



The sick people Jesus met in his ministry suffered the afflictions one would expect in a poor country: there were blind people, paralytics, deaf mutes, people with skin diseases, people with dire emotional difficulties, people known as “possessed”. Many were deemed “incurable”, and were abandoned to their fate, left without any means of earning a living: consequently they *hobbled* through life as beggars, constantly confronted with misery and hunger. Jesus saw them lying by the roadside, at the entrances to the villages, or by the synagogues, pleading for pity from the passers by.

For these peasants, their illness was not only a medical condition but something which prevented them from living as the other children of God lived. The great misfortune of the blind was not to be able to see life around them. Without eyes to see, they lost touch with reality; they could not see faces or fields, it was harder for them to think perceptively, to measure the value of things. The deaf mutes had an inability to communicate, unable to hear messages from others or express themselves: they could not speak, bless or sing; enclosed in their isolation, they could hear only themselves. Those unable to use hands or feet could not work, move or take action; they could not make the pilgrimages to Jerusalem, the holy place, they could not embrace another person or dance through their life. What they yearned for was not just a cure for their affliction but to be able to live life as fully as others did. Don't we hear in the Gospel that our Jesus is *moved with pity* for them all?

Lepers experienced their illness with much pain and rejection. Among them were not only people suffering from leprosy as we know it today, but included those afflicted by various different skin ailments which separated them from the rest of the community, rendering them being judged as punished by God. Sickness in the time of Jesus, just as in all times and places, raised the spontaneous question that arises from any grave illness. Why? Why me? Why now? The people of Jesus' time and culture would not just look on their sickness from a medical viewpoint but from a religious one. If God, the Creator of life, had withdrawn his lifegiving spirit from them, surely it meant he was abandoning them, they would think.

Lepers were separated from the community not only for fear of being contagious, but because they were seen as impure, and might contaminate the holy people of God. Exclusion from the community was a harsh prescription for those living in a society like that of Galilee, where you could really only survive as an integral part of family and village. A tragic exclusion. Abandoned, they thought, by God, by society, stigmatised by their neighbours, largely excluded from community life, these sick people were probably the most marginalised of people. But are they really abandoned by God, or rather, does the Father not have a privileged place in his heart for them? The Gospel fact is beyond doubt: Jesus was devoted to them. He came near to those who were seen as *Godforsaken*, he touched lepers whom no one else would touch, gained the trust of those who could not enter the temple on account of their sickness, and he brought them into the circle of the people of God. They had to be the first to feel the Father's mercy and witness the arrival of his Kingdom. He fulfilled the expectation and promise of his first sermon in the synagogue at Nazareth: *to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken, and to announce the year of favour from the Lord.*

All the Christian sources speak of the healings and exorcisms of Jesus. Further, the Jewish historian Flavius, writing about 90AD reports that during the reign of Pontius Pilate “there was a wise man named Jesus who performed amazing deeds”. Healing was an expression of Jesus' love. He did it by word and gesture. In this Sunday's gospel (in a story unique to Luke) ten lepers cry out to him, calling him by name, “Jesus!” (a name which means “God saves”). He tells them first to go to the priest, as their tradition required for examination and an also for an official declaration of their cure.



But this story highlights also the response of those cured. A solitary Samaritan comes back to give thanks. This story illustrates Luke's concern to show the Church, the world, and primarily his Gentile readership and audience that Jesus seeks to touch not only the hearts of his own people but is Saviour of and Salvation for the whole human race, a Messiah for all peoples and times. Indeed sometimes those who are the supposed “chosen ones” forget to give thanks. This healed foreigner is the hero!

**We must not take our “chosenness” for granted!**

## Welcome to St Andrew's Cathedral, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry, and St Mary, Our Lady of Victories, Forebank



St Andrew's Cathedral (1836)



St Mary, Our Lady of Victories (1851)



Our Lady of Good Counsel (1904)



Ten lepers were healed by Jesus:  
only one came back to say “thank you”

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9 October 2022 - Year of Luke - C  
**Next Sunday: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**A warm welcome to our Masses across the parishes this Sunday! We want you to know you are a welcome part of our parish family, whether you are a visitor, a new parishioner, a student one of the Universities or Colleges or a regular worshipper with us. All are welcome in this place.**

**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



Day	Our Lady of Good Counsel	St Mary's, Forebank	St Andrew's Cathedral
<b>Monday 10 October:</b>	10am	<b>12.15pm</b>	Rosary at 12.30pm & Mass at 1pm
<b>Tuesday 11 October:</b>	10am	1.30am	1pm
<b>Wednesday 12 October:</b>	10am	11.30am	1pm
<b>Thursday 13 October:</b>	10am	11.30am	Rosary at 12.30pm & Mass at 1pm
<b>Friday 14 October:</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	1pm
<b>Saturday 15 October:</b>	Memorial of St Teresa of Avila Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral		

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Dear Friends and Parishioners ,  
the schools are now off for a couple of weeks, so hopefully all the families, teachers and ancillary staff can take a breather, as well as the children and young people themselves. We've been blessed with some lovely weather recently, and I hope it continues for everyone. I enjoyed a few days away in the East Neuk of Fife a couple of weeks back and it was great to get out walking along the coastal path each day and to have some time to relax and reflect.

I am very grateful to **Canon Mark Cassidy** who has been staying in the Cathedral over the past couple of weeks and has celebrated Mass for us. I know you will join me in saying *Thank You* to Mark and wishing him well, and every blessing as he returns to his tasks as Rector of the Scots' College in Rome.

This also seems a good moment to say a **Thank You** to everyone who participates in any way to enhance the life of our parish communities, and the service of the people therein. There are so many people in our parishes who work away to enhance the Liturgy and outreach of the Church, not to mention the important ministry of hospitality in all its forms. Thank you.

This Monday 10 October, I shall be at St Mary's, Lochee at 10am for the Memorial Mass for Allison Matthew RIP. Father Jim Walls will celebrate the 10am Mass in Our Lady of Good Counsel on Monday.

The **Diocesan Choir** will reconvene this week on Tuesday at 7pm in the Cathedral, preparing for the Vocations Mass on 20 October and then a Choral Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King on 20 November, when we hope to have the Civic and Academic Mass.

I have been very remiss in the area of **Parish Pastoral Council** activity, and indeed in providing opportunities for us to come together for parish reflection, sharing and planning, but hopefully this can be rectified after the October holidays. Please do give some thought as to your involvement in this.

Over many years I have been involved in **RCIA/Journey of faith** experiences, running these in various places and latterly in the Pastoral Centre at Lawside. I would hope to be able to restart these evenings after Christmas. The natural venue would be the new Pastoral Centre at St Mary's Forebank, but I would be open to considering other options too. Would you welcome the chance to gather with others for reflection on faith, scripture, liturgy and belonging in the Church?

There will be a **Saturday Day of Ministry Renewal** for **Readers** and a separate one for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** in the new year; these will be held at the Pastoral Centre, St Mary's, Forebank, and I shall advise the dates as soon as I can.

The **Canons of the Dunkeld Chapter** will hold their next meeting on Thursday 27 October in the Cathedral House at 11.15am. There will be Midday Prayer and Benediction with the Canons at 12noon in the Cathedral and you are welcome to attend. There will be **no** Cathedral 1pm Mass on Thursday 27 October: the Mass will be in the evening at 7.30pm for pro-life intentions.



## Nightfever

### An evening of Adoration & Outreach

#### Saturday 3 December at St Andrew's Cathedral

*Nightfever* began in October 2005, shortly after World Youth Day in Cologne, at the instigation of two students from Bonn, Katharina, a member of the Emmanuel Community, and Andreas, then a seminarian and today a priest.

There is a list at the back of the Cathedral inviting young people to sign up and take part. Please feel free to contact myself or Nikki Munro for more details: [njgibsonmunro@icloud.com](mailto:njgibsonmunro@icloud.com)

**Pro life Vigil and Mass:** To commemorate the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, SPUC Dundee are holding the 19th consecutive annual Silent Vigil, on **Thursday 27th October** in the City Square from 6-7pm. The Vigil will be followed immediately with a procession to the Cathedral, and Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome to the Vigil and/or to the Mass.

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

**Thank you** for your generosity last Sunday of £927 in the Cathedral, £473 in St Mary's, Forebank and £568 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

**October Devotions of the Rosary, Litany and Prayer to St Joseph** this Sunday 9 October at 4pm in St Mary's, Forebank. Why not make a little pilgrimage to St Mary's and join us in honouring the Blessed Mother. October Devotions will also be held at 12.30pm in the Cathedral this week on **Monday 10 October** and **Thursday 13 October**.

The **Heating** at St Mary's, Forebank, has been fully serviced an now seems to be working well. The Cathedral has been perhaps been a bit too hot; Our Lady of Good Counsel heating needs some attention I think, so we'll get this done asap.

## Our Mission

**Diocesan Celebration of Mission** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022, at the Dunkeld Diocesan Pastoral Centre St Mary's Church Hall, Forebank Road, beginning at 10 am with coffee, then prayer and a talk and discussion with Father Dermot Byrne, Regional Superior of the Mill Hill Missionaries. I have been informed he is a very inspiring speaker.

The day will conclude around 3pm with the celebration of Mass. Would you be willing to come to represent our parishes at St Mary's on Saturday 22nd? If so, please let me know. (You are asked to bring a packed lunch.) Kevin.

**The Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel this Saturday 8 October will be offered especially for Father Anthony McCarthy RIP, whose anniversary falls at this time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.**

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**Wednesday 12 October** after the 1pm Mass: an open invitation for sandwiches, tea, coffee and fellowship in the Cathedral hall. All are welcome from across the parishes and beyond; do come and join us.

**Dundee and Abertay University Catholic Society invites all students** this Monday 10 October to St Joseph's, Wilkie's Lane, for Mass at 7pm followed by a talk from Fr Scott Deeley on "*Human beings: image of God or clever monkey*".

**Safety Works** on the Cathedral roof have now been completed. At a cost in excess of £12,000 this was a very necessary expense and we have been able to meet it because of your ongoing generosity, for which we are so grateful. I have been most impressed with the service and work we've received from the company *Igoeup*.

*The Friends of Wellburn faithfully pray for Fr Jean Pierre and his companions. There will be an Anniversary Mass for them on Wednesday 19 October at 7pm in St Peter and St Paul's Church, Byron Street. Everyone is welcome to attend. Father Mike Freyne, Diocesan Mission Director, will be the presider.*

## Sunday evening dinner & fellowship for young people aged 18-30

An evening of fellowship will be held at the Cathedral next Sunday 16th October after the 6pm Mass. The event is open for all young Catholics, students and non-students, aged 18—30. The motivation for this event is to create a space where young Catholics can meet, get together, pray and discuss with their peers, and to grow on both a human and spiritual level. In order to attend, you only need only scan the QR code on the poster with your phone and register.



**Our Prayers for the sick:** Helen Brannagan, Patrick Ruddy, Agnes Whyte, Jean Drummond, Norman Hadden, 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, Steven Kennedy, Sonya Rostan, Aubrey McMullan, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga; **for those who have died recently:** Margaret Gaffney, Maureen Matthew, John Ogilvie; **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Father Anthony McCarthy, Charlie Cassidy, Williamina Stewart, Alistair Devlin, David Hunter, Ann Creegan, Emily Ramsay, Catherine McGonigle, Jane Davie, John Taggart, Abraham Joseph, Frank Haughey, William Campbell, Tommy McBride, Charlie Sharkey, Amedeo Ferrario, Bill Smith, Bridget Green, Jerry Dillon, K.P. Philip, Pauline McCready, Archie Dailly, Helen Devlin, James Matthew, Ina Dunbar.

**Dundee Parish Church** (St Mary's) in the Overgate, presents **Life into Art**, an arts and crafts exhibition, from 19-22 October, 10am until 4.30pm each day, to support Children's Hospices across Scotland. All welcome.

## Annual Diocesan Mass for Vocations

*Celebrating each of our Vocations and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life*

We are invited to gather together at St Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 20 October at 7pm, to celebrate our life in Christ, in the best way we can, by sharing the Eucharist together. Each one reading this column has received a call from the Lord, to use their life in the service of God's Kingdom, whatever age or stage they happen to at.

It is surely unhelpful to tell ourselves God's can't possibly want anything specific from us, to say, *I don't have a vocation*, as if such were only limited to those in religious garb or ordained ministry. Your life now is surely your vocation; the fact that you are reading this is surely a sign of your desire to place yourself at the service of God's plan and to live in the joy of that calling.

"Vocation is firstly to take part in God's plan for us as it has been begun at our Baptism. Vocation is not to struggle at any price for every achievement or to be rooted only in unquestioned work. What is a vocation? Myself and my future, in the future which is God. God's call is a way for me to move toward his future and to escape the false paths and dangerous faces of myself, which we call sin. While I move toward my future empowered by God's presence I am also liberated by God's word and action in Christ from the various deaths which would entice and entrap me".

[Thomas O'Meara in *Theology of Ministry*]



The great event of **World Youth Day** is open to young people between the ages of 16 and 30, and it takes place in Lisbon from Saturday 29 July until Monday 7 August 2023. Would you be interested in going with other young pilgrims from the Diocese of Dunkeld? Although the cost is steep—around £1500, our parishes would be able to provide some sponsorship. It'll be a great experience so if you're aged between 16 and 30, give it some thought and don't hesitate to be in touch with me to talk about it further. Kevin

## Total Recall Memories Choir

Autumn Concert at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 15 October at 6.30pm.

All are welcome.

Tickets: £10 for adults & £5 for Primary School Children. Special Guests are the *Just sing* Maggie's Choir.