

*Parishes of St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee
& Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry
& St Thomas of Canterbury, Arbroath*

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St Thomas of Canterbury



St Andrew's Cathedral



Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday 8 November 2020
32nd Sunday
of Ordinary time

Year of Matthew [A]
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday

Our Sunday Mass Times

St Andrew's Cathedral: Vigil Mass at 4pm. Sunday at 11am and 6pm.
Our Lady of Good Counsel: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm. Sunday at 9.45am.
St Thomas of Canterbury: Vigil Mass at 5pm. Sunday at 10.45am.

A place for Sunday Mass must be booked in advance. See inside this newsletter for details of how to book.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Please approach the Priest before any weekday Mass. Also Friday & Saturday 9.10am until 9.50am in Arbroath.
Hospital Chaplaincy: Ninewells & RVH: Call the duty chaplain on 07821 624124 Arbroath Infirmary: Parish Clergy;
Stracathro: Father High (01674 672208)

This Week's Masses

Monday 9 November *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of St John, Cathedral of Rome*

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 10am in St Thomas', Arbroath 1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral

Tuesday 10 November *Memorial of Saint Leo the Great*

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral **7pm in St Thomas', Arbroath**

Wednesday 11 November *Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours*

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 10am in St Thomas', Arbroath 1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral

Thursday 12 November *Memorial of Saint Josaphat*

PLEASE NOTE TIMES TODAY

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 10am in St Thomas', Arbroath 10am in St Andrew's Cathedral

Friday 13 November

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 10am in St Thomas', Arbroath 1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral
[Funeral Mass for Joyce McMahon RIP at 11.15am in the Cathedral – by family invitation only]

Saturday 7 November

No morning Mass in Broughty Ferry 10am in St Thomas', Arbroath 10am in St Andrew's Cathedral

Vespers attached/enclosed/on Facebook if you'd like to share in this Evening Prayer this Sunday at 4pm.

Annual Diocesan Mass for Deceased Bishops, Priests, & Deacons is on Thursday 12 November at 12noon and will be livestreamed through the Diocesan website.

Follow the reflections and music on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsRCDundee>

A **Liturgy for Children** is on the Cathedral Facebook page for this Sunday. Thanks to the Liturgy Team.

Our Prayers

for those who have died recently: Joyce McMahon, May Forbes, John McNally, John Macbeth, Colin Reynolds, Alison Maloney, Marion Marr.

those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

John Nedelec, John McNally, Josephine Moir, Daniel Craig, Peter Smith, George Starkey, Derek Conway, John Lynch, Stephen Shepley, John Fernie, Charles Harrison, Alfred McCann, Teresita Macatangay, Joseph Brogan, Herbert Horn, Bridget Connor, Bruce Robertson.

all those who are sick and in need of our intercession:

Maria Robertson, Tom Clark, Mary Welsh, Frances Young, Joe Jackson, Tony Beck, Mel Caullay, Jackey-Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Baby Ben Welsh, Bill Boland, Thinley Chodron, Sharon McNally, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Gillian Steedman, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Lily Jane Douglas, Alexander McNeil, Bridie Mossey, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga, Allison Matthew.

Coming soon.....on Zoom!

We are actively looking into the possibility of having a

Parish Quiz Night

on **Zoom** (which is a video meeting space) on Friday 4 December where you can take part from your own home.

Hopefully, more details will follow in next week's bulletin.

Places would be limited and entry fees will be shared between the Trussell Trust foodbank on Albert Street and SCIAF.

I hope this will be an opportunity for us to come together, albeit via our computer screens, for some social time.



Your generous donation to the Dundee Foodbank and to St Salvador's Food Cupboard are much appreciated. I have been a number of times to St Salvador's with bags of food over the past few months.

For **Dundee Foodbank**, supported by Our Lady of Good Counsel parish, monetary donations are best at present. If you would like to give, please place the money in an envelope marked "Foodbank" and hand it in to the sacristy or to myself at the back of the church. Nicholas Anderson will collate the monies and ensure safe arrival at the Foodbank.

The **St Salvador's Food Cupboard** needs non-perishable donations, especially: tinned soup, tinned baked beans, tinned tuna, tinned meat, pasta

and pasta paper, UHT soap, and



sauce, toilet milk, biscuits, shampoo.

IMPORTANT!

Seat booking arrangements for St Andrew's Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel

I can now let you know that seats for our Masses will be available to book on Eventbrite and on the dedicated booking phone number as follows:

Sunday 29 November & Sunday 6 December

from **Monday 9 November** after 6pm;

Sunday 13 December & Sunday 20 December

from **Monday 23 November** after 6pm;

Christmas Day & Sunday 27 December

from **Monday 7 December** after 6pm.

Planning for our Christmas liturgies is on-going and information will be published once finalised.

Heating and ventilation

at St Andrew's Cathedral

As a result of the continuing pandemic, public buildings such as schools and offices have had to be assessed with regard to ventilation and heating.

With the onset of winter, we took the opportunity to seek guidance on this at St Andrew's Cathedral, particularly as we currently aren't able to use the convector heaters above the internal doors.

The good news is, that given the sheer size of our building, we can shut the doors at the back of the church once Mass starts to retain heat and also reduce noise from passing traffic.

However, prior to Mass starting we must have both the front and internal doors fully open. I'd therefore urge you to come to Mass **warmly dressed** as seats towards the rear may be not as warm for the first few minutes after the doors are closed.

After- Mass Cleaning at the Cathedral

There are some occasions when we only have two Stewards available at weekday Mass. Would any regular daily Mass attenders be willing to help clean the pews after Mass should the situation arise? If so, please let me know and I can advise the Steward team accordingly.

Caring for God's Creation - Part 4

This week.....Reduce, Reuse.....**Recycle!**

When we say recycling, it means to break down an item and to make something new from the materials. Processing these materials still requires time, energy and cost, therefore an item should **ideally only be sent for recycling** if there is **no other** way that it can be **reused** or **repaired**. It is the last term on the list because it is in fact the **least useful of the three ways** of reducing our impact on the planet, however it is still **vastly better** than **sending waste to landfill**.

Some examples of recycling are:-

Paper, plastics, metal, glass and garden waste (the ones we are used to and that our local council provides bins for)



Textiles such as clothing and bedding which are in such poor condition that they cannot be used or mended can be used to make cleaning rags, or for filling furniture.

Electrical items - can be broken down and the metal components melted down to make a new item (this is particularly important in the recycling of mobile phones as they contain small amounts of rare and valuable metals. The plastic casings can also be recycled).



Motor products....such as break fluid, oils and tyres... by taking them to your local petrol station. By recycling these products instead of throwing them away, you are reducing hazardous waste.



Avoiding buying hazardous material

as it is difficult to recycle products that contain hazardous waste. Try to find safer alternatives to household cleaners and buy non-toxic products whenever possible

Using all of a toxic product, such as furniture polish, so there is no hazardous material left in the container when it is discarded.

Thinking carefully about what products we buy at the supermarket and how to recycle them is the first step towards efficient recycling. Glass jars and tin cans, paper and cardboard can be easily recycled.



When you shop, shop differently. Look for things that will last, things that are not just durable and well-made, but useful and beautiful enough to please you for a long time. The extra money you spend on their acquisition will be offset by the money you do not spend replacing them. Don't chase the latest fashions. They will age the fastest!



Buy products that have been made from recycled material.



You can tell if a product is eco-friendly by looking at the label on the packaging...
<https://www.orwakeasi.co.uk/news/recycled-materials-balers-and-compactors/>

Plastic was invented for convenience but has become a blight on our world and a menace to all forms of life. Rivers, seas, oceans and land are polluted causing environmental damage to all forms of life: people, animals and plants. It has been described as an 'unfolding catastrophe' and in the report (see link below), charities [Tearfund](#), [Fauna & Flora International](#) and [WasteAid](#) have warned of a public health emergency, claiming that between **400,000 and one million people die each year** due to preventable diseases linked to mismanaged plastic waste in developing countries. The findings suggest that **one person dies every 30 seconds** due to diseases caused by plastic pollution in developing countries. According to the [United Nations](#), more than eight million tonnes of plastic is getting into the world's oceans every year.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/david-attenborough-plastic-pollution-report-wasteaid-a8912791.html>

Some other links which you may find useful....

http://www.reduceuserecycle.co.uk/greenarticles/where_can_i_recycle.php

http://www.reduceuserecycle.co.uk/recyclingbycounty/county_index.php

It takes resources to manufacture and transport all products, even those made from recycled content. At the very least, energy is spent. Also, spending resources leave the world poorer, not better off. Global warming, deforestation, and poorer life-quality for our brothers and sisters around the globe is being caused by consumerism. So what will you do if you are itching for something new? Buying nothing is better for the earth than buying green.

There are exceptions, of course. If your current car or appliance is a terrible energy waster, you may save resources in the long term by replacing it with an energy-efficient model.

So if we want to minimise the impact that our lifestyle has on the planet and our brothers and sisters at home and abroad, one of the ways we can do this by considering all of the 'Three R's': **Reduce** the amount of materials that we consume, **Reuse** items that can still be used and then ensure that any item that is recyclable is sent for **Recycling** when it's useful life is over.

NEXT WEEK – SINGLE SENTENCE IDEAS TO HELP US
'GO GREEN'!!

Keeping this Sunday holy with a Home Liturgy

A prayer to begin

Your Wisdom O God, bids us keep watch,
for she is found by those who seek her;
and your Son warns us to stay awake
for the bridegroom's return.
Because we do not know the day or the hour,
keep us ready, as history's vigil unfolds.
Let the light we were given at Baptism
shine bright, and make your church resplendent
with justice and love.
Then we shall be among those known by name
and called to enter the wedding feast of Jesus,
the Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come.
Glory to him! Amen.

Read the Scriptures of the day

The Book of Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who seek her.

Our Response: Psalm 62

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Paul to the Thessalonians: 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain about those who have died....

The Gospel of Matthew 25:1-13

The bridegroom is here: go out and meet him!

A reflection



The parable this Sunday is of five wise and five foolish bridesmaids. Their calling was to *be there* to accompany the bridegroom. There was no shame in the fact that they were sleeping, for, after all, the bridegroom was a long time coming. The real point of the story is that five of them were not at all prepared to carry out their part in the event. The foolish ones had *forgotten their script*, they were not focussed and committed to their role.

This is not simply a passage about helping your neighbour — if it were, the sensible ones would have given oil to the foolish ones, and the story would end. Rather, this is a parable about carrying out the work we were given when we were Baptised. Perhaps the oil symbolises the light which we are to give to others—the light of God is not just for our own use, rather we are to be light-bearers for others. No matter how well dressed, how prepared in other ways, the five without oil were just not equipped to carry out their duties.

It can be hard for us to break out of the notion that our only duty is to save our own souls. In fact, we are saved through being dutiful to our calling – bringing the light of Christ to others. Nor is this parable just about being prepared in case Christ's coming should catch us unawares. Again and again the Gospel insists that we are stewards with responsibilities. If the Master is “a long time coming” he still expects us to be engaged in our duties. Our duty is “to be occupied at his employment”.

So, we are here to do the Lord's work, not just to enjoy the clothes and the limelight, like the five foolish bridesmaids. We are meant to be engaged in the affairs of the Kingdom of God. We - all of us - have been commissioned at Baptism and Confirmation to be *Workers for the Kingdom*.

When he was just about twelve years old, Jesus reflected that to Mary and Joseph: *Did you not know that I had to be about my Father's business?* One day the Father will give us our rest, but meantime we are to be immersed in his work. People depend on us to carry the light of the Gospel to them. So we need to make sure we have oil in our lamp!

Advent Celebration Bags



The Cathedral Children's Liturgy Group have prepared Advent bags for families with items for children of all ages, to help you celebrate a true Advent.

The Advent bags will be available to collect (or can be posted out) from the week of 23 November. Reserve yours by contacting Canon Kevin.

