

**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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**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
29 January 2023**

[Liturgy of the Hours Week 4]

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Year of Matthew



Our Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel; morning Masses at 9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel, 11am in the Cathedral and 11.15am in St Mary's, Forebank. Evening Mass in the Cathedral at 6pm.

Monday 30 January

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel—Funeral Mass for Catherine Coffey RIP **No Mass in St Mary's**
1pm in the Cathedral

Tuesday 31 January (*St John Bosco*)

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

Wednesday 1 February

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

Thursday 2 February (*The Presentation of the Lord*)

9.30am in St Mary's - Funeral Mass for Frank Markie RIP

Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion at 10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 1pm in the Cathedral

Friday 3 February (*St Blaise*)

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel **11am in St Mary's** 1pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 4 February Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Please welcome to the Vigil Mass in Broughty Ferry, Father Jean Gové, who will also celebrate the 6pm Mass in the Cathedral. Bishop Stephen Robson will celebrate the 11am Solemn Mass at the Cathedral and I shall celebrate the 9.45am in the Ferry and the 11.15am in St Mary's.

A reminder that **all young people are invited to the Cathedral hall this Sunday evening after the 6pm Mass for a Burns Supper. Do come along if you're free.**

Please pray for those who are sick: Baby Joshua Hopkins, Joe Dolan, Ann Nicoll, Patrick Ruddy, Agnes Whyte, Norman Hadden, Ray Conchie, Ross Murray, Theresa Kay, Heather Moffit, Sonya Rostan, Steven Hackney, Karen Dammer, Steven Kennedy, Margaret McMenemy, Isobel Blackmore, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Aubrey McMullan, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

for those who have died recently: Frank Markie, Eileen Jackson, Patricia Henderson, Mary Angus, Catherine Coffey, Ruby Linney,

for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Renzo Cavalini, Adelina Black, William Shields, Margaret Burke, Michael Duffy, Helen Fagan, Marion Barry, Josephine Byrne, Michael Welsh, Giuseppina Carena, Margaret Quinn, Peggy Quinn, Mary McIvor, Jim Robertson, William Barnett, Michael Toolan, Bruno Dello Sterpaio, Agnes Fulton, Andy Ferrie, Edward O'Fee.

The **Bishops of Scotland** want to widen the provision of **marriage counselling** available to Dioceses in Scotland. If you are an experienced counsellor, this will broaden your professional practice. You will be provided with CPD training to help equip you.

Essential criteria:

- Current registration with a professional counselling body including BACP, COSCA, UKCP or registered equivalent;
- Hold a minimum of a Diploma in Counselling or equivalent;
- Have a minimum of 450 client hours (post qualifying) experience

Interested? Please contact us on 07706 063936 to have an initial chat. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you can pass this information on to anyone who might be interested, the Bishops' Conference would be grateful.



This Sunday we will hear the **Beatitudes** — some of the strongest statements we hear from Jesus in the gospels. We heard them around twelve weeks ago when we gathered to celebrate All Saints' Day. But imagine hearing them for the first time, more than 2000 years ago! The rule of divine retribution was deeply ingrained in these people of the first century. These statements starkly reveal that the people chosen as exemplars of nearness to God are actually all marginal, dependent people.

Further, Jesus reveals that the key feature of *blessedness* is that it involves living a deliberately chosen and cultivated sort of life which is not involved in the power and violence of the world, and which, because of this, actually makes the ones living it immensely vulnerable to being turned into victims. This is a theme taken up by Jesus throughout this *Sermon on the Mount*. And Matthew revisits the same theme in the judgement scene towards the end of his narrative, like a mirror image. In that famous passage, judgement is defined not in terms of belonging to this or that group, or believing this or that dogma. The judgement is presented in terms of the human relationships towards victims, those who hunger, thirst, are naked, sick, or imprisoned. Those who have truly understood, whether or not they know anything about Jesus, are those who have seen their way out of the self-deception of the world which is blind to its victims, and have reached out to help them. The intelligence of the victim! And of course, as we share the Mass together, we rediscover that it is a victim, a crucified and risen Victim who is also the judge of the world, and that the world is judged in the light of its relationship to this crucified and risen Victim.

As we journey into the Beatitudes this Sunday we long that the day will come when the church, the parish, shines fully with the effects of living those Beatitudes: when we will together truly be peace makers, hunger for justice and actively show God's mercy. But meanwhile we thank God for where we are and what we have: we thank God for the sensitivity we have in our parish for the stranger, the housebound, the sick, the bereaved, the lonely, the children, the poor.

Thank the Lord today in the Liturgy for what he enables you already to offer. Implore him to shine his light on your pathway, to make real the hymns we sing, not least about *seeking his kingdom first*, and *walking in the light*. Further implore him about the *graces we resist* and the *chances we have missed*, that in answer he will help our generosity our resolve to grow so that his Beatitudes really are alive in our lives.

A word of thanks.....

to all who were involved in any way with the Civic Mass at the Cathedral last Sunday, not least all who helped the Liturgy be so uplifting: our Bishop Emeritus Stephen Robson who presided; the MC and servers, readers, Mary Veal our Organist and the Diocesan Choir, Kevin Veal for his playing at the rehearsals, Cath McNally and her hospitality team who provided the refreshments and buffet, all the pass keepers and welcomees, Andrew McBride for facilitating the invited guests, Elinor McBride for the beautiful floral arrangements, and all who helped the event run smoothly. Sincere thanks to you all.

Some diary dates for forward planning

22 February: Ash Wednesday & the preparatory rites of Lent;
26 February: First Sunday of Lent and Rite of Election in St Andrew's Cathedral;

4 March: Day for Life Conference at St Mary's, Forebank;

5 March: Rite of Enrolment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the 11.15am Mass in St Mary's, Forebank;

11 March: Diocesan Lenten Day of Reflection at St Mary's, Forebank;

18 March: Lenten Youth Retreat with Father Jean Gové - venue to be announced.

5 April: The Mass of Chrism celebrated at the Cathedral - 7pm;

6 April: In the evening, Lent ends and the Sacred Easter Triduum begins.

Property matters

Trevor McCabe, the electrician has been in to Our Lady of Good Counsel this past week and will be back to renew the lamps in the high chandeliers. He is also looking into having lighting installed outside the Church on both sides, where it can be pretty difficult for walking from the car park to the church when it is dark.

The sacristy corridor at the Cathedral will have work done on the roof in the month of February by the same firm who did the other roof repairs for us a couple of months back.

At St Mary's, work on the Lady chapel where the carpet is up at the moment needs to be completed and hopefully this will happen soon, before Lent begins.

A number of people have mentioned the poor state of the Bishops' grave, high up on Balgay Hill; I can now confirm that the necessary work to repair and refurbish the stone will go ahead in April this year.

Candlemas celebration

This coming Thursday 2 February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, and is also the World Day of Prayer for those in Consecrated Life. All the religious sisters, brothers and priests in our Diocese are especially invited to the 1pm Mass in the cathedral on Thursday to celebrate Candlemas and then have a buffet lunch in the hall. Please come along on Thursday if you are free, and join in the Sung Mass; it will be a very uplifting celebration.

New Dawn Day of Renewal will take place at St Peter and St Paul's, Byron Street, on Saturday 11 February, beginning with Mass at 10am — the speakers during the day will be Fr Gladson Dabre OSA and Fr James Anyaegbu CCE. All are welcome to this event lead by the New Dawn Team.

Mass for the sick, to honour Our Lady of Lourdes

This Annual Mass takes place in St. Mary's, Lochee, on Monday 13 February at 7pm.

Hospital Chaplaincy

The contact number for the chaplain is 07821 624124; or the duty chaplain can be contacted by pager through the hospital switchboard on 01382 660111.