

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

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**15th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
11 July 2021**

*Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dear Friends,

Please welcome this Sunday to the 11.15am Mass at St Mary's, Forebank, Bishop Stephen Robson. I shall celebrate the Masses in the Cathedral and Broughty Ferry.

On **Tuesday** this week at 11.45am, Monsignor Aldo Angelosanto will celebrate the Funeral Mass for Mr Peter Goldie RIP in Our Lady of Good Counsel. There will still be the parish Mass at 10am on Tuesday. I shall receive Peter into the Church on Monday evening.

On **Wednesday** this week Father Louis will celebrate the 11.30am Mass in St Mary's, Forebank, and Father Greg Murphy will celebrate the 1pm Mass in the Cathedral, while I celebrate the Funeral Mass of Mrs Mary Taylor RIP in St Thomas', Abroath.

On **Friday** this week Mass in the Cathedral will be at **11am** and **not** 1pm, as we have the wedding of Rachel Petrie and Michael McIlravelly in the afternoon. Please note. Father Louis will celebrate the 11.30am Mass in Forebank on Friday.

On **Sunday 25 July** we will keep the first **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**. Many of us have such happy memories of our grandparents, while for others they are a vital part of the family network, supporting their grandchildren and children in so many different ways. In our Masses that weekend we shall especially bless the Lord for the grandparents and indeed all the 'seniors', in our parish communities.

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

**Ministry to the sick and housebound:** I endeavour to visit the sick, housebound and elderly in our parishes as requested, both in care homes and at home, and indeed in the hospitals. Never hesitate to be in touch if someone in your family needs a visit.

With the schools now closed, despite the restrictions of the pandemic which are still in place, the thought of **holidays** comes to mind! Hopefully you will be able to take some kind of respite from the usual routine, a *staycation* perhaps, or maybe just time to relax at home. Holidays, if I am correct, started out really as 'holy days', days set aside for worshipping God and interspersed throughout the year, making sure that workers were not exploited by their employers but were enabled to take some distance from their work life to ponder eternal things, to reflect on the meaning and purpose of life and to have quality time with family and friends. Hopefully we can all make the most of the summer days over the next month or so. Hopefully by the time you read this a **new sound system** will be in operation at St Mary's, Forebank, the previous one having come to the end of its life. Hopefully everyone will be able to hear clearly and participate in the Mass fully. Sometimes these systems take a wee while to settle down so please be patient 😊

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.

**Thank you** for your generosity on Sunday 4 July of £646 in the Cathedral, £408 in Our Lady of Good Counsel and £325 in St Mary's. Your offerings in the collection for *Peter's Pence* came to £183 in the Cathedral, £238 in Our Lady of Good Counsel and £125 in St Mary's.

**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:** Thomasina Vettraino, Mrs Byrne, Theresa McKelvie, Mary Taylor, Frances Kelly, Sid Campbell; Claudio Zazetta;

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Richard Devlin, Darren McPherson, Esther Horn, Robert Wilkie, William Reid, Cathie Breingan, Daniel Garrigan, Jackie Lynch, Mary Creegan, Bridget Hutchison, Joseph Hastie, Larry Devlin Mary Reilly, Rev. John MacPherson.



Next **Sunday 18 July** we shall keep the annual **Sea Sunday** and we ask your generous support for the valuable work of the Mission to Seafarers *Stella Maris* (formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea).

In a message for this year's Sea Sunday, Vatican Cardinal Peter Turkson has appealed to the international community to ensure that those who work at sea are treated with full human dignity, noting that since September 2020, an estimated 400,000 seafarers have been stranded at sea because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

He also said that the coronavirus had worsened working and living conditions for thousands who have been forced to work for months longer than usual while separated for long periods from their families.

*Stella Maris* is a Catholic charity that helps seafarers worldwide. There will be a bucket at the back of the Church for any donations next Sunday, 18 July, or put your offering in an envelope clearly marked. Thanks.



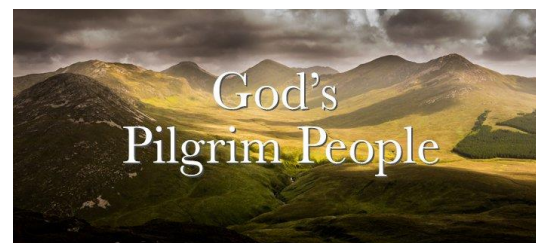
It was Saint Paul who wrote of this energy – *variety of gifts, one Spirit* - residing in all members of the Church, in his first letter to the Corinthians. Our Holy Father, Pope

Francis, for whom we are praying for earnestly at this time, has recognised the truth of St Paul's words in calling us towards a vision of what he calls 'a synodal church' of communion, participation and mission. The Holy Father intends to embark on a two year long process of consultation and discernment, aimed at listening to the views of all the baptised. Each diocese is required to take part.

The hope is that in this process we will rediscover the primarily communal dimension of the church, and her essential evangelising mission, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We already experience, in the mystery of the one God, that the Church manifests and makes herself truly present in her gatherings as the "people of God" walking together in faith. Hopefully the communal discernment that the Holy Father calls us to and which our Bishop will lead us in, in a synodal manner, will help us rediscover our vocation as part of the church and our share in the Church's mission to call together all the people of the earth, of every time and age, to make them sharers in the salvation and joy of Christ.

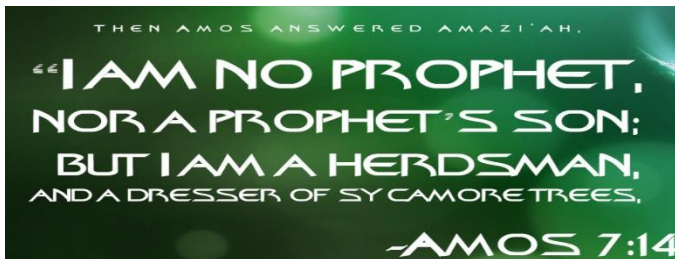
It seems to me that this invitation to discernment and reflection needs of course to involve all the faithful who are the very *living stones* in our parish communities but equally should reach beyond ourselves to those who no longer engage with our parish communities for whatever reasons. Last week's newsletter carried a graphic about all being welcome. I am only too aware how easy those words are to say. Even if the synodal process helps us form the questions of how we are to be the church for the next generation it will surely not be in vain. I pray for the energy I [and we] will need. Saint Paul said in another place, the exact reference I can't recall, *Do not flag in zeal!*





## 'This is the feast of Justice: come to the feast!'

Perhaps you remember these lines from the days when we were allowed to sing at Mass! Hopefully we shall soon be allowed to lift our voices in song once more. Meantime, renewed thanks to the Cantors who lift their voices on our behalf. The hymns and other music we sing at Mass are a vital expression of our faith, reflective of the spirit of the liturgy, and building us up as God's people. Another favourite refrain runs: *Oh the word of my Lord, deep within my being; oh the word of my Lord, you have filled my mind.* This is certainly the purpose of the Liturgy of the Word each Sunday. This coming Sunday the scriptures truly are a *feast of justice*.



First of all, as always on ordinary Sundays we turn to the Hebrew Old Testament scripture. **Amos** is a prophet we encounter pretty rarely in the Sunday cycle. However, his message is as relevant today as when he spoke God's word as a fierce social critic in the eighth century before Christ. In his day, times were good for some in the northern state of Israel. Material success was evident - good times for the rich, but the vulnerable and poor lost their land and went hungry. Amos, who started off as a shepherd and tender of sycamores, is called by God to prophesy. He would be rejected and expelled from Bethel for the word he spoke. He declared that all that would be left of Israel would be like the tip of a sheep's ear after the wolf's attack (Chapter 3). Amos speaks out against Israel's sin of social injustice. Even though the rich still worshipped at their shrines, such religion would

be anathema and sour to God because of their complete ignoring of the poor. Amos is a faithful prophet, not swayed by the powers of his day, never compromising his message, but speaking loyally the abiding word of God.

In response to the Amos reading the Church makes her song in Psalm 84:

**"Let us see O Lord your mercy  
and give us your saving help".**

This psalm is both a plea and a celebration of an already experienced salvation - not unlike the way Jesus proclaims the kingdom as a reality both to come *in the future* but which is also a *present moment* event. The reign of God becomes real now in the preaching and practice of the prophetic word. And yet the fullness of that kingdom remains in the future and its mercy must be implored as well as celebrated.

In between the Old Testament Reading and Gospel we always have a reading from one of the New Testament letters. This Sunday we begin a systematic reading of St Paul's letter to Ephesians. The letter opens with a wonderful 'hymn' style poem in which we celebrate with Paul our origins in God, called from the beginning to be a people filled with hope. The Sunday Liturgy is a *formal enactment* of our hope each week on the Lord's Day, the day of resurrection, the first day of the new week which anticipates the new day of eternal life. To be "called and chosen, chosen in Christ" as Paul puts it, is both to given a great identity, and a mighty responsibility.

Then we turn to Mark, this year's evangelist, and in the text this Sunday (Mark 6:7-13) we find that like Amos some centuries earlier, the disciples of Jesus are called from their ordinary lives - from fishing, or doing the equivalent of "tending sycamores" - and are given a mission. Once Jesus has called them and formed them, his next step is to send them out - in pairs of course! They are given his authority - that it all they need. This is what they are to rely on - and they need only take the barest of essentials. Ordinary people who are empowered by God. Disciples on mission. What a wonderful tradition we share with them! Hopefully we will go from Mass this Sunday strengthened in that sense of call and responsibility for bringing the life and joy of Christ's good news to the world.

## 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.

### Stewarding Duties

There is a possibility that we will be allowed to move to one metre social distancing in churches. While this will be a great benefit it will mean that we may need more help with stewarding and sanitising. If it weren't for the generous assistance of the stewards, cleaners, welcomers etc., we would not be able to have the full schedule of Masses that we enjoy at present. Please consider if you could help us out. Please let myself or one of the stewards know if you would be willing. Thanks. Kevin

### The June Cathedral 200 club winners

1<sup>st</sup>: Theresa Culross: £50 2<sup>nd</sup>: Linsey Brown: £30  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Jim Gordon: £20

Renewed thanks to all who support the 200 Club.

***A message from the Mass booking team..... Apologies to those who had booked for Mass last Sunday at 11am in the Cathedral, only to find their names were not on the list - there was a mix up with the lists!! Glad everyone who had booked got in! Have a blessed week and please remember that to reserve a seat in both OLG and the Cathedral churches, you need to book before 5pm on Fridays! Take care and stay safe everyone, The Mass booking team 😊***

**The Seagulls!** As some of you will know, we have a significant problem with seagulls at the front of the Cathedral, especially during their nesting time. My thanks to those who valiantly attempt to keep the mess under control. I am hopeful that after this year's nesting season is over the guttering will be properly cleared out and modern preventative measures to deter the gulls nesting in future will be put in place.

## 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 the Weekend of 17/18 July NOW:**

**You can book for the weekends of 24/25 July and 31 July/1 August on 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 – Thursday at 1pm

**Because of a wedding on Friday 16 July, the Parish Mass in the Cathedral will be at 11am – please note time.**

**Saturday at 10am (with Novena to Our Lady)**

**CONFESSIONS on request before any Mass**