



ALL SAINTS DAY

Join us for a sung mass to honour all saints.

The Dundee University Chamber Choir will be singing William Byrd's Mass for Four Voices in recognition of 400 years since his passing



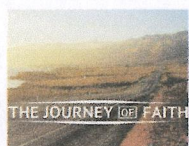
ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL

Nethergate, Dundee

The Mass will take place in the Cathedral at 7pm and there will be wine, tea and coffee in the hall afterwards. All are welcome.

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The next *Journey of faith* session will take place at St Mary's, Forebank Hall, Forebank Road on Wednesday 15 November at 7pm.



Ministry to the Ukrainian Community

Father Andriy Chornenko writes:

"Congratulations! On Saturday November 4, the Divine Service will be held in the Cathedral of St. Andrew at 11.30am and after the Liturgy there will be a traditional tea party in the hall, and conversation.

From Thursday November 2 until Saturday November 4, Father Andriy will be in Dundee. If you or your acquaintances have a need for a meeting, conversation, prayer, consecration, memorial service or other needs, please call 07888176617 (Father Andriy Chornenko).

Catechetical training will also begin - preparation for the first Confession and solemn Holy Communion.

Children's age is from 7 years old. We invite children to the Church of St. Andrew on Thursday 2 November at 5pm and on Saturday 4 November for catechesis at 1pm".

Given the weather, a decent crowd attended the Pro life Mass last Thursday in the Cathedral.

Right to life UK reminds us that "the 27th October 2023 marked 56 years since the Abortion Act received Royal Assent in 1967. Since then, a staggering 10,256,050 unborn babies have lost their lives to abortion across England, Wales and Scotland.

Right To Life UK has published an article about this anniversary, which you can read at www.righttolife.org.uk/56years"

How prayer forms us

We were taught in the seminary always to give the first minutes of the day to God. How tempting I find it nowadays to give the first moments of the day to checking emails and texts....yet the *still small voice* still calls me to prayer and to the dedication of the day to Him, but it can be an ever growing struggle when a smart phone is never more than an arm's length away, but that is the world in which we live; we cannot flee it. And of course I don't have children to see to and get ready each morning! But dare we pause and open ourselves to grace even for a few seconds while praying the old *Morning Offering*, we will indeed hear that *still small voice*.

For us who can gather for the Eucharist on Sundays and weekdays, the promptings of the *still small voice* of the Divine One become very *present* and clear: that voice instructs and it forms, it challenges and it cajoles, it invites and it admonishes.

Look at the simplicity of this Sunday's Gospel text. At the high point of this Liturgy of the Word, Jesus does not say "Love your neighbour, then love God". No, God is first – *You shall love the Lord your God*. Of the 248 *Thou shalt* and the 365 *Thou shalt not*s in the Jewish law, Jesus chooses only two to answer his questioner this Sunday.

The Exodus reading is vital to our biblical understanding and our liturgical experience, as it spells out what this love of neighbour entails and how it honours God and expresses our love of God. It demonstrates love for God in action, especially toward the "stranger, widow and orphan", i.e. those most fragile, most at risk, most overlooked, most forgotten, and those judged most worthless.

This self-giving love is a costly love; it is given as an *example to copy* (c.f. John 13:1-15) by the Divine One himself, reaching a climax at Calvary, when he is *lifted up on the cross and draws all people to himself* (cf John 12:32).

We share in a sublime expression of that love when we enter paschal mystery in the Mass, and there we are made ready to go out towards the stranger, the pilgrim, the fragile, the wounded and so actually *become* the love we have for God, wherever we are as the week unfolds.

For added strength, we surely need those few moments as we rise each morning to dedicate all our "prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day" to his Divine Heart.

