

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

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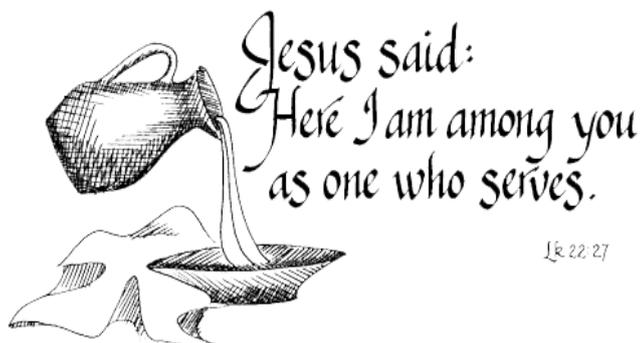
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**25th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
12 September 2021**

*Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dear Friends and Parishioners,



This Sunday our Liturgy points towards the act of loving service performed by Jesus in the Upper Room on the night of the Last Supper, his definitive symbol of service, washing the feet of the disciples as he left them a legacy and example of service – *you must copy what I have done to you*, he said. Echoes of the synodal church which our Holy Father Pope Francis is calling us to as a fulfillment of the vision of the Second Vatican Council. More on this in next week's newsletter.

For now, let's celebrate the liturgy this Sunday as true brothers and sisters in the Lord, no one trying to *lord it over* anyone else but gathering and worshipping as a true family in God, never arguing (even in our minds) over *who is the greatest* but learning from the graciousness of Christ who is the *Lord and Master* but who *kneels in humility* to wash our feet.

## 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

## Weekday Mass this week

### Our Lady of Good Counsel

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 10am

Thursday at 9.30am

Please note time change.

Morning Prayer precedes Mass  
fifteen minutes prior.

### St Mary's, Forebank

Monday at 12.30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday

& Friday at 11.30am

Thursday at 11am

### St Andrew's Cathedral

Monday - Friday at 1pm

Please note that the 1pm Mass on Tuesday 21

September shall be the funeral Mass for Roma

Pacione RIP. It is also the regular parish Mass so

all parishioners are welcome.

Saturday Mass at 10am (with Novena to Our  
Lady)

**CONFESSIONS** on request before any Mass

### **Mass with Primary Six pupils**

On Thursday this week we shall welcome the boys and girls from Primary Six at Our Lady's Primary School to Mass in St Mary's Forebank. The Mass will be at **11am** and not 11.30am in order to suit the school programme. Please note. Consequently Mass in Our Lady of Good Counsel on Thursday will be at **9.30am**.

### **Ordination of Rev Andrew Brookes OP**

The Ordination to the Priesthood of the Dominican Friar Andrew Brookes will take place in the Cathedral this Saturday 25

September at 12.30pm with Bishop Stephen presiding.

Andrew is originally from Crieff and we join with him and his family and friends and the Dominican Order in rejoicing at his ordination. A number of Andrew's guests will be travelling significant distances and I would like to offer some simple hospitality to them in the Cathedral Hall after the Ordination Mass. Would you be willing to help with the catering for this event? If so please do let me know (asap!) Kevin

## Mass on Weekdays

I like to do my best to ensure that we have weekday Mass each day in each of our churches. When diocesan meetings are scheduled for mornings and when school and other commitments have to be fulfilled it means that sometimes the weekday Mass times have to change. I'm sorry for any inconvenience this cause the daily Mass community, but with the shortages of priests across the diocese, such changes are inevitable. I try not to make them at short notice through. Please check the newsletter each week for any possible changes to the schedule; the newsletter is also posted on the parish Facebook page and the Cathedral website.

## Property Surveys

The survey at Our Lady of Good Counsel took place on Wednesday past. A high level inspection will take place on Tuesday 21 September.

I had a very good meeting regarding the major work needed on the towers at St Mary's. It seems we may be able to obtain grant funding to help with the costs, and this will be looked into by Mr Jim Graham, an expert in the complicated field of grant application. For now, the necessary maintenance work on the towers will take place in October.

## Our Prayers

**for the sick:** Hilda McGinness, Steven Hackney, Jane Budge, Alan McKenzie, Joyce Scott, John McCarry, Margaret McMenemy, Tony Beck, Isobel Blackmore, Karen Dammer, Mel Caullay, Allison Matthew, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Baby Ben Welsh, Thinley Chodron, Sharon McInally, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Lily Jane Douglas, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

**those who have died recently:** Paddy Mitchell, Mary McCormick, Martin Keenan, James Dillon, John Brown, Roma Pacione, Alison Ogilvie, Elizabeth Sproul-Cran;

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Charles Steven, Rev Patrick McManus, Kieran McMullan, Dorothy Donachie, Mary McNaughton, John Douglas, Rose Blake, Alex Wallace, Deacon Barry Heywood, Zenon Kwietkowski, Pauline Adigun, John Francis Welsh, Sheila Donald, Tecla Nymande, Ella Millers, Andrew McIvor. Tom McGovern and Nancy McGovern, Matthew Finnigan and Bert Finnigan, Muriel Whitecross, Joseph Dillon Junior, Jean Money, Patricia Hosie.

## A Faith Based Challenge to COP26 Zoom Meeting with Fr Seán McDonagh Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7pm - 9pm

**Father Seán McDonagh**, has a long history of being an eco-activist and in 1985 his book '*To Care for the Earth*' called for a new theology that would give as much prominence to creation as to redemption. Since then he has written much that has contributed to a deeper understanding of what is happening to our 'common home' and the need to take radical action. He also contributed to the research which led to '*Laudato Si*'.

### Format of the evening

7pm: Welcome and Opening Prayer

7.10pm - 8.30pm: Presentation by Seán followed by Q&A.

8.30pm - 9pm: Small group sharing

**For registration details please email:**

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## Vocations Awareness Week

Could you put yourself last and Christ and his People first? Could you serve as He did, in the priesthood or religious life? Speak to Fr Mark Cassidy, Vocations Director (email: [stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk) or tel. 01382 611282), email *Priests for Scotland*, Visit their website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

A **special collection** is usually taken around the time of Vocations Awareness Week for the costs of our seminaries – the Ecclesiastical Students' fund. There will be buckets for this cause at the back of the churches next Sunday 26 September. Thank you as always for your generosity.

## Finance Matters!

Thanks for your offertory generosity last Sunday of £837 in the Cathedral, £543 in Broughty Ferry and in St Mary's, Forebank £410.

**The Special Collection for the Communications Fund** came to £249 in the Cathedral, £250 in Broughty Ferry and in St Mary's, Forebank £185.

Some copies of the latest edition of the *Dunkeld News* are available this Sunday at the back of the Church for those without internet access. It can also be viewed on the Diocesan website – [www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk](http://www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk)

## An appeal to all tax payers!

Would you allow the parish to reclaim the tax on the generous offerings you make to the Church each week, at no extra cost to yourself, by gift aiding your contributions? All



you have to do is either enrol in the envelope system or make your church contributions by standing order. Please do consider

this, as the parishes benefit greatly each year from the gift aid the government pays us. Please just ask me for a gift aid form. Your confidentiality is assured.

The St Mary's, Forebank new gift aid envelopes are available for collection this Sunday at the back of the Church. The new envelopes start on Sunday 17 October.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



I look forward to the day when we can recommence the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday 11am Solemn Mass in the Cathedral. Please if you can, have a look at the SurveyMonkey link here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FVRCSTK> or on Facebook to give us a little feedback on the Children's Liturgy online, in order to help us plan for future resources to support our families.

## Cathedral Choir

### Mary Veal writers:

As we slowly and carefully return our Masses to something approaching normal, it is hoped to resume our 11am choir on a Sunday. In line with regulations, the choir members would be spaced 2m apart and, in order to sing without masks, would do so from our gallery upstairs. We would welcome any new members, whether soprano, alto, tenor or bass. Ability to read music is not essential for membership of the choir. **If you are interested, please see Mary after the 11am Mass this Sunday 19th September.**

**Meetings:** The Trustees of the Diocese of Dunkeld shall meet this Monday at 11am at Lawside. Hence the Mass in St Mary's, Forebank on Monday shall be at **12.30pm** and not 11.30am, Apologies for any inconvenience.

**Deanery:** I shall host a meeting of the priests from the Dundee and Fife deaneries at St Mary's Forebank Hall this coming Monday at 2pm.



**Many thanks** to all who enabled us to have a worthy celebration of the **Mass of Chrism** in the Cathedral on Tuesday last. The priests were so happy to be together to renew their promises. The evening was not filled with the same air of *expectancy* as it is when we gather on the Wednesday of Holy Week, at the threshold of the Triduum, nevertheless it was a joyful and faith-filled celebration, when the oils were blessed and the Chrism consecrated for the year ahead.

## Triumph and Sorrow

The church celebrated two significant feast days last week: the exultation or triumph of the Cross on 14 September and Our Lady of Sorrows on 15 September.

The Triumph of the Cross is inspired by the glorious passion narrative of St John, which is quite different in tone from the passion stories in the other three gospels. John portrays the journey of Jesus to the cross not as a sorrowful road of suffering but as a solemn procession of a King to his throne. Jesus is the one who *lays down his life of his own accord, no one takes it from him*. Following that feastday the church directs us to Mary the mother of sorrows and her *spiritual martyrdom* as she accompanied her Son on his journey and stood steadfast at the foot of the cross with the *Beloved Disciple* who represents the whole church and to whom Mary is given as Mother and Intercessor .

Here is the stunning image of the 13<sup>th</sup> Station of the Cross in St Mary's, Forebank, the body of the lifeless Christ being entrusted again to his Mother.



## **Do you have a prophetic streak?**

The writer of the *Book of Wisdom* from which we read this Sunday, is a prophet - his words of the virtuous man being a threat to those who would live a self centred life, because they see his joy and cannot fathom it, point us to Jesus, the greatest Servant of the Father. Jesus became a threat to all who would want to live a life solely centred on the self, because, for all their efforts, true happiness eludes them, while those whose love is expressed in humble service find true joy. The Kingdom of heaven is the home of those who, renouncing something of the self, live for others.

The Gospel of Jesus teaches us an odd truth, that contrary to what it seems, the greatest joy in life doesn't come about from being centred on yourself but in serving and bringing joy to **others** with a childlike, humble heart. **It's a hard truth to learn but once learned it changes the way you see life's purpose.** That's a prophetic message!

Prophets are those who listen to God and listen to the truths of life and then speak out. Prophets are not necessarily holier than others, and frequently they are people who have been wounded by life, but, like Jeremiah or Isaiah, they put their woundedness in the service of God. The sin or frailty I acknowledge in my life can become an opening for me to receive the grace of forgiveness, and so put my woundedness at the service of the Gospel.

In his book, **Sacraments and Sacramentality**, a favourite of mine, Bernard Cooke writes: "Prophetic proclamation is always aimed at conversion. The prophet speaks for a God who invites humans to "leave their present home", the understandings and decisions and goals that now govern their life, and "go into a land that I will give you" – the new level of human existence that will come to those who respond to the divine invitation". *Wow!*

The writer of the Book of Wisdom is a prophet who looks forward to Jesus, **the** virtuous man whose enemies would lie in wait for him, mock him that he has God for his help, torture him with cruelty and eventually do away with him, condemning him to the shameful death of the cross.

Jesus the Prophet this Sunday predicts his own death, not in a fortune telling way but in reflective mood, knowing that his words and actions would cause such outrage among the powerful whose way of life Jesus opposed - by living himself in gentleness and truth - that they would have to do away with him.



It is the disciples who are reluctant to accept all this - they wanted him to be the Messiah, but were scandalised by the thought of martyrdom: they wanted *gain without pain*, and the cross of Jesus stands over and against that. I remember

the motto of the old St Saviour's High School in Dundee - *per Crucem ad gloriam* - through the Cross to Glory.

The depth of the lack of understanding of the apostles is revealed in their **quarrelling** - about who is the greatest. Jesus, of course is the greatest, but paradoxically, his greatness will be revealed in his **supreme act of humility**, going prophetically to the cross *like the lamb being led to the slaughter*.

The disciples on the other hand, are more concerned about greatness in the eyes of the world, success, and the quest for a happiness which eludes you, and eventually you find true happiness in the embrace of the cross and the kingdom. Still trapped by worldly concerns, those disciples illustrate the statement in the letter of St. James that we read today - *Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it, and when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly.*

Position in the kingdom of God, in his world, is based on service and humility, not on power and honour. For St Mark, the **Cross** occupies the central place in the gospel - you can't truly know Jesus apart from the cross. Fortunately, he consistently forgives our obstinacy and ability to hear only what we want to hear. Patiently, he continues to instruct us in the childlike way of life and welcomes us even in our sin and weakness. In doing so, he holds out the cross to us to embrace and to courageously join him in carrying it.

