

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

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**Sunday 17 September 2023**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time**  
**Year of Matthew [A]**

**Dear Friends and Parishioners,**

We begin this Sunday a "season of parables" in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few Sundays, the stories Jesus tells will cut to the spiritual core.

We will discover what makes a parable a parable, as we are invited into the "Kingdom" or "Reign" of God, here and now, through our hearing of them. Many of the parables were provocative to the ears and minds of their original hearers, and perhaps they are to ourselves today, at first hearing. They are often given by Jesus in response to a question, as in this Sunday's Gospel, when Jesus tells a lengthy story about the implications of being forgiven, in answer to Peter's query of *How many times?*

The parables proclaim powerfully the reign of God and invite their hearers into that reign, to shape their lives according to the divine plan revealed in Jesus. His healings, exorcisms, and table fellowship with the sinners and tax collectors are all illustrations of the teaching he gives through his parables. Let's enjoy them and savour them as they are proclaimed in our midst, and take their implications away with us for the week ahead.

The **11.15am Mass at St Mary's** this Sunday is offered especially for the Boyle family members past and present who have been parishioners of St Mary's, Forebank since the 1800s. Welcome to everyone who has come for the Mass today. Father Michael, who arrived last week from Nigeria and who will be going to Dundee University to study for an MSc will concelebrate the Mass with me. To the **11am Mass in the Cathedral** this Sunday we welcome Father Elias, new Rector of St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull.

**Annual Retiral Collection for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund** is taken this Sunday at all Masses. There will be buckets at the back of the Church for donations. Many thanks. K

**Interested in becoming a Catholic?**

**Or do you know someone who is?**

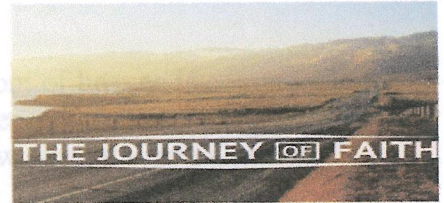
**Come along - or come with them - this Wednesday 20 September at 7pm to The Pastoral Centre, St Mary's Church hall, Forebank Road, Dundee DD1 2PF at 7pm for the *Journey of Faith***

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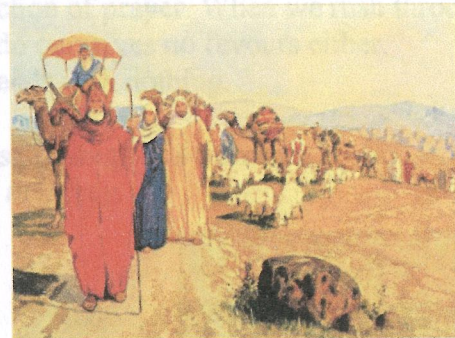
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**Session One this Wednesday:**

***Haran – the place of "call" and beginnings of the journey.***

**Come and hear the beginnings of the Judeo-Christian journey in the steps of Abraham, "our father in faith" and trace the beginnings of your own journey. Haran or the Hilltown, the Ferry, Dundee, Glasgow, Poland, Ukraine, Nigeria, India ....the place we call *home* usually marks the start of the journey. Celebrate it, own it and take off from it again in this first session.**



The journey of faith sessions focus on a different topic of the Church's faith each week: but the purpose is never just to know more facts about the Lord and his Church; the real aim is to enter more deeply into the mystery of life, and the mystery of all that we are called to be in Jesus Christ, and to get know him better as the Lord of all life. People have found in the past, that by taking part in the Journey of faith, they have come under the influence of the Holy Spirit in a new way, and their sense of belonging in the Church has increased. All this is indeed the work of the Spirit of Jesus.