

## Salvation comes to the house of the Tax Collector!



Believe it or not, the meal of Jesus at the home of Zacchaeus is the seventh meal story in Luke's Gospel - his text is indeed the *Gospel of Meals*, and this is one of the last which Luke records before the Last Supper. The story begins with Zacchaeus seeking to see Jesus and it ends with Jesus saying that the Son of Man comes to *seek out and save what was lost*. The seeker, Zacchaeus, doesn't know that he is in fact being sought out himself!

At a meal in Jesus' culture, the one honoured is the **host**, when a guest comes to table. Yet Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem for the festival, is now about to "defile" himself, by sitting at the table of a tax collector, an outcast, a reject. Jesus shatters the rules, breaks the boundaries and let's them think what they like.

He says - *Today salvation has come to this house*. Salvation comes, because this wretched tax collector accepts Jesus the Prophet with graciousness and hospitality. And also, he will give half his possessions to the poor. Now, for a chief tax collector that wouldn't be a bad sum. Jesus accepts this despised man, tiny in stature and, until now, grudging in spirit; but now he is transformed. Jesus accepts him as a child of Abraham, and an heir of the kingdom.

Perhaps Luke intends us to look at Zacchaeus alongside the rich young man who asked Jesus what he had to do to be saved. Both men are powerful and wealthy. The first had kept all the commandments, had been like the elder brother in the prodigal son scenario, and not unlike the Pharisee of last Sunday. The rich man was considered, and considered himself, righteous, and yet he could not do the one remaining thing that was asked - that of giving his possessions to the poor, couldn't hand himself over to the heart of Jesus, even though he'd handed himself over to the keeping of the Law and the saying of the Prayers. On the other hand, Zacchaeus, considered to be the sinner, eagerly accepts the Prophet with joy, and enthusiastically accepts Jesus into his home.

And again. of course. the "leaders" grumble - they cannot rejoice in another's conversion, in another's blessing: *Who does he think he is?* And also, *Does he think he is the Messiah, or what?* And further: *Look, he's gone to eat at a sinner's house*. And they get ready to arrest him. *The plot thickens indeed...*

## In the Spirit of the Synod.....

A parish sharing, planning and reflection evening, at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Wednesday 16 November from 6.30pm until 8pm in the Church.



Please come and join in sharing with us, so that we can discern what's best for our parish as we look to the future in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

**A session for Cantors** and anyone interested in becoming a Cantor in the liturgy will take place in Our Lady of Good Counsel on Monday 14 November at 7pm. This session will help us prepare for the new liturgical year. All Cantors from across the parishes are welcome. Please bring your music if you wish.

**Cathedral Readers for 11am Mass:** Would you be willing to be part of the Readers Rota for the 11am Mass - we hope to revert to having two readers each Sunday morning, so it would be helpful if you could confirm with myself or Tom that you are happy to be part of the rota.

**Cathedral opening times during the week:** we hope to be able to have the Cathedral open Monday - Friday from 12noon until 2pm over the winter months, and hopefully for longer when the spring comes.

**St Mary's, Forebank — Celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2023:** there will be a meeting for parents and carers on Monday 6 November at 6pm in Our Lady's Primary School, Alexander Street.

**Thank you** for your generosity last Sunday of £845 in the Cathedral, £312 in St Mary's, Forebank and £498 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The **Mission Sunday Special collection** came to £521 in Our Lady of Good Counsel, £322 in St Mary's, Forebank and £662 in the Cathedral. If you didn't get a chance to donate to the Mission Collection last Sunday and would like to do so, please place your offering in an envelope clearly marked Mission Sunday and hand it in to the Sacristy, thanks.

The **ornate brooch** found in the Cathedral hall has not been claimed; please call into the sacristy if it is yours.

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

The next **Cathedral Sunday evening dinner** for young people aged 18-30 will take place on Sunday 13 November in the Cathedral hall. Please make a note of the date.

**St John's High School Dundee** is hosting a P6/7 information evening this coming Wednesday 2 November from 6.30pm until 9pm.

**Mad Hatters drop in café** in the Cathedral hall after the 1pm Mass this Wednesday 2 November. All welcome.

**Diocesan Choir** meets for rehearsal after the 7pm Mass this Tuesday (All Saints' Day) in the Cathedral. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Civic and Academic Mass will not take place on the Solemnity of Christ the King this year, but early in the new year.

The **Annual Mass for deceased Bishops, Priests & Deacons of the Diocese of Dunkeld** will take place in the Cathedral on Thursday 10 November at 12noon. Please come and join the priests of Diocese that day if you can, as we celebrate Mass for our deceased brothers who served in the Diocese of Dunkeld.

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

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
30 October 2022 - Year of Luke - C  
Next Sunday: 32nd 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



**Monday 31st October:** No morning Mass in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank  
1pm in the Cathedral **Vigil Mass of All Saints' Day at 6pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**Tuesday 1 November:** Solemnity of All Saints—a holy day of obligation  
**9.30am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm & 7pm in the Cathedral**

**Wednesday 2 November:** Commemoration of all the faithful departed—a day of reflection and prayer  
10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm and 7pm in the Cathedral

**Thursday 3 November** 10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral  
7pm in Cathedral—Memorial Mass for all deceased members of the Catenian association.

**Friday 4 November** Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo  
10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel **12.15pm in St Mary's, Forebank** 1pm in the Cathedral

**Saturday 5 November:** Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral

### November lists

Each day during November Mass will be offered for the deceased parishioners and priests of these parishes and for all those whose names are returned in the November lists.

Lists are at the back of the Church; please take one and write the names of your beloved dead on it so it can be placed on the altar. If you wish to make a Mass offering it is much appreciated. Parents, please explain to your children the significance of the November lists, remembering the tradition and importance of praying for all our dead during the month of November.

**Our Prayers for the sick:** Ann Nicoll, 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, Steven Kennedy, Margaret McMenemy, Isobel Blackmore, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Thinley Chodron, Catherine Gallacher, Sonya Rostan, Aubrey McMullan, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;  
**for those who have died recently:** Bill Smith, John Doig, Nora Taylor, David Heather, Bobby Golden;  
**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Hugh Scott, Catherine McQuillan Gorman; Malgorzata Rak, Paul Saunders, Sister Aurelie LSP, Sophie Gackowski, Catherine Turnbull, Dora Noonan, Don Mario Carena, Brenda Gourlay, Lena Gracie, Catherine Beagin, Terry O'Hare; Lily Heaney, Robert Willkie Junior, Edward Kelly, Terry O'Hare, John McNally, John Nedelec, Duncan Storrie, Ela Adams, John Tomlin, Eileen Hannigan.