

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**18 January 2026**

*Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -*  
*Year of Matthew (A)*

Dear Friends and Parishioners,  
This Sunday 18 January marks the beginning of the  
**Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**



Jesus earnestly prayed for unity among his disciples on the night before he died. I invite you make a little pilgrimage and join with us in a Service of Prayer for Christian Unity this Sunday afternoon. It will take place at

**Broughty Ferry Parish Church**  
**Queen Street East, Broughty Ferry, at 4pm**

A number of priests are helping us in the parishes this weekend and I am very grateful to them as it enables me to go to Alloa to celebrate the Masses there in the absence of Father Michael Carrie whose father has died. May Frank Carrie rest in peace.

Monsignor Ken McCaffrey both Masses in the Ferry, Father Emmanuel will celebrate in St Patrick's and St Mary's, Bishop Stephen will celebrate the 11am Mass in the Cathedral and I shall be back in the Cathedral for the 6pm Mass.

## This week's Masses

### St Andrew's Cathedral

Monday – Friday at 1pm

Saturday at 10am (with Novena) then Confessions

### St Mary's, Forebank

Monday - Friday at 11.30am

Memorial Mass for Kirsty Gilmartin RIP will take place in St Mary's on Saturday at 2pm in St Mary's.

### St Patrick's

**Monday at 9.45am**

Thursday at 9.30am

### Our Lady of Good Counsel

Monday at **10.30am**

Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion  
on Tuesday at 10am

Wednesday at 10am

Thursday at **10.30am**

Friday at 10am – Adoration from 9.15am

The **Journey of faith** evenings will recommence this Wednesday 21 January at 7pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Forebank Road.

**EPIPHANY**

**To**

**EMMAUS**



We will follow a programme guided by the liturgical cycle entitled *Epiphany*

*to Emmaus*; this will be of great help for those wishing to be Baptised/Received/Confirmed at Easter, and to anyone who wants to immerse themselves more deeply in the scriptures and the liturgical life of the church at this time. Please consider making this commitment to your faith this year. Our first reflection this coming Wednesday is entitled

**“Looking back, Looking forward”**

Please come and explore the Catholic faith more deeply with us if you can.

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**Our prayers for the sick:** Sharmalie Nandadasa, Steve Hackney, Iris Penrose, Brian McCaffrey, Father Malcolm Hutchison, Jenny Wilson, Russell Walker, Ray Ritchie, Dr Frank Zwolinski, Tommie Feeney, Anneke Anderson, Cole Farningham, Ivy Denis, John Charkow, Heather Moffit, Susan McKay, Ray Conchie, Marie Manunga, Karen Dammer, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Marian Jackson;

**Our prayers for those who have died recently:** Andy Christie, Frank Carrie, Dino Barbieri, Iain Madill, Chris Carlin, Veronica McBride, Peter Angus;

**and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Rodger Flavahan, Kathleen Rutherford, Gail Lyon, John Reed, Bishop Ian Murray, Ellen Robertson, Margaret Gethins Brian Forsyth Senior, Roseanne Forsyth; David McSweeney, Jessie McMahan, Ken Brannan, Jo Nicol, Eily and Kutty, Veronica Barker, Anthony van der Kuyl, Roy Walker; Jane Brankin, Kirsty Gilmartin, Agnes Ferrie, Ellen Yule, Rosella Veronica MacPherson, James Davidson.

## St Andrew's Cathedral –

### Reimagining Parish Pastoral Councils

Monday 27 October 2025

Scripture: Luke 13: 10-17

#### Fruits of the conversation

- The need for people to be physically together with each other, socially and spiritually
- Importance of getting to know people from same and other parishes of Canon Kevin
- How do 'different' mass goers from same parishes meet eg 9.45am, 11am, 6pm, vigil mass? We can be of the one parish but never meet; essentially living parallel lives
- Possibility of bringing our 4 parishes together (liturgically and socially) – calendar of events?
- How can we make something 'structural/rigid' more 'fashionable'?
- How do we replicate the bravery of Jesus to 'buck the trend/challenge the status quo/think outside the box'?
- What can we learn from each other/different cultures/communities/others' commitment to faith
- The significance of 'Renew' and its format of visiting each others' homes was noted: people who did not know each other, met up due to them selecting the same meeting time, convenient for them
- Example of the coastal 'tri parish' arrangement where parish communities mixed and mingled through opportunities linked with liturgy, worship, social, hospitality and pilgrimage was shared. The three parishes in many ways became 'one', with events in all and all included.
- Can we design a social calendar for all 4 parishes? Begin with one event and build
- As a PPC, how do we bring people together?

- How do we 'build community'? Beginning with 4 parishes?
- What can we learn from past successes?
- Events for children?
- Do we define Catholicism too narrowly.....? Throw open the doors for all....
- Different groups/skill sets leading different liturgies
- We all have a vocation – how do we ensure all are encouraged. Vocations mass starting point?
- Open up ministries to all
- Social & liturgical/hospitality & homily – where do we begin and how do we capture the best of both?
- **Starting point: food and music evening – invitations to all from 4 parishes.....**

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## St Patrick's Church –

### Reimagining Parish Pastoral Councils

**Sunday 9 November 2025**

**Scripture: 1 Corinthians : 3:9c-11, 16-17**

**'You are God's Building.'**

#### Fruits of the conversation

- Actions and deeds are important for building up community – outreach/community focus needed
- SVdP group thriving
- Could something similar to Journey of Faith Sessions (Wednesdays) take place in parish on Sundays?
- Would a prayer group be possible – meet once a month?
- Some other suggestions were: book clubs; hospitality for others (community café idea); would need a group of dedicated people to organise/run
- Could there be a Justice and Peace group (supporting the community of Stobswell/Dundee – also fundraising for e.g. Community; Mary's Meals, SCIAF?)
- Could the parishes with the same groups, eg J&P/SVdP/Care of Creation all come together at meetings coordinated by the Diocese for the sharing of ideas? (Mission group might be the way forward)
- Great to see so many children serving, can we get children involved in leading Sunday Liturgies?
- Can we look at ways to encourage people to come to St Patrick's each Sunday?
- Can Mass times for across the Diocese be advertised in each parish church in the Diocese to give people options?
- Most folk think that 09.30 is a good time for St Patrick's
- Because Canon Kevin oversees 4 parishes, can we look at inter-parish events to support each other and encourage fellowship? Could be liturgical, social, support of each other
- Up-to-date notice boards in front of church would be helpful (let's people see we are 'open' and events that are happening)

- Parish website out of date – would someone want to oversee? Named person from each of our 4 parishes to coordinate online info?
- It was noted that people want to be involved but do not know how to go about this....
- Could there be other Spiritual activities other than Mass? Across the 4 parishes? Rosary, Adoration, (NB Advent services planned)
- Can churches in the diocese be left open? With a rota for volunteers to oversee this? Encouraging people to come in and pray/have a look....?
- It was noted that everyone has a role to keep the parish vibrant - and can make things happen
- We shouldn't take for granted what we have but encourage growth
- Focal points in the week...events? We can be a focal point for the community
- If everyone makes the conscious decision to 'turn up; great things can happen
- With such diversity in the parish, we have such potential

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*Work on the heating in St Pat's is ongoing. The gas heater takes the edge off the cold, but I realise it is far from ideal. I'm so sorry and hope things will be much better soon.*

## Our Lady of Good Counsel –

### Reimagining Parish Pastoral Councils

**Monday 3 November 2025**

**Scripture: Luke 13: 10-17**

#### Fruits of the conversation

- The group had a clear sense of love for our church and our people. We may not know everyone's name but that love is apparent. People often don't come together if they attend different masses. Knowing people by name is therefore important
- As a parish we need to try and get people together more often. There is clear communal worship and we need to work on the social aspects of our faith, harnessing the love and care we have for each other
- We should look at connecting our faith communities and bring them together. Our cluster of parishes, but also the wider Christian community
- People will have an emotional or spiritual anchor to a particular church. There can therefore be challenges with inaccessibility and travel
- There was an identified need to reach out to those who may not be able to get to Church; the elderly, the lonely and those in need of companionship; could there be a rota of helpers?
- An afternoon social would bring people together. The Parish could look at organising a trip to the panto for example for Christmas 2026 and perhaps look at Saturday/Sunday afternoon socials during the year
- Use of other church halls eg the Church at the top of Westfield Street, would be an option to overcoming the lack of social space in OLGC
- There was a recognition that as a group, we want to engage, but we need to be mindful that for some people, formal meetings are not for them

- Whilst the small things in parish life make it important and relevant, there was a sense that we needed to be brave in our outreach
- The group wondered how we could bridge the gap between generations in the Parish, engaging with, and involving children, in particular
- It was noted that, for a number of reasons, parishioners are now often more spread out geographically, not always attending the church closest to them.
- A Pilgrimage can bring people together both socially and spiritually in a meaningful way. A pilgrimage to somewhere like Kinnoull was discussed as a possibility for 2026.

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## St Mary's Forebank –

### Reimagining Parish Pastoral Councils

Sunday 16 November 2025

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 'You are God's Building.'

#### Fruits of the conversation

- How do we build up the sense of Parish?
- Do we need rotas between the clusters of parishes so that between us we are accessible, not only to our individual communities but those seeking the Church?
- This could include opening the church for people to come in to reflect and to pray
- We need to recognise and reinforce the principle of 'hospitality'. When we gather together we are all responsible for welcome and hospitality – what should it look like?
- Simple 'cup of tea' after Mass? Rota of helpers?
- Where can people turn if PP not available? Subgroups in parish with lay ministers leading on different things – collective responsibility?
- Prayer groups are powerful - both online and in person to make them more accessible. It's helpful to pray with each other as well as individually;
- Social gatherings are a really important way of bringing people and parishes together; the human touch
- We need to recognise how blessed we are compared to many other parishes - access to Mass frequently during the week and pastoral and spiritual leadership;
- We should look elsewhere across Scotland for examples of good practice e.g. the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Maryhill, Glasgow;
- Each parish has its own identity so do we start with an event at Saint Mary's (and the other parishes do the same?) and then all come together to share our ideas and best practice?

- The idea of reimagined Parish Pastoral Councils was welcomed and an example of the coastal 'tri parish' arrangement where parish communities mixed and mingled through opportunities linked with liturgy, worship, social, hospitality and pilgrimage was shared. The three parishes in many ways became 'one', with events in all and all included.
- Each of the four parishes to have its own Pastoral Council to meet the needs of their parish and look outward towards the other three
- There was a positivity about the clustering of the parishes to support and learn from each other
- In moving forward, Canon Kevin keen to bring all who have contributed to these sessions across all four parishes together, for a time of prayer, reflection, sharing and hospitality

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