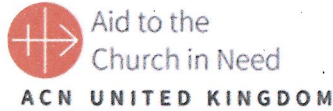


Dear Friends and Parishioners,  
a very warm welcome to everyone gathered  
to celebrate the Eucharist with us this Sunday!

To the Masses in the Ferry and Forebank this weekend we welcome Peter Diamond from **Aid to the Church in Need** (ACN), who will speak to us about the plight of persecuted Christians around the world, who face all kinds of terrible hardships, just for believing in Jesus. There will be a special retreat collection 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 may have never heard of until now. The exhibition will be held in St Mary's, Forebank this Sunday 15 February after the 11.30am Mass. All welcome. Refreshments provided.



## Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday

Yes, the great Paschal Season is almost upon us. The preparatory rites of Lent take place on Wednesday with the Liturgy of Ashes.

At the very start of the great journey towards another Easter Triduum and beyond that to Pentecost, we are signed on our foreheads in the mark of Christ's cross, with a solemn admonition:

***Repent and believe the Good News!***

Yes, we are dust and to dust we shall return, but the cross is Christ's victory over death and we, his people, share in his victory. Ash Wednesday leads not to death but life. Don't miss our Liturgy on Ash Wednesday: rather, start the season as part of God's family in the parish.

**Masses at 9.30am** in St Mary's, Forebank with the school children; at **10.45am** in Our Lady of Good Counsel; please note time (preceded by Morning Prayer at 10.30am); **12noon** in St Patrick's, and at **1pm** in the Cathedral, and **7.30pm** in the Cathedral.

At **6pm** in Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Liturgy of Ashes will be an **Ecumenical Service** with the neighbouring Churches.

### Lenten Evenings in the Ferry

I invite you to join us for three ecumenical Thursday evenings at Our Lady of Good Counsel during Lent when I will explore the Gospel of John, and in particular the three great Lenten Gospels which are read on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the season: the woman of Samaria, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus.

These will take place on Thursdays 5, 12 and 19 March at 6.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The Annual Day of Prayer for those affected by abuse in the Catholic Church will take place this coming Friday, the Friday after Ash Wednesday. To mark this day, Bishop Andrew will preside at the 1pm Mass in the Cathedral.

Please join us for the



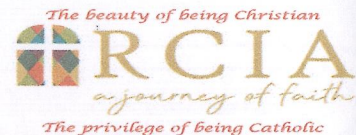
next Sunday 22 February at 3pm in the Cathedral.

The Rite of Election is when those who are to be Baptised and received into full communion with the Catholic Church are presented to the Bishop, the chief shepherd of the local church. Those to be initiated declare their intention to join the Church, and the Church makes its "election" of those present to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

In the presence of the Bishop, they write their names in the *Book of the Elect*. With the rest of the Church they now begin this period of *Purification and Enlightenment* — the intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. Over the next weeks they are challenged to prepare by prayer and reflection. This period concludes with the celebration of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

A significant part of their preparation is their participation in the RCIA/Journey of faith sessions over the Lenten weeks.

Our next Session is on  
**Wednesday 25 February** at  
7pm in St Mary's Church Hall,  
Forebank Road.



All young people are invited to join us  
for a Young People's Mass  
next Sunday 22 February at 6pm  
in St Andrew's Cathedral.



Father Michael Ngobili, Diocesan Youth Chaplain, will be the celebrant and preacher. Afterwards, the Dunkeld Youth association invites us to a pancake get-together and social time in the Cathedral Hall and a talk on the faith from Paul Allaker.

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.

### Clergy Appointments in the Diocese of Dunkeld

Monsignor Ken McCaffrey will be retiring this weekend from his post as Parish Priest in St Peter and St Paul's Dundee. He will be succeeded as Parish Priest by Father Malcolm Hutchison, and Father Emmanuel Odeh will be the Assistant Priest.

Some of you have met Father Yohanna and Emmanuel who have been staying with Father Michael at St Ninian's, and helping in various parishes as required.

They have now been appointed to new charges: Father Yohanna as assistant to Father Louis in St John's, Perth and Father Emmanuel to be Administrator in St John Vianney's in Alva. They will take up their posts from Monday this week and I will drive them to Perth and Alva. Please remember a prayer for them as they take up their roles.

The Mad Hatters continue their Wednesday Afternoon Teas in the Cathedral Hall. Everyone welcome to come along after 1pm Mass.