



This little graphic will remind many of you of one of the most loved of contemporary hymns, and we will sing it at some of the Masses over this weekend. The hymn itself is actually a setting

of Psalm 91 by the American priest Father Michael Joncas and is a lovely marriage of words and music. The late Michael McBride took the melody of *On eagles' wings* and with characteristic talent he arranged it for the Cathedral choir with organ in three part harmony, in such a way that he actually improved on the original score! The Psalm text itself echoes a verse from the Book of Exodus: this is the book of the liberation of God's people, a story of freedom, of promise, of their new homeland and new beginnings, brought about after much struggle and pilgrimage.

It strikes me that our whole liturgical experience should be one of us ourselves being *lifted up on eagles' wings*, towards the Lord, and into the mystery of his presence. *On Eagles' wings* is often chosen to be sung at Funeral Masses, where its words take on an even more poignant meaning. In this month we carry our beloved dead in our hearts, but we don't just recall them wistfully. We pray for them and we express, in the liturgy especially, our faith that they will come to be with the Lord in heaven.

The Catholic understanding of the Communion of Saints is like *two-way traffic* between ourselves and the dead - the saints pray for us and we pray for the dead. The Church urges her members never to try and interfere with the dead by way of séances, magic etc. but rather to remember them and thank God for their lives. But we also do something more for them when we reach out in prayer across the change death brings. Those who have died cannot intercede for themselves, so the whole church, valuing the dignity of their human lives, holds them deep in its memory and constantly implores God to remember them in heaven - to bring them through the process of purification we call purgatory. To *remember* in this context is more than just to *call to mind*, it is to *gather them up*.

Everything that lives on earth must die: that is certain. We learn it as children with goldfish and budgies; everything that inhabits earth has a limited life span, even if we would at times wish to resist and deny that truth; of course, in our human nature we fight for life; but in our spiritual selves we know deeply that we are made for something more than just what we experience in the here and now, we sense that we have another future.

About Jesus' own resurrection, the Gospel affirms two things: the empty tomb, and the fact that people, who had loved him and followed him, saw him alive again after his burial. No one saw him leave the tomb; the Gospels don't explain the resurrection, rather, the resurrection explains the Gospels, written as they are from the standpoint of Easter faith. These truths become the Church's biggest conviction: that Jesus' resurrection is ours also; it is bodily, it is full. We look forward in joyful hope!

This week:

There will be a meeting for parents and carers on Monday 7 November at 6pm in Our Lady's Primary School, Alexander Street of Children who will make **First Holy Communion or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation** in 2023 in St Mary's Parish.

In the other two churches there are cards to be filled in by parents/carers for these Sacraments.

Mad Hatters drop in café in the Cathedral hall after the 1pm Mass this Wednesday 9 November. All welcome.

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 concelebrate Mass for our deceased brothers who served in the Diocese of Dunkeld.

The **Friends of Blairs** will celebrate their annual Memorial Mass for deceased students, priests and sisters of the College in the Cathedral at 12noon this Saturday 12 November. All welcome. Many priests who served in the Diocese of Dunkeld received their education at Blairs.

Next week:

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.

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 - 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.

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church; please add your name if you wish to come along—everyone is welcome, those who have been involved in parish initiatives in the past and newer members of the parish; your participation is much valued.

On Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th November I will be welcoming newly qualified teachers to the Cathedral hall for sessions on the Liturgical year.

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £768 in the Cathedral, £375 in St Mary's, Forebank and £568 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Cathedral latest 200 Club winners are:

Hilda McGinness £50 - Elinor McBride £30 - Mary Storrie £20.

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.

We need to reconvene the ministry of

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion especially for visiting the sick and housebound. Have you undertaken this ministry in the past? Would you be willing to take it up again? Please let me know if so.

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

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6 November 2022 - Year of Luke - C
Next Sunday: 33rd 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



Mass Schedule

Monday 7 November: 10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Tuesday 8 November: Memorial of Blessed John Duns Scotus

10.30am in Our Lady of Good Counsel - No adoration after Mass today because of later Mass time.

11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Wednesday 9 November: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Thursday 10 November: Memorial of Saint Leo the Great

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 10am in St Mary's, Forebank

12noon in the Cathedral - Annual Mass for deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

Friday 11 November: Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 12 November: Memorial of Saint Josaphat

Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral 12noon in the Cathedral—Memorial Mass for Friends of Blairs

Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday, Remembrance Day, we shall pray in our Masses not only for those who died in the two world wars but also in the many conflicts since, and those continuing at present.

The Cathedral 11am Solemn Mass will be preceded by a procession to the War Memorial and the reciting of the *De Profundis*, so you are asked to take your place in the Cathedral next Sunday by 10.55am please.

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.

Our Prayers for the sick: Joe Dolan, 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:** Cath Doogan, Angela Robertson, Valerie Hunter, Vincent Logan (nephew of Bishop Vincent Logan); **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Terry O'Hare, Thomas Anthony Livesey, Helen Lowrie, John McGreal, Charles Harrison, Alfred McCann, Teresita Macatangay, Joseph Brogan; Stewart McDade, Charles Rosie, Rina Freedman, Nina Bordulak, Mary Jamieson, Joyce Burnett, James Henderson; David Power, John Strachan, John Johnston, Steve Shopley, Daniel Craig, George Fordyce, Peter Smith, George Starkey.