

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

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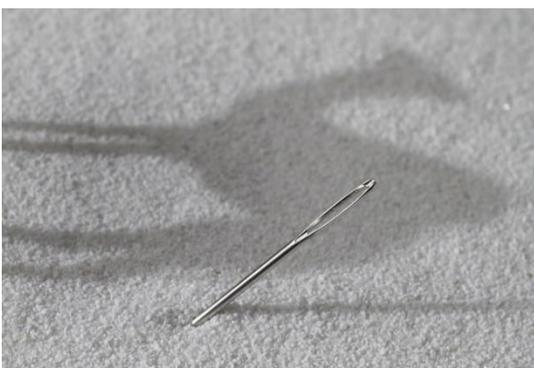
**28th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
10 October 2021**

*Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Dear Friends and Parishioners,**

This Sunday we meet a young, monied, well intentioned, yet hesitant young man in the Gospel text, a man who could be almost any one of us! It is a beautiful narrative which I think has to be *heard* and *imagined* rather than just read silently to be fully appreciated. There is a true *pathos* in Mark's commentary on Jesus who *looked steadily at him and loved him* but who knew he had to proclaim the uncomfortable truth that "how hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God".

Jesus knows that the urge within us to look after "Number One" is very strong. At one level his words are about money, but of course they run deeper than that, urging us to focus on the Kingdom of God above self-interest of any sort. The costliness of the Christian vocation is about attending to the needs of Christ's Kingdom. No wonder we need to keep singing, *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God*, making it a prayer that we will indeed be able to find that Kingdom in the midst of tasks and duties of our daily life.



**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

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We shall offer the Vigil and Morning Masses in Our Lady of Good Counsel this Sunday in thanksgiving for the ministry of Father Anthony McCarthy in the Diocese of Dunkeld and in our parish in particular, as his anniversary falls. May he rest in peace. *Happy are those who die in the Lord; now they can rest for ever, since their good deeds go with them.*

At the 11am Solemn Mass in the Cathedral this Sunday we shall celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with our young parishioners Mark and Alexandra Kelly, and their family. May the Lord who has begun this good work of the faith in them continue to sustain them and bring the gift to fulfilment.

**Weekday Mass this week**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**Monday at 11.30am**

**Tuesday - Friday at 10am**

***Morning Prayer precedes Mass  
fifteen minutes prior.***

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**St Mary's, Forebank**

**Monday at 12.15pm**

**Tuesday - Friday at 11.30am**

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**St Andrew's Cathedral**

**Monday - Friday at 1pm**

**Saturday Mass at 10am (& Novena to Our Lady)**

**CONFESSIONS on request before any Mass**

***On Monday there will also be the Funeral Mass  
for Sarah Rogers at 10am in the Cathedral.***

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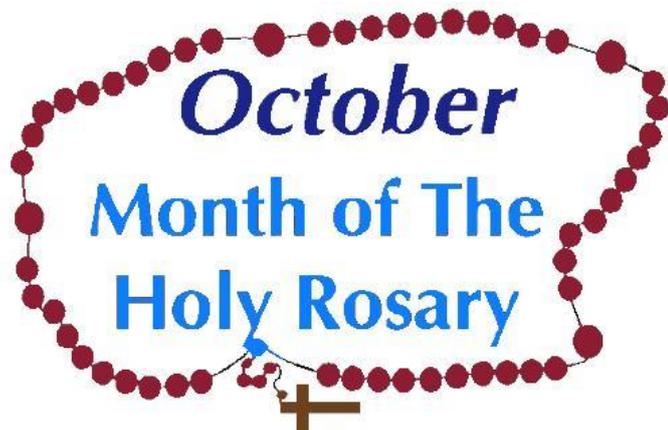
**If you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue....a gentle reminder:** I would appreciate it if you could wait until the end of the Communion Procession to enable the priest to sanitize his hands as necessary. Thank you.

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**Mass times on Monday 11 October**

A reminder that on Monday 11 October we shall celebrate the Funeral Mass for Sarah Rogers in the Cathedral at 10am. Mass in Our Lady of Good Counsel that day will be at 11.30am and St Mary's, Forebank Mass will be at 12.15pm. There will be the usual Mass in the Cathedral at 1.30pm.

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Join us this

**Sunday 10 October**  
**in St Andrew's Cathedral at**

**4pm.** as we honour the Blessed Mother in the month of the Holy Rosary, a prayer of great and powerful intercession.  
[Sunday 17 October in St Mary's, Forebank]

#### **Finance matters**

**Thank you** for your offertory contributions last Sunday of £760 in the Cathedral, £384 in St Mary's and £400 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The Annual special collection for the **Diocesan Sick and Retired Priests' fund** would usually have been taken up earlier in the year, but due to the lockdown it was missed. There is an opportunity to donate to this fund this Sunday at the back of the church at the end of Mass. Thank you.

**An Invitation from  
The Society for the Protection  
of Unborn Children (Dundee Branch)  
to an Anniversary Witness**

**of the passing of the  
Abortion Act  
in Dundee City Square**

**Thursday 21st October  
6pm – 8pm.  
Please join us in the 18<sup>th</sup>  
consecutive, silent  
candle-light vigil.**



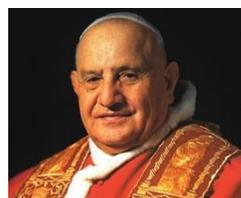
*Please remember this is a silent witness. Opening and closing prayers will be read, but anyone wishing to pray during the event is asked to do so silently and on their own. Thank you.*

#### **Our Prayers**

**for the sick:** Heather Moffit, 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:** Wyn McCabe;

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Father Anthony McCarthy, Daute Barbieri, Margaret Roncone, Emily Ramsay, Ann Creegan, John Taggart, Jane Davie, Catherine McGonigle, John Meechan, Amedeo Ferrario, Bill Smith, Bridget Green, Jerry Dillon, K.P. Philip, Pauline McCready, Father Jimmy Henry, Maria Ferrario, Charlie Sharkey, Helen Devlin, Ina Dunbar.



**This week's liturgical calendar includes the "Optional Memorial" of Pope Saint John the 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was Pope from 1958 until 1963. He

was one of thirteen children.

It is said he was *unexpectedly* elected Pope on 28 October 1958 at age 76; further, it was generally thought he would be a *caretaker* style Pope for a few years until another candidate would be elected. However, Pope John XXIII [and the Holy Spirit] surprised those who expected him to be only a *stopgap* Pope, by calling the Second Vatican Council, in which he asked for an *opening of the windows* of the Church, the first session of the Council opening on 11 October 1962. The Council documents remain the key texts for the pastoral, liturgical and evangelical life of the Church today.



**Later in the week, on Friday 15 October we keep the Memorial of the 16<sup>th</sup> century St Theresa of Avila, a mighty woman who undertook to reform the**

Carmelite Order of her day. She has been described as having an "indomitable spirit" even in the face of great opposition and through many setbacks.

#### **Cathedral 200 Club winners**

The latest Cathedral 200 Club winners are:

- 1st. Jan Williamson - £50
- 2nd. Sharon McLaren - £30
- 3rd. Ann McSweeney - £20.

*Thank you to all who support the 200 Club.*



Last Sunday's Gospel text on the question of divorce in the time of Jesus and the homily which sought to explain something of the teaching of Jesus according to the Jewish tradition, religion and culture, and an attempt to shed light on the Church's understanding of Christian Marriage today, raised some practical questions which it might be helps to respond to here.

When a couple come to ask to be married, **the freedom of the parties to marry in the Catholic Church** needs to be established: that is, if one or other of the couple has been married before, a declaration of the previous marriage as null or invalid is necessary before marriage can take place in the Catholic Church. The priest who undertakes the marriage preparation and the pre-nuptial enquiry forms needs to ensure this is the case.

The marriage ceremony usually takes place within the parish church of one or other of the parties. Where a couple request to be married outside the parish of both the parties, permission must be received (in writing) from the parish priest of the church in which one of the parties resides. This is because according to the law of the Church the Bishop (in his territory) and the parish priest (within his parish boundaries) are the ones who by virtue of their office assist at marriages. Another priest (or a deacon) may be delegated by the Bishop or by the Parish Priest to assist at marriages.

When a Catholic wishes to marry a person baptised into another Christian denomination, or an unbaptised person, permission from the local Ordinary (usually the Bishop or his representative) is required. The Catholic entering into marriage in such cases is asked to solemnly declare that they will do all they can to uphold their Catholic faith and sincerely promise to do all they can to ensure that all the children born of the marriage shall be baptised in the Catholic Church and educated to know, love and practise the Catholic faith.

Sometimes a Catholic who wants to marry a person who is baptised in another Christian denomination and is a practising member of that denomination requests that the marriage ceremony to take place in the church of the other party. For this marriage to be recognised in the Catholic Church, a dispensation from the Catholic Rite of Marriage needs to be granted (again, from the local Ordinary, the Bishop or his representative).

Sometimes a couple who have been married in a registry office (or in another Christian denomination without having sought or received a dispensation from the Catholic Rite of marriage) later ask to have a "blessing" on their marriage by a Catholic priest. For any "blessing" to take place, firstly the freedom of the couple to be married in the Catholic Church needs to be established (as above). If this is the case, it is not simply a blessing which is required but a **renewal of consent**, a new act of will consenting to the marriage. This is called a "convalidation".

Sometimes a couple ask to have their marriage presided over by a Catholic priest in a place which is not a church building. The Bishops of Scotland do not give permission for priests to assist at such ceremonies.

**If you have any questions or worries regarding marriage, divorce, remarriage, annulment, please never hesitate to come and speak with me in complete confidence. Kevin.**

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## ***A Prayer for our Earth***

**Join us for a Holy Hour  
of Adoration, Praise  
and Intercession  
at St Andrew's Cathedral,  
Nethergate, Dundee,  
on Mission Sunday  
24 October at 3pm**



*In this prayerful gathering we shall turn to our Creator, praising God for the gift and beauty of creation and aware of damage and destruction caused to the earth, our common home.*



The team at Mary's Meals invite you to a special event to celebrate the incredible milestone of feeding over 2 million children every school day around the world on **Sunday 7 November** at the Queen's Hotel in Dundee between **1-3pm**. Daniel Adams, Executive Director of Mary's Meals, and known to many of us for many years from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish will be there and there will be a few stalls where you can purchase goodies or collect Mary's Meals information and resources. Tea and coffee will be served. You need to register via Eventbrite and here is the link: [Mary's Meals 2 Million Celebration Event - Dundee Tickets, Sun 7 Nov 2021 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#) - tickets are limited though so please ensure you get yours soon.



It was on 7 September this year that our Holy Father Pope Francis, along with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Anglican Archbishop Justin Welby issued

***A Joint Message for The Protection of Creation***



In this message they urged everyone to play their part in ‘choosing life’ for the future of the planet. Warning of the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on poverty, and the importance of global cooperation they

“... call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us”.

*They went on to say that*

“... the current climate crisis speaks volumes about who we are and how we view and treat God’s creation. ... biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth’s resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them.”

*On Global inequality Pope Francis has written:*

“The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. In fact, the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet: “Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest”..... we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear ***both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor***”.

*Laudato Si’ 48-49*

The **Annual World Mission Sunday** falls on Sunday 24 October and is a day is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It is like a *moment of grace* to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression and with those who leave all behind and follow Christ to serve his poorest ones.

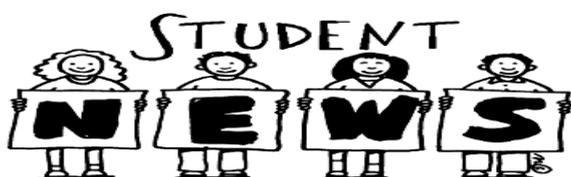
I have said before that my own great joy is to be serving as a priest among my own people in Dundee. I have huge respect for those who leave their own people behind and are so fired up with the Gospel that they are able to spend their lives in a different culture, embracing a very challenging vocation in their preferential option for the poor.

Every parish is invited to share in prayer, reflection and giving on Mission Sunday and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Mission in the Special Collection that day helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

In the message of Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday 2021, he says:

***‘Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion’.***

There are some copies of the **Mission Magazine** at the back of the church; please feel free to take one.



The **Universities’ Catholic Society** – CatSoc – is beginning activities again. This Monday there will be Mass at the University Catholic Chaplaincy base which is at St Joseph’s Church, Wilkies Lane, Dundee, in the Crypt Chapel there, beginning at 7pm. Thereafter there will be a talk and a social event. All students are very welcome to come along. The Universities’ Chaplain is Father Greg Murphy OP and he looks forward to welcoming you, especially if you are new to Dundee.