in complete confidence. Sometimes individuals have been told by others that they are "not allowed" to receive Holy Communion (for whatever reason) and at times mistakes have been made in such advice. Please don't hesitate to come and talk with me if you find yourself in such a situation. Kevin.



We could do with some more Stewards to help at our Masses in the Cathedral. Could you help? Please let me or any of the stewards know, thanks. Kevin

Sunday Masses in our Churches

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

You can book for:

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 - Friday at 1pm
Saturday at 10am (with Novena to Our Lady)

CONFESSIONS on request before any Mass

Ezekiel — one of God's mighty prophets



God's Word is a two-edged sword that, as the famous Father Jock Dalrymple said, both *"comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable"*.

In the first reading this Sunday we find Ezekiel the prophet sent by God to the Jewish people who had compromised their faith the extent of "going over" to pagan gods. God chose Ezekiel to confront them, a task that filled Ezekiel with fear. He felt frail, weak, and a very vulnerable "son of man". And no wonder! God tells Ezekiel that his work will not be easy as these Israelites are "rebellious".

Nevertheless, Ezekiel is drawn by God's Spirit to speak. It is a theme in our biblical tradition that the Word of God must be spoken, whether or not people will listen.

Most of the Old Testament prophets experienced rejection. Rejection it seems, goes with the job. St. Paul had to face up though this too. We hear him speaking of it in the second reading this Sunday. Notice that he talks of his littleness, just as Ezekiel had done when God's Spirit seized upon him and sent him to confront people with the Word of God. Prophets, however, are not little in the eyes of God; they are little only in the eyes of the world.

Toward the end of his ministry, St. Paul commissioned a young Timothy to take charge of some of the Christian communities Paul had founded. In one of his letters to Timothy, Paul wrote:

"proclaim the word; and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it; refute falsehood, correct error, give encouragement; but do all with patience and with a care to teach".

Jesus experienced the ultimate rejection and endured the ultimate *lashing out* of rebellious humans. In the Gospel of this Sunday, we find Jesus back in his own hometown. There his own folk take offence at him. Jesus had worked some astonishing miracles. Yet when he comes home, his people pay no attention to what he had done. Instead, their minds focus on him as a person, rejecting him and what he had to say, on who he is rather than on what he says. That he is *one of them* makes him all the more difficult to accept. Were they perhaps a bit jealous of his acceptance by other people and other towns?

The ministry of the biblical Prophet - and it is, in the understanding of the Evangelists from the prophetic tradition that Jesus emerges - is based on two important criteria:
that the prophet is **chosen** by God;
and the prophet is **commissioned** by God to speak on God's behalf.

The prophet's word often calls us to leave our comfort zones, to risk getting ruffled and even humiliated, and to recognize our own nothingness before God. When we examine ourselves honestly perhaps we hear the prophet's cry to our hearts, challenging us to trust more in God than in ourselves; to adapt ourselves to the will of God despite our weakness and the seeming impossibility of what it is he asks of us. God's grace is enough for us. And it is precisely there that we may find our greatness. God takes little things and makes them infinitely valuable.

IN THIS PARISH
WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE
OF THE LOVING GOD.

ALL ARE WELCOME
BECAUSE ALL ARE, EQUALLY,
SISTERS AND BROTHERS.

NONE ARE JUDGED
EVERYONE NEEDS GOD'S
HEALING, MERCY AND PEACE.

