

**Our Prayers for the sick:** Joe Dolan, Ann Nicoll, Helen Brannagan, Patrick Ruddy, Agnes Whyte, Jean Drummond, Norman Hadden, Ray Conchie, Ross Murray, Theresa Kay, Janet Isherwood, 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:** Patrick Jolly;  
**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Herbert James Horn, Derek Conway, John Lynch, Stephen Shepley, John Fernie, Elizabeth Alexander, Mary Lavery, William McQuillan, Mary McKee, Alexander Devlin, Lawrence Ford, Hugh Speirs, Elaine Quinn, Hubert Johnston, Mary Hughes-Laird, Celine Nuttall, Margaret Tait, June Crichton; Bridget Connor, Bruce Robertson, Anne Cunningham, Helen Lowrie, Cathel Graham, E.U. Abraham. Anne Brennan, Doris Reid, Ann Cunningham, Joe Moore; John Joseph Hoey, Winnie Miller, Luigi Barbieri, Peter Devlin.

A reminder that this Monday 14 November we have a **Session for Cantors** and anyone interested in becoming a Cantor in the Liturgy, in Our Lady of Good Counsel 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.

*And a further reminder that ....*

**In the Spirit of the Synod.....** We shall have a parish sharing, planning and reflection evening, at Our Lady of Good Counsel this 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.

Next Sunday, kept as the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, we would usually have the Civic and Academic Mass in the Cathedral. However, this Mass will now not take place until Sunday 22 January 2023. So, next Sunday the 11am Mass will be the regular sung Mass for the Solemnity, celebrated by myself.

The following Sunday, 27 November, is the First Sunday of Advent and we begin to read the Gospel of Matthew.

On the first three Sundays of Advent there will be an afternoon service at 4pm - one in each of our churches, beginning on the 27th with Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction in the Cathedral.

On the Fourth Sunday, 18 December, the **Cecilian Choir** will give their annual concert of Carols in the Cathedral at 3pm.

**There will be a  
Diocesan Advent Retreat Day  
at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre,  
St Mary's, Forebank, Hall and Church  
on Saturday 10 December  
from 10am until 3pm.**

*All welcome*

### **A word of thanks from Gerry and Clare Fulton**

Thank you to everyone who attended *The True story of Macbeth* in the Little Theatre on Friday 28 October. Altogether, you raised £1123 for Mary's meals and matched funding from anonymous benefactors of the charity means that total will be doubled. Effectively, this money will feed and educate over 130 children for a whole school year.

### **Interested in invigilating?**

St John's High School requires more invigilators for the 2023 SQA exams.

The exam diet starts at the end of April and finishes at the beginning of June. Invigilators are paid a minimum daily rate of £29.70, will be given training (for which they will also receive payment) and only work the days that they are available.

Anyone interested can contact Cathedral Parishioner Helen Jack (who is also the Chief Invigilator) for more information. Talk to her in person at the Cathedral or email her at [hjack529@sky.com](mailto:hjack529@sky.com).

### **Weekday Mass at St Mary's, Forebank.**

Over tea and coffee after Mass on Tuesday past, we spoke about possibility of having weekday Masses during the winter months in the Priests' dining room at Forebank, rather than in the Church itself, given the costs to heat the Church for that half hour on weekday mornings. If most people agree, then shall begin this from the week of Monday 28 November, the first week of Advent.

### **Please watch your feet!**

There has been a spate of irresponsible dog fouling both in Powrie Place and in the grounds and street at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Please take care when approaching the Church.

### **Repairs**

You may have noticed that part of the carpet in what was the old Lady altar at our St Mary's Forebank, has had to be lifted, exposing the old parquet flooring. This had been rising due to a gradual leak from an inside pipe. The necessary work to fix this is now being undertaken. Repairs have also taken place on the roof of the sacristy corridor, and bird proofing has been installed on an open-to-the-elements space which had once housed the *dumb waiter* in the priests' house.

There are also repairs to take place soon on gutterings at Our Lady of Good Counsel and replacement of some slates on the roof of the house in Westfield Road.

In the Cathedral, the sacristy corridor roof and drainage system continues to cause problems and further repairs are scheduled to go ahead there also.

*I intend to be away for a short break from the evening of Sunday 20 November until the Friday of that week. While there will be 1pm Mass in the Cathedral Monday to Friday as usual that week, it may not be possible to have Mass in the other two churches every day that week: I shall advertise all the times in next week's newsletter.*

*Kevin*