

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

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**31st Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
31 October 2021**

*Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Dear Friends and Parishioners,**

We are made for love! It is a divine design, the core of God's plan and we celebrate it deeply this Sunday in the scriptures and liturgy. Indeed, at the point we reach in Mark's Gospel this Sunday we come to the kernel of being a follower of Jesus and we find that it actually echoes Moses in Old Testament reading before the Gospel. Moses proclaims the first commandment: to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our strength. Wonderful to know that this is our basic vocation!

However, we find that Jesus does not just echo Moses but connects the command to love God with loving our neighbour as ourselves. So, my love of God is deeply interrelated with the loving of my neighbour. *And who is my neighbour?* as the parable of the good Samaritan asks.



Was it CS Lewis who noted: love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken? Love is costly, it is both endeavour and expense.

The well-known writer Father Daniel O'Leary has commented, concerning the price we pay for love, that 'when we dare to encounter others, we risk pain. But it is through our strongest emotions and most intimate feelings that we truly come close to God'.

The Liturgy of course repeatedly and unashamedly call us *brothers and sisters* in the Lord. The Eucharist is our great weekly act of love for the Lord and for one another. Its power is immense. Let's celebrate our Masses with joy, participation and love this Sunday.

**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

**Weekday Mass this week**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 10am**

**Thursday at 9.30am**

**– Please note time**

*Morning Prayer precedes Mass*

**St Mary's, Forebank**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
at 11.30am**

**Thursday at 12noon**

**– Please note time**

**Saturday at 10am**

**St Andrew's Cathedral**

**Monday - Friday at 1pm**

**Monday (All Saints) – extra Mass at 7pm**

**Tuesday (All Souls) – extra Mass at 7pm**

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

**CONFESSIONS on request before any Mass**

**On Thursday this past week Father Emmanuel Adindu MSP** arrived in the Dundee. He hails from Nigeria and is part of the same religious order as Father Samuel Alabi who until recently was Parish Priest at Our Lady of Sorrows, Fintry. Samuel has now moved to Brixton.

Emmanuel will soon take up the post of Parish Priest at Pitlochry, Aberfeldy and Birnam, but for now is living at the Cathedral. He will concelebrate the 11am Solemn Mass with me this Sunday and will say some Masses in the Cathedral during the week.



For years at our Masses we have been singing words like, “*We are companions on the journey*”, and “*Awake from your slumber, arise*

from your sleep”, and “*Here I am, Lord*”, and we have sung these lyrics with gusto. If every hymn is a prayer, then perhaps these sung prayers are being answered by the Lord in the person of our Holy Father Pope Francis and the kind of Church he is calling us to be with his challenge to us to be more *synodal* in our outlook, thinking and practice.

*Synodal* is not a word we will have heard much and will have used even less! But it simply conjures up the notion of *journeying together, travelling together* – having a sense of *companionship* in our identity and mission as the Church of Christ. We have heard of “Synods” of the Church’s Bishops which occur in Rome every few years, when representatives of the Bishops from across the globe meet in conference on a specific theme with the Pope. The next such Synod will take place in 2023, but our present Holy Father, being ever open, far reaching and inclusive, wants the whole of the People of God to be involved in the run-up to that Synod the theme of which will actually be *synodality* itself, that is, it will be a gathering which will address just how we travel together as the Church of Christ.

The people of every diocese across the world including those “resting” from the external practices of faith and those disillusioned, upset or angry, is being given a voice and is being asked to share in the preparation for this synod. The process will take off in our Diocese in the new year, but as a start-up I’d like to invite you now to

**An Advent Day for Parish People in St. Mary’s, Forebank, Hall & Church on Saturday 4 December - 10am until 3pm**

The pandemic has meant we haven’t been able to meet much together in recent times, with parish meetings, pastoral councils and Journey of Faith programmes all suspended, and indeed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December we shall ensure we are seated a metre apart and follow all the regulations still in place. I hope you will consider this as your invitation to come and join us and set the date in your diary.

Some of you will remember that in our diocese (though now more than thirty years ago!) we embarked on what could be called a model of synodality in the *Renew* process, which had at its heart the gathering of people in the small groups centred around the reading of the word of God in scripture and time *break open* that word and share it in the context of our ordinary lives. Some of us, after the completion of *Renew*, tried to keep the process going, preparing suitable faith sharing material for small groups, but all that seems to have faded away.

In larger group experiences, parishes have run processes and programmes which invited people to gather together around scripture and the liturgical texts, supported by the wisdom of the early church fathers and the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism and have reached out to potential new disciples through the RCIA process....so we have known some synodal processes already. We also of experience a certain synodality in family life as parents and children *travel together* on the road of life. In our Catholic tradition it is at the Eucharist itself where we most deeply experience ourselves as *companions on the journey*, breaking the bread of God Word and Eucharist. I hope the synodal process will help us rediscover our communal vocation.



In calling us to be this kind of Church, the Holy Father is placing before us a most ancient and biblical image

of the Church as the People of God, the roots of which surely go back to the birth of the chosen people at the exodus from Egypt, with Moses at their helm, the time of formation on the journey to the promised land and all the travelling together of God’s people which gave them their identity and their mission. The Second Vatican Council in its very *Constitution* on the Church rediscovered this image in a profound way and the Holy Father calls us continually to the vision of the Church of that Council as he eschews clericalism and invites us live lives according to the vocation given us, rooted in our Baptismal identity. I am excited already about the possibilities of this synodal approach and I hope you will find the whole process enriching and powerful.



The Universities' Chaplain, Fr Greg Murphy OP will celebrate the 6pm Mass in the Cathedral this Sunday. Students, please do make yourselves known to Fr Greg.

Elijah Smith, President of the Universities' Catholic Society (CatSoc) invites all students to join in.

Elijah writes:

'The Dundee Catholic Society is open to all students from Abertay and Uni of Dundee. Most weeks we have Mass at 7pm, St. Joseph's, Wilkie's Lane, then a talk or activity afterwards. On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November there will be Mass for All Saints' Day, then a catching up at the pub.

Next week, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November we will have a talk from Father Mark Cassidy after the 7pm Mass.'

### **Celebration of First Holy Communion**

This coming Saturday 6 November at 10am we shall celebrate First Holy Communion at St Mary's, Forebank, for the boys and girls who missed that opportunity earlier in the year because of the covid restrictions. All are welcome to come and share in the Mass at St Mary's.

The Children shall celebrate their First Reconciliation on Thursday at 11am in the Church.

During November we shall offer our Masses especially for all our beloved dead. If you didn't get a **November List** and envelope last Sunday please take one from the back of the church this Sunday and return it when you can. The November lists shall rest on our altars during the month. Parents, please explain to your children the significance of remembering and praying for our loved ones who have died.

If the names of your beloved dead don't appear for prayers automatically in the newsletter near to their anniversary date each year, please write the date of their death alongside their name in your November List. Thank you.

*On the Solemnity of Christ the King, which this year falls on 21 November, we would usually welcome to the Cathedral representatives from civic and academic life to the 11am Mass, always a Choral Mass on that day. However, as we are still emerging from the restrictions and there hasn't been time or opportunity for the choir to rehearse etc, the Civic and Academic Mass is suspended for this year.*

## **Approaching the Lord's Holy Table**



As we have now reverted to approaching for Holy Communion up the centre and not from the sides can we please now reestablish the reverential practice of – once you have received the host in your hand and said *Amen* - **taking a step to the side and consuming the host while standing still and facing the altar**, rather than placing the host in your mouth while turning and walking away from the priest. On no account should the sacred host be taken back to your seat in your hand and consumed there. Parents, please teach your children this reverential practice of pausing once the host has been placed in the hand and consuming it while standing and facing the altar.

The liturgical directives are clear that there should be a communion processional song or chant and that it begins immediately after the *Lord, I am not worthy* response. We don't always have this during the communion procession but we should be working towards it. The liturgical understanding is that this song is lead by the Cantor with the congregation joining in a well known refrain/antiphon as they process together. Good examples of this that we have used in the past are *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, Are not our hearts burning within us?* and *You satisfy the hungry heart*.

The Communion Procession is of course, just that, a procession in faith, reverence, togetherness and love towards the Holy Table, the Altar of the Lord. We never think of it simply as a queue. Song unites us in procession.

### **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, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Lily Jane Douglas, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

**for those who have died recently:** Sharon McNally, Ernie Ross, Ron Lesslie, Beryl Gormley, Maureen Kelly, Eddie Wynn;  
**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Peter Young, Peter Milton, Sophie Gackowski, Catherine Turnbull, Dora Noonan, Don Mario Carena, Ann Danaher, Murray Alexander, Edward Kelly, Terry O'Hare, Ella Adams, John Nedelec, John McNally, John Tomlin, Eileen Hannigan, David Power, John Strachan, Brenda Gourlay, Lena Gracie, Catherine Beagin, Hugh Brown, Lily Heaney, Robert Wilkie Junior, Joyce McMahon.

### **Finance matters**

**Thank you** for your offertory contributions last Sunday of £636 in the Cathedral, £249 in St Mary's and £396 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Your generosity in the Mission Sunday collection came to £595 in the Cathedral, £628 in St Mary's and £502 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

### **Thanks to those who have already sent in names and details for the Book of Remembrance for St Mary's, Forebank**

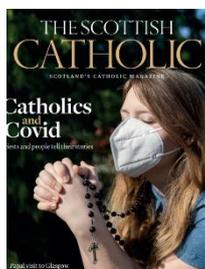
Please spread the word and invite former parishioners to hand in or email me the names and details of their loved ones, and I ask you all to think of those you would like included. You don't need to know the exact date of their death, but you might know their names and the names of their families, the street in which they lived, anything they particularly did to contribute to the parish community.

**We shall celebrate the milestone of the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Church on Sunday 28 November at 11.15am.**

**Please, again, spread the word and invite former parishioners and all those with an association to St Mary, Our Lady of Victories to join us for Mass on that special day.**

### **SCIAF Real Gifts**

*Real Gifts are beautiful, ethical charity gifts for your friends, family and loved ones which also make a difference to people's lives around the world. Order for Christmas via the SCIAF website.*



With the demise of the Scottish Catholic Observer there is a new publication, *The Scottish Catholic*. We had some complimentary copies a couple of weeks back and you can subscribe to it at: <https://www.scottishcatholic.com>



Each year on the first two days of November we keep the Solemnity of All Saints and then the Commemoration of the Faithful departed (All Souls' Day).

Usually, **All Saints' Day** would be a Holy Day of Obligation, but with the pandemic it is not a day of obligation this year. However, it is still a major feast, and in addition to the usual Masses I shall offer an additional Mass at 7pm in the Cathedral to enable those who may have been working to attend if they wish.

**All Souls' Day**, while never a day of obligation is nevertheless a poignant day of remembrance for all our beloved dead, and again, in addition to the usual Masses, I shall offer a 7pm Mass in the Cathedral that evening.

### **Forthcoming Diary Dates**

**Mass will be offered in Italian** on Sunday 31st October at 5pm in St Bride's 8 Brook St, Monifieth, Dundee DD5 4BD.

The **Annual Mass for deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Dunkeld** shall take place in the Cathedral on Thursday 11 November at 12noon. Please come and join the priests of the Diocese if you can on that day.

A **Memorial Mass** will be offered for Monsignor Charles Hendry RIP on Thursday 25 November at 7pm in St John's, Melville Street, Perth.

On **St Andrew's Day, Tuesday 30 November** at the 1pm Mass in the Cathedral there will be the installation of the four new Canons of the Dunkeld Cathedral Chapter. Father Brian McLean and Father Mark Cassidy will become Canons, and two honorary Canons (Tom Shields and myself) will join the Cathedral Chapter. All are welcome to attend.

**First Anniversary Mass** for Bishop Emeritus Vincent Logan RIP will take place on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at 7pm in St. Andrew's Cathedral.

**First Anniversary Mass** for Monsignor John Harty RIP – will take place on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 at 7pm in St. Mungo's, Alloa.