

*Parishes of St Andrew's Cathedral
and Our Lady of Good Counsel*

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Sunday 26 July 2020 -
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Next Sunday: 18th in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

It was wonderful to see so many of you last Saturday and Sunday attending Mass in our churches once again. Thank you so much for your co-operation, patience and good humour with the necessary health precautions which are mandatory in all places of worship and which will be with us, I think, for the foreseeable future. I am especially grateful to our welcomers and stewards for their cheerful greeting as you entered the church and for their work in planning for the numbers attending.

For Sunday Mass, it is vital that you book a place through the "Eventbrite" website, or if you do not have internet access, by leaving a message on the dedicated mobile phone number. Details below. Already the 11am Mass in the Cathedral this coming Sunday is booked out. Indeed this 11am Mass on Sunday is really popular and seats go very quickly

Seats for our Masses are now available to book up to and including Sunday 16 August 2020.

The number of people we are allowed to accommodate at any one liturgical gathering has been set by the Scottish government and we must adhere to that. So please don't arrive for **Sunday Mass** without booking a place as we don't want to have to turn anyone away. Please advise your friends to book a place also.

A reminder of how to book a place for Mass

For Mass at **St Andrew's Cathedral** visit our 'Eventbrite page at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunday-mass-at-st-andrews-cathedral-dundee-tickets-112091962076>

Alternatively, use your search engine to search for '**Eventbrite, St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee**'. This search will take you a link to our Eventbrite page.

For **Our Lady of Good Counsel** visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunday-mass-at-our-lady-of-good-counsel-rc-church-broughty-ferry-tickets-112956403644>

Alternatively, use your search engine to search for '**Eventbrite, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry**'. This search will take you a link to our Eventbrite page.

If you don't have internet access, 'phone the dedicated Mass booking number on **07561 699557**. **Leave a message** (the phone won't be answered) with your **name, number, the Masses** you require seats for and whether you would prefer **upstairs** or **downstairs**.

With phone booking, please also give your **second preference** for a Sunday Mass time as seating is limited and it may not be possible to meet your first choice.

A reminder:

Sunday Mass times at the Cathedral will be:

Saturday Vigil at 4pm; Sunday at 11am and 6pm.

Sunday Mass times in Our Lady of Good

Counsel will be: Saturday Vigil at 5.30pm;

Sunday 9.45am.

On your arrival at the Church porch, you will be **taken** to your seat by a Steward. Please follow the directions of the Stewards at Holy Communion also.

Thanks for your understanding in all this. Kevin

Cathedral 200 Club

If you would like to pay your dues directly into the Cathedral bank account please feel free to do so, but note "200 Club" on your pay-in details. The bank is Bank of Scotland Fairmuir Branch. Account name is "ADM BISH ST ANDREWS CATH 1"

Bank Sort Code is: 80 - 73 - 31

Account Number is: 00700231

If you choose to do this please let Kenny know on 07443 494719.

Weekday Mass

will generally be at the usual 10am and 1pm times. See below in this newsletter for all times. **The Churches will close immediately after each Mass, please note.**

You may have noticed that some work was recently undertaken above the front door of the Cathedral to rectify some crumbling stone work. I am hopeful that the gutters/rhones will be cleared and cleaned soon.



There will be Mass each day in our Churches
this week as follows:

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry

Sunday 26 July:

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5.30pm;

Morning Mass at 9.45am.

Monday 27 July: Mass at 10am

Tuesday 28 July: Mass at 10am

Wednesday 29 July: Mass at 10am

Thursday 30 July: Mass at 10am

Friday 31 July: Mass at 10am

Saturday 1 August: **No Morning Mass**

Sunday 2 August:

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5.30pm;

Morning Mass at 9.45am.

St Andrew's Cathedral:

Sunday 26 July:

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 4pm;

Sunday Mass at 11am and 6pm.

Monday 27 July: Mass at 1pm

Tuesday 28 July: Mass at 1pm

Wednesday 29 July: Mass at 1pm

Thursday 30 July: Mass at 1pm

Friday 31 July: Mass at 1pm

Saturday 1 August: Novena and Mass at 10am

Sunday 2 August:

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 4pm;

Sunday Mass at 11am and 6pm.

This coming Wednesday 29 July is the memorial of St Martha, this Friday 31 July the memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, and Saturday 1 August the memorial of St Aphonusus.

Our Prayers for those who have died recently:

Gerry Connor, Mary Garvie;

those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Kenny Sutherland, Frederick Brady, Denis Tully, Frank Kelly, Mary McGlenn, Joyce Bromberger, Sheila Boyle, Alexander Barber, Joseph Green, Baby Eve Clarke, Giuseppe Zanré, George Curran, Ann Agnes Marshall, Veronica Reid, Sheila Sinclair, Ruari Dowey.

all those who are sick and in need of our

intercession: Thinley Chodron, Margaret McHattie, Monsignor Basil O'Sullivan, Sharon McNally, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Gillian Steedman, Steven Kennedy, Sharon

Davison, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Lily Jane Douglas, Alexander McNeil, Bridie Mossey, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga, Estelle Fox, Allison Matthew.

Finance Matters

I want to sincerely thank all of you who have in recent times made such a generous financial commitment to the upkeep of these parishes and churches.

Since the time of lockdown began, the total income to the **Cathedral** (comprising standing orders, one-off offertory contributions, bank transfers, cash, cheques and gift aid envelopes sent in to the parish and including £314 in the plate collection last Sunday) totalled £13,434.

In **Our Lady of Good Counsel**, since the time of lockdown began, the total income (comprising standing orders, one-off offertory contributions, bank transfers, cash, cheques and gift aid envelopes sent in to the parish and including £725 in the plate collection last Sunday) totalled £7527.

Gift aid envelopes

If you would like to collect your gift aid envelopes at Our Lady of Good Counsel I shall be at the back of the church before the Masses this Sunday to distribute gift aid envelopes.

At the Cathedral I will be at the Baptistry before all three Masses to distribute the Gift Aid envelopes.

As many of you are now making your church contribution by **standing order** you will no longer need your actual gift aid envelopes, though I shall keep your gift aid envelope number for ease of reference.

If you would like a standing order form, please just ask me. Could you *gift aid* your offering to the Church? If you can, please let me know.

*The latest issues of the **Bible Alive and Day by day** publications have arrived. I will get them distributed this week.*

Follow the reflections and music on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsRCDundee/>

A Liturgy for Children is on the Facebook page for this Sunday. Thanks to the Liturgy Team.

I will celebrate the **Evening Prayer of the Church** for this 17th Sunday of the year at 4pm in the Cathedral today. I'm attaching/enclosing a Word document with the text of the Evening Prayer if you'd like to share in it at home.

Keeping this Sunday holy with a Home Liturgy

*Blessed are you, O God our Father!
Your draw us towards yourself in hope
this Sunday!*

*Place in our hearts your Holy Spirit
that we may experience the boundlessness
of your tenderness and mercy
as we hear your word and commit ourselves
to the Gospel-plan of your Son.*

A prayer to begin

O God, you are good, and you are generous
and in Christ you have revealed
your Kingdom to us,
as a treasure hidden in a field,
a pearl of great price.
Pour your Spirit over us
that we may have discerning hearts
and be able to distinguish
between the passing wealth of this world,
and the enduring value of your Kingdom.
Help us renounce everything
that would have us forget your love,
so that we may find the treasure
which you alone can give.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Penitential Litany

*Le us prepare to meet God in his holy word,
recognising our need of his mercy.*
Lord, your word is light.
For the darkness which still dwells in our hearts,
grant us pardon, Lord.
Lord, your word is truth.
For the lies which bring us down,
grant us mercy, Lord.
Lord, your word is joy.
For the sadness which still lies heavy in our
hearts, **grant us healing, Lord.**

Read the Scriptures of the day

The First Book of Kings 3:5. 7-12
Solomon asks for wisdom.

Psalm 118:
Lord, how i love your law!

St Paul to the Romans 8: 28-30
God intends us to be true images of his Son.

The Gospel of Matthew 13: 44-52
He sells everything and buys the field!

A reflection – see the reflection for today on the final page of the newsletter.

Intercessions:

That the Church may embrace in love
all people who desire truth, freedom and dignity in
their lives and in the world, let us pray to the
Lord.

For all who at this time are feeling vulnerable or
isolated, and for those bowed down under the pain
of sickness or grief, that they may experience the
healing touch of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

That the peace of God's Kingdom may fill the
world afresh, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may truly welcome and grow with all
who come among us to find solace on life's
journey, let us pray to the Lord.

Take a few moments to bring before the Lord your
intentions and conclude with the *Our Father*.

A Prayer to conclude

Some discover your Kingdom O God by surprise,
like hidden treasure, buried in a field.
To others your kingdom is the pearl of great price,
the end of a long and hard search.
The paths by which you lead us are many,
the net that gathers us in is wide.
Teach us not to judge others,
so that we might attend first to our own
commitment,
and be trained by your Son
for the Kingdom of heaven.
This we ask through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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What is it like?

The Kingdom of God is like a pearl, like a dragnet, like a treasure hidden in a field; it is *like* all these, and like much more, but it is not any of these things. The Kingdom is such an amazing thing that it cannot be defined, or even directly described. All we can do is tell stories about it. And even then it seems, it must be a special kind of story—a parable. A parable is more than a story—it is a challenge to the way we think and live. It can turn reality upside down or sideways from the way we usually view it. It can give a new slant on a situation and can challenge us to deal with it differently. This Sunday's Gospel comes from a "day of parables" with Jesus teaching the people at great length. We are now in the 13th chapter of Matthew, reading it gradually each Sunday in this liturgical year. The Liturgical cycle is a three year process and the major focus in each of the three years is one of the synoptic Gospels — Matthew, Mark or Luke, in turn, with Saint John's unique Gospel being woven into each year especially during the Passover Season of the Lent-Triduum-Easter.



Like a pearl of great price

St Matthew's Gospel presents Jesus as a very powerful teacher, who frequently uses the medium of parable as a method of inviting his hearers to reflect on the things of God, and make connections between their daily round and the wonderful life into which God was gradually calling them.

What a power he demonstrated as he taught! It is Luke who tells us that he went to the synagogue in his hometown and took the scroll of Isaiah the prophet, opened it, read it, closed it, sat down.....*and all eyes were fixed on him!* What a demonstration of tremendous power. Matthew's Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7 is similar.

The people wondered how he could speak with such authority; they were astonished at his power.



Like a dragnet

At one point, talking of the mystery of the Kingdom of God he says "*It is within you*". It is like he's saying, don't be going looking here and there; don't think you can find it outside yourself. No. The Kingdom is within. And when you find it you will be indeed like the guy in the gospel who finds the precious gem....there's nothing you'll trade it for. Or the one who discovers treasure hidden in a field—a common practice, I've read, was to bury your treasure in order to hide it from thieves, yet this treasure was found.....and the man goes and sells everything he own and buys the field. Is that the way it is for those who find the treasure of the Kingdom? A single minded response.

Many of us search, don't we, we search and search for our truest, deepest identity: often we measure ourselves in terms of what we are worth financially, or how beautiful we are, or how we've kept our youth (or not), or by what we've achieved. All valid, but when we finally find ourselves created by God, rooted in Christ, loved eternally, then there is nothing, surely nothing we would trade that in for!



Like treasure hidden in a field