

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

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Our Sunday Masses

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

21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time
22 August 2021

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

With the schools now back, hopefully things will gradually begin to take off again in the parishes and we can begin to consolidate a new kind of *normal*. The attendances at the Masses last Sunday were very encouraging.

Last Sunday's Holy Hour in honour of the Blessed Mother in St. Mary's was a very special moment of grace; thanks to all who took time to attend and sing the lovely old hymns.

For those attending who are still anxious regarding social distancing, the whole of the east side of the Cathedral is still set for one metre distancing; the soft seats in Our Lady of Good Counsel are distanced one metre apart, and of course there is ample seating for everyone attending in St Mary's.

Suspension of Mass booking necessity

Booking is no longer required for any of the regular Masses in the parishes, including the 11am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral. We'll still need to record names and contact numbers, but we'll start building a 'regulars' list so that you don't need to give your details each week upon your arrival. Face coverings still need to be worn.

Weekday Mass this week

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Monday at 10am

Tuesday at 5pm – please note

Wednesday at 10am

Thursday at 10am

Friday at 10am

*Morning or Evening Prayer precedes Mass
fifteen minutes prior.*

St Mary's, Forebank

Monday, Wednesday Thursday
and Friday at 11.30am.

Tuesday at 11.15am –

Funeral Mass for Ron McCabe RIP.

**The Reception of Remains for Ron will take
place at 5pm on Monday evening in St Mary's.**

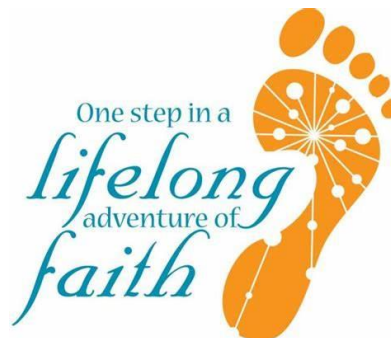
St Andrew's Cathedral

Monday - Friday at 1pm

Saturday at 10am (with Novena to Our Lady)

CONFESSIONS on request before any Mass

The Sacrament of Confirmation



If your child is now at Primary Seven stage (or older) we want to offer the Sacrament of Confirmation to them in this academic year. Please indicate your desire for your child to be enrolled for the preparation for this Sacrament by attending Sunday Mass and making yourselves known to me. For children who have been Baptised and have made their First Holy Communion, the Sacrament of Confirmation will complete their initiation into the Church.

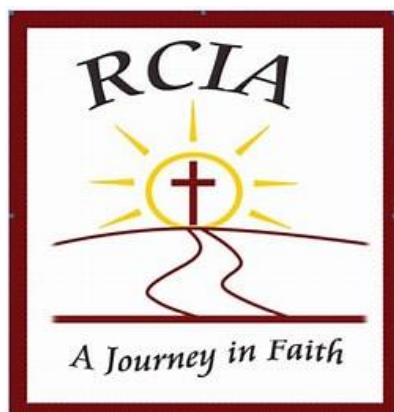


From the day we are born,
until the day we die,
we are on a journey:
How quickly childhood passes
and we are adults in the sea of life!
Most days are ordinary, uneventful,
mundane, even.

The whole process of understanding
the meaning of our life,
of facing life's big questions,
of making choices,
of choosing whether to turn back
or to go forward,
is something we often face alone.

But for those who choose to move forward,
to grow,
and for those who choose to die to self,
the journey to the heart of the Lord
will never be travelled alone.
Those who move in faith towards him
find new life, new hope
and a great companion
- the Saviour himself.

The journey of the heart, of the human
spirit, is ultimately the journey home
to the heart of the Lord.



If you have read the piece in blue ink in the column opposite reflectively, can I ask you, would you like to be part of an adult *formation-in-faith* process with talks and reflections on the scriptures the liturgy, life in Christ, being a disciple today, asking questions, sharing life events, listening to others, and growing in faith together?

Or is there someone in your family or circle of friends who might like to be introduced to Jesus Christ?

If so, please let me know. If there are a few people interested we shall hopefully be able to begin a journey of faith process again. In the past, groups from 25 – 50 participants [and sometimes more] have gathered on Wednesday evenings in the Pastoral Centre, and many have said how the experience has benefitted them in their understanding and their belonging in the Church. Let me know if you are interested.

The beauty of being Christian



The privilege of being Catholic

Invitation to Carfin

Father Mark Cassidy invites you to join with the parish of St. Mary's, Lochee at the **National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Carfin on Sunday 5th September at 3pm.**

A bus will depart from Grays Lane, outside the hall there, at 12.45pm on the day. There is no charge but you must email your desire to attend and so please book a place. Email with all your details

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Our Prayers

for the sick: Steven Hackney, 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: Ron McCabe, Rena McCann, Edna Cooper, Joan Kiernan, Eva Forbes, Vera Boag;

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

James Fleming, Cathie Walls, Margaret Boath, Jim Ward Margaret Macpherson, Mary Toshney, Canon Charles Adamson, John McDermott, Daniel Carrigan, Sister Clare, Father Hugh Campbell, Canon Patrick O'Donohoe, Brigitte Coupar, Winifred McPherson, Ella Whyte, Nancy McKinnon, Mary McFadden.

Finance Matters!

Thanks for your offertory generosity last Sunday of £623 in the Cathedral, £436 in Broughty Ferry and in St Mary's, Forebank £323.

On Sunday 8 August the collections came to £649 in the Cathedral, in Broughty Ferry £436, and in St Mary's, Forebank £400.

This is of course in addition to the standing order donations. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Leaving after Mass in Broughty Ferry

As you know we have been using a one-way system in Our Lady of Good Counsel during the pandemic, entering by the main door and going out through the side door. The one-way system can now be relaxed – although the stewards will continue to guide the Communion procession. I am now able to be outside the Church to greet you as you leave the church, so the **principal door for exit** will revert to being the **main church door** from this Sunday. However, if you feel vulnerable being in the procession out of the church, the side door will also be open and you may wish to remain in your seat until others have left.

Above all let's be sensitive to one another regarding personal space. For my part I will try not to hold up the process of leaving the Church, but it is important for the priest to be able to greet the people as they leave. I also try to be at the back of the church as your gather for Mass, to be available to you.

Altar Servers in the Cathedral

Now that we are able to have altar servers at Mass again and especially as the 11am Solemn Celebration of the Liturgy is being reinstated, can I ask that all our altar servers make themselves known to Tom and inform him of your intention to start serving again. If you would like to become an altar server at Mass in the Cathedral, please speak to Tom or Gigio after

any Sunday 11am Mass, who will arrange the necessary training. Thanks.

The Ministry of the Stewards

I think we all agree that we owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have stewarded the Churches during the time of the pandemic. Although things are easing considerably, the role of the stewards remains important. Stewarding is a *Ministry of welcome and hospitality* and many people have commented on the warmth of the welcome they have received in our churches and the helpfulness of the welcomers and stewards.

The stewards themselves have commented how many more people they have come to know by name – so important in a parish community. So, a *blessing* on all who are at the doors of our churches to make everyone feel at home who comes through those doors! The first requisite for a steward or welcomer is a smiling face! We are grateful that you portray the *smiling face of the church* to all who are guests in the Lord's House.

In the Cathedral parish I think we are at the stage of considering how the ministry of welcome and stewardship should look in the future. To this end I invite all the stewards and welcomers to a meeting **in the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday 31 August at 6pm.**

Also invited are those who have stewarded/welcome and been passkeepers in the Cathedral in the past, if they would like to resume taking part in this ministry.

Ministry to the sick - update

Thankfully, priests are not part of the "designated visitor" scheme in care and nursing homes.

Chaplaincy to Ninewells and RVH is looked after on a rota basis by most of the priests in Dundee: this ministry is also becoming a lot busier. If you or a loved one need a visit from the on-call chaplain, it is best to telephone 07821 624124. I am the on-call chaplain this week.

The **Mass of Chrism**, usually celebrate during Holy Week, will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday 14 September at 7pm. This is a diocesan event and it is most likely there will be a booking system for attendance. Full details next Sunday.

200 club winners in the Cathedral

The July winners are 1st: John Ruddy £50
2nd: Anne Duncan £30 3rd: Kenny Brown £20.

Quote: "You seek rebirth, yet you shun the unfamiliar?" The Nomad

*“I will sell what I have,
give all that I am,
to hold this treasure as my own”*

So sings the words of a contemporary hymn by the St Louis Jesuits. We have sung it some of the parishes, and the Diocesan Choir has rendered it beautifully in a two-part arrangement a number of times at diocesan events.

This Sunday we complete our reading of the Eucharistic teaching from the Gospel of St. John. It has been a powerful few Sundays since we first read of the great sign of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. But now we see some of the disciples of Jesus themselves in crisis, unable to fathom or accept this teaching, obviously wondering, *Can he really be the Holy One of God?* The Lord does not back down in his words: they are emphatic. He even gives those who remain with him the opportunity to *go away too*.

St. John's Gospel contains no actual account of the institution of the Eucharist in the Upper Room at the Last Supper. Instead, John places - towards the middle of Jesus' ministry - this lengthy discourse of teaching on the necessity of Christ's body and blood for eternal life. John, who has experienced deeply the paschal mystery of Jesus, is able to chronicle these words and leave them as a legacy for us. The words reflect the meaning of what we are about when we gather with bread and wine and *Do this in memory of me*.

Every Sunday since the first Easter, Christians have come together to remember and share that legacy of the Upper Room, and of Christ's blood poured out on Calvary, his resurrection and his glorification. Often at Mass the prayer is said that the bread and wine are the *fruits of the earth and the work of human hands*. The bread is our basic food: a symbol of love and companionship; when it is consecrated and broken, the ritual expresses that we come to one table to share one bread, the bread which is Christ.

But we can think too of the domination and exploitation in the world that goes along with bread, just what it takes to earn your *daily bread*, and what makes the daily bread of the poor and of the rich so different.

Sharing the bread which is Jesus's body is not only a moment for adoration and thanksgiving, but it also reminds us that the bread of the earth—the bread of toil—brings plenty to some but its lack means malnutrition for others, bringing them to that symbol of poverty which used to sometimes be described as the “bread-line”. And the wine too: fruit of the vine, work of human hands, the wine which says “celebration” - the wine that loosens us up inside and

so is a good symbol of forgiveness and fraternity, and yet wine is also “the bottle”, source of much tragedy in human life.

When Jesus identifies himself with bread and wine, he identifies with the hunger and thirst, the toil and the suffering of this world, as well as offering us the *cup of blessing* which makes us sing with the psalmist, *How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?* This broken bread and wine poured out are simple promises of heaven for us and they also give us the chance to promise ourselves to serve the Father and to serve his people. Joshua, as we read in this Sunday's Old Testament text, challenged the people to choose: Whom will you serve? He invites them to grasp the moment, and, as the text says, to *serve the Lord*.



Peter, later in history, would echo that sentiment and we hear his words resound in the Liturgy today, *Lord to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life*. This is Peter's treasure. I love to reflect on the guy in the Gospel who finds treasure hidden in a field and on what he does next. He goes (decisively), sells everything he owns and buys the field, and once he has bought it, nothing will make him part with it. By Baptism, we have been brought into the life of Christ. If this life in Him is a *treasure*, we'll never part with it, we'll want it to grow. Our Church, this parish, this community, is a treasure, a diamond, a rough diamond which God is still forming, still smoothing, still polishing.

We may at times feel helpless disillusioned, tired, let down. But the Eucharistic treasure, the *Divine Presence* along with the *Divine Wisdom* proclaimed at every Mass is given to us so we can continue the journey. St. Paul today places the relationship of marriage into the beautiful mystery of the marriage relationship between Christ and the Church. In the celebration of the Eucharist the language of love is expressed with the gift of Jesus body and blood being received by the Church and bringing about a *Holy Communion*.