

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

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 July 2023

Next Sunday: 16th 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

<u>Monday 17 July</u>	10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel	11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank	1pm in the Cathedral
<u>Tuesday 18 July</u>	10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank - Funeral Mass for Sarah McGee RIP		1pm in the Cathedral
<u>Wednesday 19 July</u>	10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel	11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank	1pm in the Cathedral
<u>Thursday 20 July</u>	10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel	11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank	1pm in the Cathedral
<u>Friday 21 July</u>	10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel	11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank	1pm in the Cathedral
<u>Saturday 22 July</u>	Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral. Confessions after Mass.		

Our Prayers for the sick: Sister Attracta (*sister of Father Anthony McCarthy*), Susan McKay, Father John Mundackal, Norman Hadden, Ray Conchie, Marie Manunga, Margaret McMenemy, Karen Dammer, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher;
for those who have died recently: Margaret Murray, Maria Pia Benedetti, Sarah McGee, Lesley Peebles, Isobel Blackmore, Margaret Henderson;
and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Bridget Hutchison, Angelo Forte, Ritchie Harper, Cardinal Gordon Joseph Gray, Jim Kelly, Jack Farrell, Monsignor John Hanlon, E. U. Michael, Debbie Macarthur, Gerard Noonan, James Barton, Martin Van der Boon, John Gormley.

*It was a pleasure to meet with the Ukrainian priests in Glasgow last Tuesday and hear about the wonderful work they are doing amidst their people who have come to Scotland, not least among the children and young people.
Hopefully a more regular Mass for the Ukrainian community will be organised in our Cathedral soon.*

A warm welcome this Sunday to Bishop Emeritus Stephen Robson who will celebrate the 11am Mass in the Cathedral. On Tuesday this week, after the funeral in St Mary's Forebank, I will travel with the family of the late Sarah McGee RIP for her burial at Linn Cemetery. Father Jorney Raphael shall once again offer the 1pm Mass in the Cathedral this Tuesday. Grateful thanks to him.

Don't forget that 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. Cath McNally and her team will be organising the refreshments, so if you can help in any way, please let us know.

Wedding Congratulations to Nairne Conway and Blair Nimmo who were married in the Cathedral on Friday 14 July, We wish God's every blessing upon them as the step out into married life.

Congratulations also to Steve and Gill Bolton who celebrated 25 years of Marriage in a ceremony of blessing at the Cathedral last Saturday 8 July, and to Tom and Patricia Donnelly who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday 20 July, and we shall offer the 10am Mass for them in Broughty Ferry that day.

Sowing the Seed—Reaping the harvest

The ministry of Jesus was not (for the most part) a city ministry. His teaching happened in the small rural communities, mostly in the little villages which surrounded the Sea of Galilee. Here the people weren't city workers or city dwellers; they worked the land and they worked the sea; mostly, their education was about the things of God and the things of the seasons and the fishing and the lambing and the planting and the harvesting. So, when Jesus wanted to teach them about the new life of the Kingdom of heaven, he often started off with what they knew about: he spoke about sheep and shepherds, about fish and boats; about the farming life, the life they knew best.



This Sunday, in a Gospel Parable he talks about the farmer going out to sow; but he is trying to teach his listeners about how God sows his Word, the word of love, the word of the Kingdom, in the human heart; the field is the human heart,

and he wants to teach them about how people respond to the gift of the seed which is God's word. We read the parable so we can begin to see ourselves in the words of Jesus; to see where we fit in, to see the reality of the quality of the *soil* in our own lives: The gospel parable of the sower also shows us the folly of being in possession of the seed of the Word but then ignoring it, or rejecting it, or undervaluing it.

In general, I'm told, in our culture when the farmer sows seed, the process has three stages - first the field is ploughed, then the seed is sown, then the tractors turn over the ground to bury the seed. In the Palestinian culture of Jesus, things were different: the land lay fallow during the baking hot summer, sowing began in autumn when the rains were expected and the harvest was ready in spring. The planting took place like this: first the sower scattered the seed of the hard earth and then the ploughman followed him, turning over the soil and burying the seed.

The word of God, the seed of his love in our lives is sown abundantly by the Divine One, scattered generously, even recklessly in our lives, by an eager and loving God. I ask myself, and you might like to ask the same of yourself: Where is that seed falling in my life as present? What are the weeds that might choke the growth of the seed that is the word? What might be present that will undermine the power of the word? Useful questions perhaps to ask ourselves as we once again this Sunday share in the celebration of *Divine Plenty*.

The **Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child** will hold their Petition Day this Sunday in St Mary's, Forebank. The details of the petition have been in the newsletter for the past two Sundays and I shall bring it to your attention during the homily as well.

Broughty Ferry Churches Together

Kevin and Georgia Clayton have given of themselves very generously as our representatives on the Broughty Ferry Churches Group over a number of years. I would like to express our gratefulness to them on behalf of the whole parish. Kevin and Georgia have decided to step down from this role so we need two parish reps to join the group. *Would you consider representing us in this way?* Kevin and Georgia are willing to support and going through all that joining the group would entail. Please do consider it.

Cathedral Chairs: The Choir and Concelebrants' chairs in the Cathedral are being re-upholstered and recovered. Thanks to those who have already sponsored a chair at £45, in memory of a loved one. A little memorial plaque will be placed on each sponsored chair.

Finance

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £747 in the Cathedral, £500 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £609 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The Mission appeal for the White Fathers came to £431 in St Mary's Forebank, and £1145 in Our Lady of Good Counsel. I have sent these amounts off to Father William Crombie at the White Fathers.



Apostleship of the Sea

St. Andrew the Apostle

We shall celebrate "**Sea Sunday**", a day of prayer for seafarers and of financial help for the Apostleship of the Sea

next Sunday 23 July. There will be a special collection for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea at all our Masses that day.

Hospital Chaplaincy and Visitation

If you or a loved one is in hospital—Ninewells, RVH & Roxburghe and wish a visit, the duty chaplain can be contacted by the mobile phone number - **07821 624124** - or through the hospital switchboard on **01382 660111**.

Due to regulations, chaplains are not automatically informed of the presence of Catholics in one of the hospitals, as was formerly the case. Now a request is needed in order for a visit to be made.

The priests in Dundee act as the hospital chaplain on a rota basis. The hospital chaplain is not on call for the many nursing and care homes across the city. Responsibility for visits to these homes lie with the priest in whose parish the home is located. Again, he will not be automatically informed if there is a Catholic taking up residence in one of the homes within his parish. Please don't hesitate to let the parish priest know if yourself or a loved one is being admitted to a care or nursing home so he can visit. Please pass this information on to your family and friends who may be unaware.

The SCIAF emergency appeal to help the famine in Ethiopia has benefitted from £710 through your donations. Thank you.