

**Welcome to
St Andrew's Cathedral,
Our Lady of Good Counsel
St Mary's, Forebank,
& St Patrick's, Stobswell,**

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**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 February 2026**

*Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year of Matthew (A)*

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Bishop Andrew's father, Hugh McKenzie, died last weekend. May he rest in peace. Let us remember him in prayer and also the Bishop, the Bishop's mother Anne, and all the McKenzie family.

This Sunday, I will celebrate the 9.30am in St Patrick's. Bishop Andrew will celebrate the 11am Solemn Mass in the Cathedral and I will celebrate the 6pm Mass. Bishop Stephen will celebrate in Forebank, and Father Johnpaul will celebrate the Vigil Mass in Broughty Ferry and Monsignor Ken McCaffrey will celebrate the 9.45am.

This week's Masses

St Andrew's Cathedral

Monday - Friday at 1pm

Saturday at 10am (with Novena) then Confessions

St Mary's, Forebank

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 11.30am

No Mass on Wednesday

St Patrick's

Monday at 9.45am

Thursday at 9.30am

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Monday at 10.30am

Tuesday at 10am

Wednesday at 10am

Thursday at 10.30am

Friday at 10am



**Journey of
faith/RCIA**

We continue this
Wednesday 11

February with a 7pm start at St Mary's Forebank, Church Hall.

As Lent beckons, I invite you to join this great process of enrichment as we journey towards Easter 2026, the very heart of our faith and the centre of the liturgical year. Please consider making this the year you join us as we explore the scripture and the liturgy for our mutual enrichment.

This Wednesday 11 February:

**Approaching and Living Lent,
the journey from ashes to the font.**

If you are **unbaptised** and seeking the Sacraments of Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist at this year's Easter Vigil, or if you are **baptised in another Christian denomination** but seeking full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter, please come along to the Journey of Faith sessions at 7pm in St Mary's Hall on Wednesdays.

If you are **already baptised Catholic** but have not been Confirmed, Bishop Andrew will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults at the Cathedral on Pentecost Day - 24 May. Please let me know if you wish to be Confirmed. Please also prepare for these by attending the Journey of faith sessions.



Aid to the
Church in Need

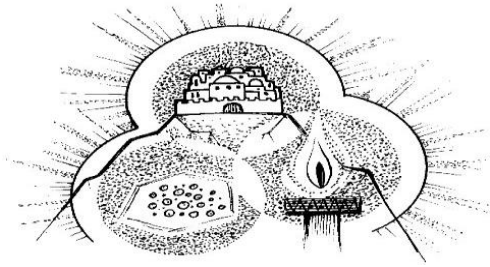
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Next Saturday 14
February and Sunday 15
February we will
welcome Peter

Diamond, from **Aid to the Church in Need** (ACN), to speak at the Masses in Broughty Ferry and St Mary's, Forebank. (Peter is the nephew of the late Father Martin Chambers RIP.) He will share information about Persecuted Christians around the world, who face all kinds of terrible hardships, just for believing in Jesus. There will be a special collection that day in the Ferry & Forebank for ACN, a Pontifical Foundation of the Church that has over 5000 projects in more than 140 countries around the world.

Peter will also bring with him a photo exhibition entitled **"Portraits of Courage"** - breath-taking images of inspiring Christians from all over the world. Portraits of Courage will shine a light on the stories of persecuted and suffering Christians from individuals and places you have never heard of until now. The exhibition will be held in St Mary's, Forebank on Sunday 15 February after the 11.30am Mass. Please feel welcome to come along and share the Mass with us that day, then have refreshments in the hall afterwards and view the exhibition.

Don't hide your light!



How can we be a light for the world, as Jesus says we are in this Sunday's Gospel?

There is a saying (somewhere in the Talmud, the extended Jewish writings,) that “*we don't see things as **they** are, we see things as **we** are*”.

So an angry person may see only an angry world; a greedy person may only see the world in terms of what they can get. We can easily judge a person or situation at first sight.

One of the ancient words for Baptism is “illumination”. Our eyes should be opened. The first reading today calls us to open our eyes to God's presence in the poor and needy. Perhaps on occasions we choose not to see, because seeing will then demand action and that may turn our lives upside down!

We are also to be *salt for the earth*, says Jesus. Salt brings out the taste of things. We are to be people who seek to bring out the best in others, as well as cultivating “the best” in ourselves. We shed light on people by delighting in them, savouring them, taking pleasure in their individuality, recognising that each person is a unique creation of God.

If perhaps it is true that we don't see things as *they* are, but as *we* are, we may need a profound spiritual discipline to become the sort of people who see clearly with the light of Christ. Perhaps each one of us has a challenge to tackle the roots of any way of being within us that would have us devour others for our own ends, or place limits on the grace of God in a person, or live with such a competitive streak that we see everyone else as rivals, or an anger that makes us view others with hostility. As the Psalm sings this Sunday: *A light rises in the darkness for the upright*.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

If you are a young person (Primary Seven or older) and would like to join our Confirmation group in Broughty Ferry, please check with your parents/carers and come along to the Church in Westfield Road this Monday 9 February at 4pm for the first preparation session.

Ash Wednesday - the Preparatory Rites of lent

Wednesday 18 February – Mass times

Cathedral: 1pm and 7.30pm

St Mary's Forebank: 9.30am (with school children)

Our Lady of Good Counsel:

10.45am (Mass) & 6pm (Ecumenical Service)

St Patrick's: 12 noon

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £964 in the Cathedral, £621 in St Mary's, £344 in St Patrick's and £708 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The SPUC Dundee Branch with Dunkeld Diocese

invites you to an Afternoon for Life on Saturday 21st February from 12.30pm to 3pm at St Mary's Hall, Forebank Road (bottom hall). All Welcome

Our prayers for the sick: Pamela Griffiths, Sharmalie Nandadasa, Steve Hackney, Iris Penrose, Father Malcolm Hutchison, Jenny Wilson, Russell Walker, Ray Ritchie, Dr Frank Zwolinski, Tommie Feeney, Anneke Anderson, Cole Farningham, Ivy Denis, John Charkow, Heather Moffit, Susan McKay, Ray Conchie, Marie Manunga, Karen Dammer, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Marian Jackson;

Our prayers for those who have died recently: Brian McCaffrey, Hugh McKenzie (Bishop Andrew's father), Patricia Hermiston, Sandra Smith;

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jack Ferrie, Rose Gorman, Maureen Small, William Gorman, Nuala Devlin, Mary Murray, William Rooney, Mina Marnie, Joanna Jaletsky, Catherine Prophet, Jim Bordulak, Vicki Walker, James Johnston; Tom Gilray. Margaret Gethins, Derek Mousley, Irene Doak, John Ramsay, Edna May Mann; Thomas Henry Veal, Helen Lynch, Joe Swan, Betty Murphy, Patricia Eve, Frances Sreenan, Maurice McBride, Helen Dailly, Colin Lynch, Bernard Colvin, Barbara Jane Cossens, Helen Scofield.

Road to Milan 2026: Kenny McKeown will be embarking on a 500-mile cycle including 40,000 feet of climbing across the Alps from Basel to Milan, in June 2026 to raise funds for Celtic FC Foundation Recovery Café. The Recovery Café hosts a weekly session where those recovering from any form of addiction or mental health issues can meet for a hot meal, counselling or just to socialise. The running cost for this is £40 000 per annum and the group of 17 cyclists hope to raise this amount to fund the café for one year.

To contribute to this, Kenny is holding a Quiz night in **St. Patrick's Church Hall** on 20th February from 7.30pm onwards. There will be a bar, a raffle and a couple of auction items. The cost will be £10.00 per head for teams of 4 – 6. So please feel free to put a team together and come along on the night.

Alternatively if you are unable to attend and would like to donate items for the raffle, please feel free to leave them in the basket at the back of the church (Our Lady of Good Counsel).

If you are unable to do either but would like to contribute then Kenny's JustGiving page can be found at https://www.justgiving.com/page/kennymckeown?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL