

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 September 2022 - Year of Luke - C
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday of ordinary Time

This week's Masses

Monday 12 September: 10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel **12.15pm in St Mary's, Forebank** 1pm in the Cathedral

Tuesday 13 September: *Memorial of St John Chrysostom*
10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank - Funeral Mass for Paul McHugh RIP
1pm in the Cathedral

Wednesday 14 September: *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross & Day of Prayer for Ukraine*
9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Thursday 15 September: *Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows*
10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Friday 16 September *Feast of St Ninian*
10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel **10am in St Mary's, Forebank** 1pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 17 September: Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral

We **welcome** Monsignor Pat McNally to the Cathedral this Sunday for the 11am Mass. I shall celebrate in Forebank, where we shall have during Mass, the Baptisms of Louis and Leighton Peters.

Father Malcolm will celebrate in St Peter and St Paul's and Father Jean in St Ninian's and St Clements's while Fr Johny is on holiday. I shall also celebrate both Masses in Broughty Ferry and the Cathedral 6pm.

Visits to the sick and housebound: I endeavour to visit as assiduously as possible. If a parishioner is in need of a home visit with holy Communion please do let me know.

If you or a loved one is going into hospital it is important the duty chaplain is notified if a visit is desired. There is a designated 'phone number for the Hospitals' chaplain: 07821 624124.

If th phone is not answered immediately, please leave a message or a text. I am on the hospitals dairy this week.



There will, be a Macmillan Cancer Support **Coffee Morning** in the Cathedral Hall after the 10am Mass on Saturday 1 October. More details in next week's newsletter.

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

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We recall the steadfastness, dedication and untiring service to the nation and beyond of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and we note her strength of faith in Christ underpinning her whole life and vocation.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

While we will remember her in the Masses this weekend, next Sunday 18 September the 11am Mass in the Cathedral will be a **Solemn Requiem Mass** for the late Queen.

The following Sunday 25 September the 11am Mass in the Cathedral will be offered from the new King Charles III as he accedes the throne.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

The next World Youth Day will be in Lisbon from 1 - 6 August 2023. The Dunkeld Youth Service hopes to take part and the youth day is open to anyone from 16 years of age and upwards.

If any young person is interested in taking part please speak to me. Of course such an event is costly, but as a parish we will surely be able to help financially.

He remembered his father

On this Sunday every three years, in the brilliant storytelling style distinctive of Luke the evangelist, we are treated to three parables from the mouth of Jesus: the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, rising to something of a climax in the parable of the lost son. These scenarios are so familiar to us; familiar, yet they are ever new! You'll recognise the heading of this column, taken directly from the third of these parables, referring to the lost son while he was at his lowest ebb, working amidst the pigs: 'he came to his senses', or perhaps a more literal translation would be, 'he entered into himself.' We might say, "he found himself".

All three parables are about finding what lost. The prodigal son was lost and found, just as the sheep and the coin were. The first two say, 'What man or what woman would not do this?'i.e. call together the friends and neighbours to celebrate? The first two parables prepare for the great parable of the Prodigal/Lost Son, which —in some contrast — does not say 'What Father would not do this?', because it is by no means obvious that any father would take the son back home in those circumstances. This is how the parables shine light on each other. There are similarities and there are contrasts. The prodigal son is a bit like the shepherd, in his going out looking for something in the far country. He is a bit like the woman, in his taking money with him. He loses the money and he does not find whatever he was looking for. Then he "enters into himself".

All three parables are about losing and finding, but of course losing a human being is quite different from losing a sheep or a coin. In this third parable, the prodigal son chooses to be lost. He also chooses to come back. He does not really expect to be found again, but his father's love is "prodigal" in nature!

The prodigal son "enters into himself" when he is at his lowest. In the depths of despair in the pigsty he remembers his father; **he remembers his father, who had never for a day forgotten him!** And from that pigsty the great journey home begins. He may expect only to be restored to the household as a servant and not as a son, but his father has other ideas. Isn't it true that taking back someone who has hurt us can seem a bit like losing something of ourselves? But this father is willing to take the risk. The elder son however refuses to "enter in" [the same phrase as used of his brother]. We might think it is the house, or the celebration he won't enter, but it is really himself. The father explains to the elder son, that he is with him always. 'All I have is yours'. In the Mass we share today, when, as always, we acknowledge our "lostness", may we truly "enter into ourselves" and experience deeply the reconciling love of the Father.....and then become agents of that love ourselves!



Day of Prayer for Ukraine

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Wednesday 14 September has been designated as the European Day of prayer for peace in Ukraine. We shall keep prayer for peace at the heart of our Masses on Wednesday. If you can't make it to Mass please join us in spirit with your prayers that day.

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, Thinley Chodron, Catherine Gallacher, Benedict Stephens, Steven Kennedy, Sonya Rostan, Aubrey McMullan, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;
for those who have died recently: Finlay Mackay, Margaret Mulholland (wife of Deacon Hugh), Paul McHugh, Theresa Tardito;

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Gorman, Jessie Heffell, Jack Seery, Margaret Brown, Patrick Reilly, John Milne, Mrs Burns (of the Canon's land), Mary McNaughton, Dorothy Donachie, Rose Duffy, James Gorman, Peter Moore, Kenneth Walker, Charles Boath, Elizabeth Chaplain, Elizabeth Millington, Iain Wilson, Christina Rackham, James McDonald, Helen Moore, Jim Malone, Hilda Mackie, Gulia Fugaccia, Maureen Brehm, Winnie Smith, Bill Smith, Margaret McDade, Noreen Dunphy, Jessie McGuire, Elizabeth McBride, Deacon Barry Heywood, Zenon Kwietkowski, Gordon McFarlane.

This week on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th we welcome to the Cathedral hall newly qualified teachers from across the diocese to have an input on **Christ, The Teacher** and share on their experience of teaching in Catholic schools. This is one of a series offer such opportunities for newly qualified teachers and I look forward to taking part. There shall also be a *twilight session* on Thursday for experienced teachers on the same subject.

The Parent Council of Our Lady's Primary School meets this Tuesday 13th at 6pm and I look forward to attending.

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £394 in St Mary's, Forebank, £546 in the Cathedral and £484 in Broughty Ferry; If you pay tax and don't already *gift aid* your offering, please consider doing so, at no extra cost yourself.

Next Sunday we shall take a special collection at all the Masses for the Diocesan **Sick and Retired Priests' Fund**.

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