

Our Prayers for the sick:

Jim Simpson, Elizabeth Liddle, Tom Brown, Margaret Caullay, Heather Moffit, Susan McKay, Norman Hadden, Ray Conchie, Marie Manunga, Karen Dammer, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher;

for those who have died recently: Eileen Haggarty, Margaret Gethins, Betty McInally, Hugh Maclaren, Linda Horne, Monica Ward;

and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Edna May Mann; Maurice McBride, Helen Dailly, Colin Lynch, Clifford Paine, Kazimierz Rak, Dennis Addly, John Beeching, Patricia Fairweather, Letitia Lebonnois; James Johnston, Joanna Jaletsky, Catherine Prophet, James Brough, Jim Moncur, Mary Murray.

Sincere thanks to all who came along our SCIAF Fundraiser *'Beyond the Margins'* in the Cathedral on Thursday past. It was a creative and inspiring evening with much thought and planning put into it by Beth and John, the musician and singers.

The evening addressed most pertinent themes relating to our home town of Dundee, the plight of our brothers and sisters in different parts of the world, the gift of creation and all life within it, and our role as global citizens. The total raised for SCIAF through tickets, donations and the raffle was £509.

Diocesan Choir: Rehearsals resume this Tuesday 13 February. Mary Veal will take the rehearsal this Tuesday to make a recording of her new "Mass of St Joseph". From next Tuesday we shall prepare for the upcoming events of the Mass of Christ and the Bishop Elect's Episcopal Ordination.

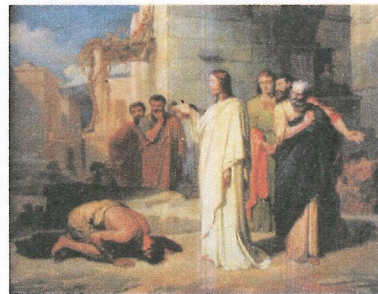
Broughty Ferry Churches together LENT BIBLE STUDY – Broughty Ferry Churches Group would like to invite you to an 8 week series of studies based on the Lord's Prayer: a 20 minute video followed by discussion. It starts on Wednesday 21 February (with a break over Easter) - 7.15pm at St Aidan's Centre.

Mass to honour Our Lady of Lourdes and to pray for those who are sick takes place at St Mary's, Lochee this Monday 12 February at 7pm.

The **SCIAF meeting** at St Joseph's which had to be cancelled due to illness is now rescheduled for this Tuesday 13 February, 10am for 10.30am at St Joseph's: all are welcome.

The **Diocesan Lenten Retreat Day** will take place at St Mary's Forebank Church Hall, on **Saturday 2 March from 10am until 3.30pm**
"The temple of God is holy – and you are that temple".

A The Diocesan **Day for Life** will take place at St. Mary's, Forebank on Saturday 16 March with Bishop John Keenan as principal speaker. 1pm until 4.30pm.



Jesus heals
the leper
–
this Sunday's
Gospel

The smile to the leper

by Raoul Follereau

[Raoul Follereau was born in 1903 in Nevers, France. Travelling as a philosopher & writer to North Africa, he came face to face with many leprosy patients, poverty-stricken, frightened and ill, outcasts from their own society.]

Follereau founded the first World Leprosy Day in 1954. He wrote:

A leper colony. Men who do nothing and to whom nothing is done, who endlessly roam round their courtyard, their cage. Lonely men, abandoned men, for whom everything is already silence and night. But one of them, just one, still has bright eyes. When he is offered something, he says 'Thank You'. Just one of them had remained a man.

The Nun wanted to know the cause of this miracle that kept him held to life. She watched him. And she saw that every day a face appeared over the high rough wall. A face, a woman's face, smiled at him; and he was there waiting to receive the smile, which was the nourishment of his hope and strength. He smiled back and then her face disappeared. Then he started waiting for tomorrow.

When he saw that she had been watching he said simply, "It's my wife". And after a silence, "Before I came here, she looked after me in secret; she smeared ointment on my face each day but it was no use, I was found and hauled in, but she followed me, and when I see her every day I know, through her, that I am alive".

A prayer for this Sunday

O Lord, when we felt like outcasts because of our sins, you purified us with the joy of your forgiveness.

When we were in darkness, feeling we were far from your divine word of healing, you entrusted your Gospel to us, restoring our courage.

When we were hungry for joy and for love, you filled us with the bread of heaven,

For this *restoration* we shall praise and bless you every day of our lives. Amen.