

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

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**Sunday 11 October 2020 -
28th Sunday of Ordinary time
Year of Matthew [A]
Next Sunday: 29th in Ordinary Time**

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

I took a look through the files at the newsletter for this Sunday, the 28th of the year the last time it came round, in 2017. What a contrast between then and now! At that time, the floodlighting work was being undertaken on the Cathedral facade, the new gents' facility was almost complete, we were planning for the Forty Hours' Adoration, I was advertising two evening sessions on the Gospel of Mark..... who would have thought that three years on we would be where we are now? Yet the work of the Church and her mission continues, albeit in different ways. The work of witness and prayer is still continuing in our parishes.

May I express again – on behalf of us all in both our parishes – very grateful thanks to all our liturgical ministers, our stewards, cleaners, those who take the bookings for the Sunday Masses, those who arrange the seating, and all the others who help in any way during these times to ensure that our liturgies, though much truncated, are still celebrated with a prayerful dignity, in such a way that the Mass is truly an experience of joy and nourishment each Sunday and weekday. I am very aware that the volunteers give of their time and talent while working full time, and while seeing to family and other concerns. Thanks for your generosity of time and energy. I feel a *thank you* party coming after all this....!

Please note that because of the pandemic the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays continues to be suspended: if you can come on a weekday for Mass that could help those who can only come on a Sunday to book a place. When booking for Sunday Mass, please do **not** book for both Saturday and Sunday, choose one or other. This frees up space for more people. Please wear a Mask or face covering and to sanitise your hands. Please follow the directions of the stewards at all times.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday 11 October:

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5.30pm;

Morning Mass at 9.45am.

Both Sunday Masses in Our Lady of Good Counsel will be offered in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Father Anthony McCarthy whose first anniversaries falls. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and give comfort to all who continue to mourn his passing.

Monday 12 October: Mass at 10am

Tuesday 13 October: **Mass at 12noon**

Wednesday 14 October: Mass at 10am

Thursday 15 October: Mass at 10am

Friday 16 October: Mass at 10am

Saturday 17 October: **No Morning Mass**

Sunday 18 October:

Vigil Mass on Saturday 5.30pm;

Morning Mass at 9.45am.

St Andrew's Cathedral:

Sunday 11 October:

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 4pm;

Sunday Mass at 11am and 6pm.

Monday 12 October: Mass at 1pm

Tuesday 13 October: Mass at 1pm

Wednesday 14 October: Mass at 1pm

Thursday 15 October: Mass at 1pm

Friday 16 October: Mass at 1pm

Saturday 17 October: Novena and Mass at 10am

[There will be an additional Memorial Mass at 12noon on Saturday for Frank Holligan RIP, a long standing Cathedral Parishioner. Because of the restrictions, attendance at this Mass is by family invitation only]

Sunday 18 October:

Vigil Mass on Saturday 3rd at 4pm;

Sunday Mass at 11am and 6pm.

Our Prayers.....

for those who have died recently:

Bill Delaney, Dr Barry Cullen, William Steele;

those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Arthur Greene, Charlie Sharkey, Amedeo Ferrario, Tom McCrorie, Bill Smith, Bridget Green, Jerry Dillon, K.P. Philip, Pauline McCready, Father Jimmy Henry, Charlie Hanlon, Ethel McQueen,

all those who are sick and in need of our intercession:

Tom Clark, Mary Welsh, Frances Young, Joe Jackson, Tony Beck, Mel Caullay, Jackey-Forrest-Moore, May Forbes, Catherine Gallacher, Baby Ben Welsh, Bill Boland, Thinley Chodron, Sharon McNally, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Gillian Steedman, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Lily Jane Douglas, Alexander McNeil, Bridie Mossey, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga, Allison Matthew.

The latest edition of the *Dunkeld News* is available through the diocesan website
www.dunkelldioocese.co.uk

Keeping this Sunday holy with a Home Liturgy

A prayer to begin

O God of the wedding feast,
we are not the first to be invited
to your banquet, nor are we the last,
for your invitation is extended to all,
in every generation.
May our acceptance of this gracious invitation
of yours, keep us ever seeking
to gather your people at your table.
Let us work to fulfil the vision of your prophet,
Isaiah, and the mission of your Son, Jesus,
providing a welcome church and home,
open to all. Amen.

Penitential Prayer

You invite us to the *wedding feast* of life in your Church.

For our lack of promptness in answering your invitation, **pardon us, Lord.**

You call us to the banquet of your Eucharist.
For our lack of fervour towards this Sacrament of your love, **pardon us, Lord.**

You call us to the joy of sharing faith with our brothers and sisters. For our lack of enthusiasm in the mission of the Gospel, **pardon us, Lord.**

Read the Scriptures of the day

Book of the Prophet Isaiah 25: 6 – 10:

The banquet of the Lord on the holy mountain.

Psalm 22:

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell,
for ever and ever.*

St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20.

*There is nothing I cannot master with the help of
the one who gives me strength.*

The Gospel of Matthew 22: 1- 14

The wedding feast of the Kingdom.

A reflection:

From the generous landowner who wanted to give work even to those who came “at the eleventh hour”, to the father and the two sons, both of whom changed their minds, then to the master who let out his vineyard to the tenants, and now to a King who gives a wedding feast. What binds all these parable-characters together? *The Kingdom of heaven is like....*this is Jesus' great concern in his preaching, to usher in God's Reign, which is

present in himself. He was the “son and heir” to the vineyard of last Sunday's Gospel, and now he is the “son” whose wedding feast to his Church is celebrated in the parable today. The invitation from the Kingly-Father who has been angered that the original invitees deigned not to attend, is open to all and generous, like that of the God of the Psalms, who “opens wide his hand and grants the desires of all who live”. Indeed, the wedding feast is a celebration of salvation itself, and the parable is addressed once again to the “chief priests and elders of the people”.

The parable and its invitation, like previous parables and the work of the vineyard entrusted to those who receive the call, is really an outline of salvation history from the Christian perspective. The Lord who tells it is surely saddened that Israel (at least in her chief priests and elders) has either downright refused the final revelation and invitation to the Kingdom banquet, issued in the person of the Promised Messiah, the “son of the king”, having already maltreated the servants of God (the prophets), or sought to accept the invitation but refused to wear the wedding garment of the new covenant when attending the feast.

Nevertheless, the king issues the invitation to all, (mindful of the kingdom's eleventh hour policy!) to “bad and good alike”, seeking us out on the highways and byways of our lives, not resting until the banquet hall is full. But, remember to wear the wedding garment of love, joy and readiness to celebrate when you accept the invitation to share the feast!

Intercessions: Take time to voice your own prayers, and conclude with the *Our Father*.

Thanksgiving

You are the good Shepherd. With you we lack nothing. **We thank you, O Lord.**

You lead us day after day through paths of joy and peace. **We thank you, O Lord.**

Your grace and goodness accompany us as we journey along the paths of time to your heavenly dwelling. **We thank you, O Lord.**

Conclusion

O God of the banquet,
the wedding feast of Christ your Son,
is the Eucharist of your Church,
which is nourishment for our lives
and the gate of heaven to all your people.
Open our community to all who seek you;
fill it with the rich diversities of gifts and talents
with which you have adorned your world.

May our lives bear witness to the banquet of eternal life, where all will be welcome. Amen

Bishop's Clergy Appointments:

Father Joseph James who has been Administrator at St Thomas', Arbroath has returned to India. **Father Andrew Marshall** is returning from Rome but will continue with his further studies from Scotland via the internet. He will be priest-in residence at St. Thomas', Arbroath. For the interim, the Bishop has appointed me as Administrator, to oversee the parish of St. Thomas', Arbroath, in addition to my duties at the Cathedral and in Broughty Ferry. Andrew will be around the Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel from time to time and I know you will give him a very warm welcome. His studies though, will be his priority over the next three months.

Kati Smith writes:

Dear Fellow Parishioners, I hope you're all well, and surviving these Covid virus restrictions. As you know, we had to cancel the SCIAF coffee morning this Spring because of Covid restrictions. I have sent the £60 collected for ticket money to SCIAF to help those suffering in the poorest countries. **Kati Smith (SCIAF Cathedral Parish representative)**



In continuing our focus on the Care of God's creation, "our common home and our one human family", we will explore the 'New 3 Rs' in light of both 'Laudato Si' and Pope Francis' latest encyclical, 'Fratelli Tutti', in the bulletin over the next

few weeks.

Mary O'Duffin, RE adviser in the Diocese of Dunkeld, is offering a ZOOM online *Echoes* catechetics course this month. Full details and opportunity to sign up via the Diocesan website - www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk

Sad, isn't it, to see the demise of local businesses? I read in the Tele about the closure of Clarks Bar and music venue on North Lindsay Street, remembered by those of us of a certain vintage as The Keyhole; not to mention Groucho's, and a wee while back the closure of Anderson's stores on Blackness Road - where you seemed to be able to find any difficult-to-come-by item you'd looked for everywhere else; it was like an Aladdin's cave! Then last week I went up to Annfield to take in two pairs of shoes needing soled and heeled, only to find the friendly shoe

repair shop now closed for business. Such a shame.

COVID-19 pandemic and the global response of the Catholic family



In an on-line conference sponsored by CAFOD and Missio, CAFOD's Geoff O'Donoghue, Senior International Programme Leader and Missio's National Director Fr Anthony Chantry discuss the challenges facing our global family in this time of pandemic and how we are responding creatively and keeping hope alive. Cathedral parishioner Chris Boyle will be taking part and will report back to us.



Could there be a gardener out there looking for work? If so, do please get in

touch....

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



On 15 October, the Church honours **St Teresa of Avila**, a sixteenth century mystic, a great reformer of religious life, a courageous adviser to the clergy and a Doctor of the church. I had the pleasure of visiting her convent in Avila with Bishop Logan a number of years ago. In Dundee, we used to have a beautiful Church in Graham Street dedicated to Teresa of Avila.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque, honoured on 16 October, was a visionary of the divine mercy of Jesus, expressed in devotion to his Sacred Heart. Most churches have an image or shrine honouring the heart of Jesus, a "fount of love and mercy". This devotion is in fine harmony with the spirit of the liturgy, for that is the place where our prayer is answered: "unfold to us the treasures of thy grace" The 1985 work by Sister Annice Callaghan of Oakland, California on the pierced heart of Jesus was a formative element in my own spirituality.

St Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop whose memorial falls on Saturday 17 October, was martyred for the

faith around the year 107. His many letters, a treasure of the early Church, show a man completely given over to the love and service of Christ, “even unto death”.

Rosary Whirlwind October 2020 for Faith, Life & Peace

October is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Nations around the world this year are hosting their great Rosary Crusades and we are invited to join them, On Saturday 31 October, the Eve of All Saints’ Day, there will be a *National Rosary Rally* in Britain, where local churches throughout these islands are invited to take an hour where the Rosary is said in parishes and homes throughout the Diocese.

In our Diocese of Dunkeld, Bishop Stephen Robson will lead a Rosary, live streamed from the convent Chapel at Lawside (via the diocesan website) at 12noon, for one hour.

Booking a place for Sunday Mass

For Mass at **St Andrew’s Cathedral** search for ‘Eventbrite, St Andrew’s Cathedral, Dundee’.

For **Our Lady of Good Counsel** search for ‘Eventbrite, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry’.

If you don’t have internet access, ‘phone the dedicated Mass booking number on **07561 699557**.

Leave a message (the phone won’t be answered) with your **name, number, the Masses** you require seats for and whether you would prefer **upstairs** or **downstairs**.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:

Please approach the priest before weekday Mass if you wish to have Confession.

I will celebrate the **Evening Prayer of the Church** for the 28th Sunday of the Year at 4pm in the Cathedral today. Vespers attached/enclosed if you’d like to share in this Evening Prayer.

Follow the reflections and music on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsRCDundee/>

I am trying to post a little reflection weach day on the Facebook page.

A **Liturgy for Children** is on the Facebook page for this Sunday. Thanks to the Liturgy Team.



Could the Lord be calling you to work in his vineyard in the priesthood or religious life? If you would like to explore this

further please do call Father Mark Cassidy, our Diocesan Vocations Director on 01382 611282.

An Invitation from

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (Dundee Branch)

**Anniversary Witness
of the passing of the Abortion Act
Dundee City Square,
Thursday 22nd October, 6 – 8pm.**

Please join us

in the 17th consecutive silent candle-light vigil.

So that we’re keeping within the current law please:

- Don’t bring your own placards or candles
- Keep 2 metres apart
- Use the cleaning materials available
- Don’t come along if you have any Covid 19 symptoms

Please remember this is a silent witness. Opening and closing prayers will be read, but anyone wishing to pray during the event is asked to do so silently and on their own. Thank you.

Finally, rules change without much warning these days so please do check the event is still going ahead before you leave the house by phoning or texting Clare on 07752527696.

Newsletters by Post

My thanks to those who have responded to the note in last Sunday’s newsletter regarding the posting out of the weekly newsletter. I am happy to continue to send the bulletin by post to those who wish it.

Finance Report

Grateful thanks for your Offertory contributions in the Cathedral:

the week up to Sunday 2 August: £2712;
the week up to Sunday 9 August: £665;
the week up to Sunday 16 August: £801;
the week up to Sunday 23 August: £950;
the week up to Sunday 30 August: £1574;
the week up to Sunday 6 September: £1247;
the week up to Sunday 13 September: £702
the week up to Sunday 20 September:£1002.

Gift aid envelopes

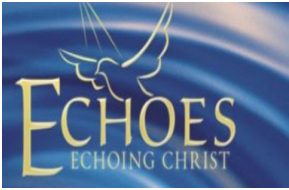
There are still quite a number of Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the Cathedral. If you have not already collected yours, please do so today. We rely on those who so kindly gift aid their contributions to help augment our annual income.

Cathedral 200 Club September Winners:

1st: Katie Smith - £50; 2nd: Betty Harrop - £30
3rd: Anne Robertson £20

If you haven't yet paid your 200 Club dues, please do so as soon as possible. For more info, call

Kenny on 07443 494719.



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