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

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 February 2024

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year of Mark (B)

Dear Friends and Parishioners,



A new Bishop for Dunkeld!

On Friday last, 2 February, in my role as the Diocesan Administrator, I gathered the priests and deacons of the Diocese at St Mary's,

Forebank at 11am (12noon Rome time), to communicate the news to them that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has named Father Martin Chambers, a priest of the Diocese of Galloway, as Bishop of Dunkeld in succession to Bishop Stephen Robson, and to introduce the new Bishop to them.

From there, we went to the Cathedral to celebrate the Procession and Mass for Candlemas Day: a joyful introduction of the Bishop-Elect to a good crowd of his people gathered for the feast.

I have known Father Martin since we were in Blairs together in the 1970s! He is a great priest and will make a wonderful shepherd of the flock of God's people here in our Diocese of Dunkeld and his priests are eager to be fellow workers with him in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Please pray for Martin and for us all as we enter a new chapter in the history of the Diocese of Dunkeld. His episcopal ordination will take place after Easter in our Cathedral.

EPIPHANY To EMMAUS



Journey of faith

Wednesday 31 January at 7pm in St Mary's, Forebank, Church Hall

There are some flyers at the back of each Church outlining this faith formation programme. It will be a great process of enrichment as we journey towards Easter 2024, 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 7 February:

"A land where milk and honey flow"
Living Lent,
the journey from ashes to the font.

Helping in Tayport and Newport

With the departure of Father Jude Mukoro from Fife, Michael and I need to help Monsignor Pat McInally who is now covering, Tayport, Newport, Cupar and Auchtermuchty.

This weekend I shall celebrate over there and also say the 11.15 am Mass in Forebank and the 6pm in the Cathedral. Father Michael will celebrate both Masses in the Ferry and Bishop Stephen will celebrate the 11am Solemn Mass in the Cathedral. Father Michael will also cover a number of daily Masses in Broughty Ferry when his Uni schedule allows.

Forthcoming Funerals

This week I shall celebrate at 10am in St Mary's, Lochee, on Monday 5 February, the Funeral Mass for Anne McCluskey RIP.

The Funeral Mass for Christine McCrudden RIP will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday 7 February at 10am with the reception of remains on Tuesday at 5pm.

The Funeral Mass for Margaret Caswell RIP will take place in St. Mary's, Forebank on Friday 9 February at 10am with the reception of remains on Thursday at 5pm.

There will be Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Cathedral Hall this Sunday; please come and join us if you can.

The Mad Hatters meet for tea and coffee sandwiches and cake in the Cathedral Hall on Wednesday after 1pm Mass – all are welcome.