

QUARANT'ORE: THE FORTY HOURS' EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This practice will be remembered fondly by many of you and for decades it was a staple part of our Lenten observance in the Diocese of Dunkeld: a solemn extended time of stillness and Eucharistic Adoration in our churches, punctuated by gatherings for Holy Hours etc., and allowing longer periods of silence for people to come and go and *watch with the Lord*.

This annual practice began with the Cathedral (the mother church) hosting the adoration beginning on the First Sunday of Lent and then onto Forebank on the Second Sunday. St Patrick's Forty Hours was held on the Fifth Sunday of Lent and Our Lady of Good Counsel kept the time of adoration on *Low Sunday* the Sunday after Easter Day.

The Rite of Election precludes us from having adoration in the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent but I would like to invite you to make a little pilgrimage around the other churches in our cluster on the other Sunday afternoons of the Lenten season for an abbreviated period of adoration and holy hour: beginning with St. Mary's, Forebank on Sunday 1 March, Our Lady of Good Counsel on Sunday 15 March and St Patrick's on Sunday 22 March.

The Annual World Day of Prayer

This year the Women of Nigeria have prepared the occasion, and the service for Dundee will take place on Friday 6 March at 2.30pm in Dundee Westgait Church, Roseangle, and the Broughty Ferry service will take place in St Mary's Episcopal Church at 2pm.

Hospitality events at the Cathedral

Join in the Easter Raffle, to be drawn on March 29th, with prizes including a large Easter Egg, Easter Bunny and bottles of wine.

On 24 April there will be Prize Bingo Night - doors opening at 6pm for 6-30pm start. £1 per person with tea and coffee, biscuits and cake .
(Donations are welcome for raffle prizes and Bingo) .

On Saturday 27 June we shall have a Strawberry Tea Party from 2pm until 3.30pm.

On Saturday 15th August there will be a Beetle drive .

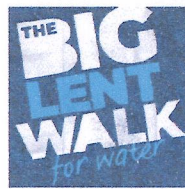
We also hope to resurrect the "*Barbeque in the Backies*" this Summer!

As many of you know, the organ at Our Lady of Good Counsel has been out of commission for some time now.

Gary White, organist at Forebank, has attempted over many months to obtain the necessary parts to fix the organ, a "Rodgers" model, but they are impossible to source as this particular model was not in circulation for very long.

However, due the generosity of a benefactor, Our Lady of Good Counsel is soon to have a brand new Allen Organ installed, with the use of amazing modern technology which will mean it be as authentic a sound to a pipe organ as is possible to obtain.

The organ will take around 20 weeks to arrive, but we are hopeful to have the use of a demonstrator organ meantime.



Starting on Ash Wednesday our Cathedral Parishioner John Quinn will undertake to walk 240 kilometers over 40 days to raise funds for SCIAF (6 kilometers is the average distance from clean safe water in the communities in which SCIAF works). John is not setting up a Just Giving page this time,

but he will leave sponsorship forms at the back of each of the 4 parishes in our Cluster. Please consider sponsoring John.

The SCIAF "wee boxes" for Lent 2026 have arrived and are available at the back of each Church this Sunday. Please take one away with you for your house or workplace, and please spread the news of the great work SCIAF does.

By our giving this Lent, we support the work of SCIAF and help to continue to build a just world, free of poverty for all.



Stations of the Cross in Lent: There will be Stations of the Cross on the Tuesdays and Fridays of Lent in the Cathedral at 12.30pm, before the 1pm Mass, in St Mary's Forebank on the Fridays of Lent at 11am before the 11.30am Mass, and in Our Lady of Good Counsel on the Fridays of Lent at 6pm, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, all beginning from **Friday 27 February**.

Dunkeld Diocesan Choir rehearsals resume this Tuesday in the Cathedral at 7pm. If you can sing in tune and would like to join the choir, please come along. We could especially do with more male singers for the Tenor and Bass sections of the Choir.

Cathedral 200 Club winners are Maisie Gallagher, no 106: £50; Fiona McDade, no 41: £30; Andy McIvor, no 5: £20.

Winnings can be collected from the sacristy. If you have yet to pay your annual subscription to the 200 Club, it would be appreciated if you could do it as soon as poss. Cheques payable to St Andrew's Cathedral. Some numbers in the 200 club still available. If you would like to have one, speak to Sandra Scott or myself.

Our prayers for the sick: Jim McArtney, Pamela Griffiths, Sharmalie Nandadasa, Steve Hackney, Iris Penrose, 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 Gallagher, Marian Jackson;

Our prayers for those who have died recently: Brian McCaffrey, Patricia Hermiston, Peppino Lapadula, Isobel McKinnon, Jean Foy, Alice McGovern;

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joe Speirs, Michael Llewellyn, Pat Moore; James Johnston, Ellen Yule, Father Tom Barron, James Brough, John Wilkie, Isabella Cord, Clifford Paine, Kazimierz Rak, Dennis Addly, John Beeching, Patricia Fairweather, Letitia Lebonnois, Oonagh McCaughey, Filo Arias, Brian Smith, Cathie Zanre, Helen Dailly.

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. 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

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