

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

**Vigil Mass:** 5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel  
**Day Masses:** 9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel      11am & 6pm in St Andrew's Cathedral  
11.15am in St Mary's, Forebank

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
28 August 2022 - Year of Luke - C  
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday of ordinary Time**

*This week*

<b>Monday 29 August:</b>	<i>Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist</i>				
	10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel	11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank	1pm in the Cathedral		
<b>Tuesday 30 August:</b>	10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel      11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank      1pm in the Cathedral				
<b>Wednesday 31 August:</b>					
<b>10am in the Cathedral—Funeral Mass for Suuzanne Van der Kuyl Kent RIP</b>		<b>12.15pm in St Mary's, Forebank</b>			
1pm in the Cathedral		<b>5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel</b>			
<b>Thursday 1 September:</b>	10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel	11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank	1pm in the Cathedral		
<b>Friday 2 September</b>					
<b>9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel—please note</b>		<b>11am in St Mary's, Forebank [School Mass—all welcome]</b>			
1pm in the Cathedral					
<b>Saturday 3 September:</b>	<i>Memorial of St Gregory the Great</i> — Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral				

**Our Prayers for the sick:** Patrick Ruddy, Agnes Whyte, Jean Drummond, Norman Hadden, Tony Beck, Ray Conchie, Ross Murray, Janet Isherwood, Theresa Kay, Dawn Wood, Heather Moffit, Steven Hackney, Karen Dammer, Margaret McMenemy, Isobel Blackmore, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Thinley Chodron, Benedict Stephens, Steven Kennedy, Sonya Rostan, Aubrey McMullan, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

**for those who have died recently:** Allison Matthew, Clare Marie Crighton, Annie Croll, Pat Liney, Sadie Ellen Duffy, Suuzanne Van der Kuyl Kent;

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Thomas Brown, Winifred McPherson, Shaun Grimes, John Campbell, Oliver Roache, Ella Whyte, Pearl Heywood, Eleanor Moore, Chris Kosiba, Helen Sharkey, Brother Sidney, Mary McFadden, Nancy McKinnon, John Douglas;

We will welcome the boys and girls from **Our Lady's Primary School** to St Mary's Church this coming Friday for a Mass to start new school year, at 11am. Please note time. All parents, families and parishioners are welcome to join us.

*There will be refreshments in the Cathedral Hall after the 11am Mass this Sunday—please come and join us.*

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

We are looking to restart the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday 11am Mass at the Cathedral. Would you like to be involved? Please come along to a short planning meeting with Canon Kevin in the Cathedral Hall, after the 11am Mass, this Sunday, 28th August where you will be most welcome.

**Cathedral Choir**

St Andrew's Cathedral choir will restart again on Sunday 4 September. **New members are very welcome to join.** We rehearse before Mass at 10am on Sundays in the choir room.

**Latest 200 Club Winners**

Kieran Ferrie—£50; Aileen Duncan £30;  
Tom McPherson—£20

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Reunion** will take place at St Mary's, Lochee on Sunday 4 September at 3pm.

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**The Final Synthesis of the Synodal Process findings in Scotland has been submitted to Rome by the Scottish Bishops. It can be accessed on the website of the Catholic Parliamentary office at [rcpolitics.org](http://rcpolitics.org)**

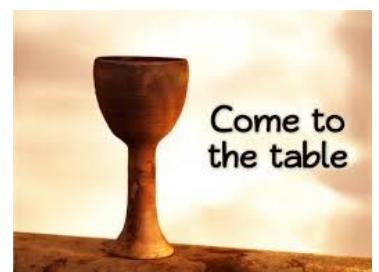
Many of the synod themes have a special resonance with the Gospel of Saint Luke which we proclaim in the Sunday liturgy this year. Given the amount of times we hear of Jesus using meals with others as an opportunity to proclaim the kingdom, the narrative of Luke could be subtitled, "The Gospel of the Table". Jesus' particular fondness for "table-fellowship" features in the text again and again in the text, and the "table" is the place where he consistently teaches about the Kingdom of God and ably demonstrates both its reality in the here-and-now and its glorious future in the heavenly banquet. Jesus is very often *on his way* to a meal, or *coming from* a meal or actually *participating in* a meal in Luke's narrative. As he sits at table, he talks about meals and their significance and in doing so he actually fulfils his prophecy that he is sent to *bring good news to the poor*.

The Kingdom of God is like, a banquet, he assures us. And - as a cause of joy for us - he eats with sinners, he sits at table with them. In this Sunday's Gospel he uses the seating arrangements at table to make a point about the place of the poor and the helpless in our priorities. Jesus surely liked tables (still does) because they remind him of home! If the Kingdom of God is like a banquet, then we can imagine Jesus settling in a human table, gazing around his dining companion and murmuring, "*Now this is more like it*". In Jesus' time, in addition to the invited guests (some of whom were jostling for the places of honour) there was an audience of the uninvited, whom social convention allowed just inside the door to admire the privileged. No wonder the guests were startled when Jesus said the group of the poor should be sitting at the table. He was, as we sometimes sing in that hymn, certainly *turning the world upside down*.

### **We gather this Sunday to celebrate the Banquet of the Kingdom!**

In an aside during a homily some weeks ago I mentioned that I believe the hymns we sing in the Liturgy play an important part in our Catholic formation because they are a way of teaching us the faith, and an instrument through which the faith is able to rest in our hearts as well as our minds. This Sunday in our churches we are singing hymns of welcome, of gathering, and of the banquet: *Here in this place new light is shining .... gather us in! Fill my house* says the Lord—*to the fullest*—a wonderful reflection of the inclusive nature of the love and salvation of Jesus, expressed so vividly in the Gospel of Luke.

We gather this Sunday, still trying to get right the atmosphere of the Kingdom. We lift our eyes to the Cross, solemnly displayed in our midst to remind ourselves that we are redeemed; the Eucharistic table, the Altar, which is often reverenced with incense and always with a kiss, reminds us that we are to live out that redemption and that if we cause divisions, or build barriers we actually undermine the Kingdom Jesus is seeking to build among us and beyond us, through the Eucharist. The first reading today, from the Book of Ecclesiasticus declares gentleness to be a desirable virtue, better than lavishness. Gentleness and humility are linked, the scripture affirms. With these virtues at work, we come to see that all that we are given by God is not of our own deserving, but rather the result of divine graciousness. Such a belief in turns leads us to realise that our community is not yet complete. As one of the Prayers last Sunday said: *May we not rest until wounds are healed and a welcome return is offered to all*. The Eucharist we share - as well as being a sacrificial meal and a living remembrance - is surely also to be a true sacramental expression of reconciliation and healing. Otherwise we can become prone to that self-assuredness that Jesus found odious and which he so often condemned in the Pharisees.



The Table or Altar is a key symbol in the ministry of welcome and reconciliation which we have been given. We have been given it to use for others, through our own receiving of these graces from the Gracious One. Perhaps today, look at the Altar for a moment as you listen to the Gospel. It is both our comfort that we are called to take our place at this holy table (without jostling to put ourselves first), and it is our reproach should we forget those outside.