

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

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**Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
27 February 2022**

*Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent  
Year of Luke (C)*

**Dear Friends and Parishioners,**

In our Masses this Sunday we shall especially hold in prayer the horrendous unfolding situation in Ukraine, praying for a complete change of heart for those who would instigate such terror and warfare, and remembering the many thousands who are innocent and powerless, those fleeing their homeland and those who have to stay where they are. We ask God to bring a swift end to this conflict. Sixty European Bishops meeting in Rome suspended their work to pray for peace and said: *"Every conflict brings with it death and destruction, provokes suffering for the people and threatens the coexistence of nations. The folly of war must be stopped!"*

There will be a Vigil of Prayer for Ukraine in St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Cathedral this Sunday at 6.15pm and you are warmly invited to share in it.



Our Old Testament texts frequently talk of us being called to "climb the mountain" of the Lord. St Paul writes of "running the race". These are helpful images for us as we keep this Wednesday 2 March

sacred with prayer, fasting and abstinence and gather with the community to participate in the preparatory rites of Lent before the great season for renewal opens formally on Sunday next. Please invite your family and friends to come with you to share in the Liturgy of Ashes.

**Ash Wednesday Masses**

**The Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at**

**10am** in Our Lady of Good Counsel;

(preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am);

**11.30am** in St Mary's Forebank,

**1pm** and **7.30pm** in the Cathedral.

The Children from Our Lady's Primary School will come to the Church for their own Liturgy of Ashes on Wednesday afternoon

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

**Sunday Afternoon Services in Lent**

On the Sundays of Lent there will be an afternoon Service and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in one of our Churches.

We will begin with Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction in the Cathedral at 4pm on the First Sunday of Lent, 6 March, in St Andrew's Cathedral. Please make a date and join us, to keep the Sundays of Lent special.

**Our Sunday Masses:**

**Vigil Masses:** 4pm in the Cathedral

5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Day Masses:**

9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel

11am [Solemn Mass] & 6pm in Cathedral

11.15am [Solemn Mass] in St Mary's, Forebank

1.15pm: Mass in Polish in St Mary's.

**This week's Daily Masses**

**St Andrew's Cathedral:**

Monday – Friday at 1pm

Wednesday also at 7.30pm

Saturday Mass at 10am (with Novena)

**St Mary's, Forebank:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 11.30am.

*The Mass on **Tuesday** will be at **11am** and it will be the Funeral Mass for Nancy Duncan RIP. Nancy and Eddie were stalwart parishioners in St Mary's and on Tuesday we will especially thank God for Nancy's life and great Christian witness.*

**Our Lady of Good Counsel:**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 10am

**Tuesday at 9.30am & Friday at 11am**

Morning Prayer before Mass each day.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession**

We are still not using the Confessional "boxes" but the Sacrament can be celebrated in a private space in the Church before or after Mass. Please just ask.

## Some on-line Lenten Experiences

### **The Lenten Journey with Father Denis McBride**

**CSSR** For this Lenten retreat we journey with Jesus from the wilderness to the cross. The planned journey for the six weeks is as follows:

1) In the wilderness; 2) At the well; 3) On the mountain; 4) Along the road; 5) At table; 6) On the cross. All the necessary links are at

[www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk)

The Scottish Laity Network invite you to share in

### **"The Church – blessed, broken and excluded?"**

Evenings of conversation, reflection and prayer  
The first of these sessions has already taken place and the link to the recording is

[https://youtu.be/TanQ\\_1zdffk](https://youtu.be/TanQ_1zdffk)

The next session is entitled **Inclusion and Diversity** and is live on Thursday 3 March from 7pm until 8.30pm with Ruby Amedia.

Register through [scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk](http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk)

### **Lent with St Paul**

The Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh is hosting a series entitled "*Lent with St Paul – a Saint's guide to making the most of Lent*". It consists of 30 minute talks at 7.30pm on 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April. Fr Andrew Garden of St David's, Dalkeith will explore insights and advice from St Paul to help us prepare for Easter. No need to register, you can watch live on the YouTube Channel of the Archdiocese at [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

### **Scotland's Census**

The once-a-decade count of the population of Scotland takes place soon and your household will receive a letter about it. Please complete the census accurately and remember to include your religion! The deadline for completion of the census is 20 March 2022. Details at [scotlandcensus.gov.uk](http://scotlandcensus.gov.uk)

### **Annual Day of Prayer**

#### **for those who have suffered abuse**

Friday 4 March is a Day of Prayer all those who have experienced abuse. We are asked that day to pray for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted and also for all who are engaged in the pursuit of peace, healing and reconciliation for the abused, the needy, the weak and the vulnerable. Bishop Stephen Robson will celebrate the 1pm Mass in the Cathedral on Friday 4 March.

## A *Little Theatre*

**date for your diary!**

"The long-awaited production of

### **"Skail Daze",**

the radio play with moving (hopefully!) actors is due to be performed at the Little Theatre on Friday 22nd April at 7 p.m. Tickets priced £6 will be available from Gerry or Clare Fulton from this Sunday 27 February at St Mary's Forebank, or you can contact Gerry for tickets on [gerardfulton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gerardfulton@yahoo.co.uk)

**Thank you** for your generosity last Sunday 20 February: £749 in the Cathedral, £498 in Broughty Ferry and £371 in St Mary's, Forebank.

**A Special Collection** is taken this Sunday for the **Ecclesiastical Students' Fund**. There will be baskets at the back of the Church for this purpose.

Join us for a

### **Lenten Retreat Day**

on Saturday 19 March, 10.15am until 2.15pm  
at the Pastoral Centre, St Mary's Church Hall  
Forebank Road, Dundee.

Book your place now by calling 01382 275539 and  
leave a message or email  
[kevinjamesgolden@hotmail.com](mailto:kevinjamesgolden@hotmail.com)

**"Boundary-breaking Good News  
- keeping a Good Lent in the Year of Luke"**

*A Lenten day of mercy and grace -  
All are welcome*



*Beginning Experience*  
listen.accompany.heal

A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death is such a traumatic experience. A weekend away to experience time with others may be helpful. The *Beginning Experience* team will be holding a weekend at St Mary's, Kinnoull from 25-27 March.

For more details contact Catherine on 0131 665 3383 or email

[beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com](mailto:beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com)

## *It is almost upon us!*

To anyone unfamiliar with our Catholic way of life it must seem a somewhat mystifying symbol, the annual day of ash being daubed on our foreheads, or as will happen this year, **sprinkled** over our heads!

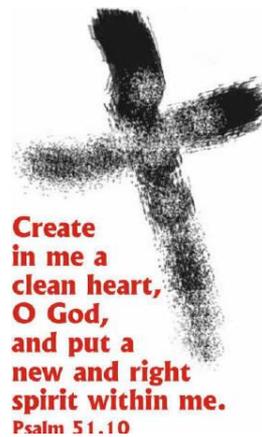
We will all experience it this coming Wednesday though, and we'll be taken back to our roots; this gesture will set us on the great journey towards the font of Easter Night when we will solemnly renew our Baptismal Covenant.

**What an experience!** To walk the path of Lent purposefully, and then finally to stand with our brothers and sisters in faith, all of us with lighted candles, having heard the story of our salvation, being given the opportunity to *claim our place* in that story, the unfolding of the mystery of divine love. Confidently affirming *"I do"* to the Baptismal questions, we will then be sprinkled with the water of Baptism. **[Please mark the night of the Easter Vigil in your diary now and resolve to be with us.** It is the principal liturgy of the whole year, what the Church calls the "Mother and Queen of all Vigils". **It will take place on Saturday 16 April.]**

This great night and its Solemn Vigil does not stand alone though. **It needs a Lent to lead up to it.** I hope you will find, with me, from this Wednesday onwards, that the liturgies of Lent truly refashion us, God's people, in the likeness of Christ. Lent, with all its symbolic richness, is an apt symbol for our lives. Forty days *in the desert* teach us how to order our lives wisely.

In the language of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), Lent is the period of **Purification and Enlightenment**. The season of Lent was originally a forty day retreat for those who were to be baptised at the Easter Vigil.

Today, each member of the Church is invited to make the most of this forty day "retreat" while still living and working in the world. It certainly calls us (as far as we are able) to intentionally reduce our "business as usual". Hopefully we will have a clear sense in this season that we are called to something more, that this is a time to



open ourselves to the divine life that God is seeking to restore in us. When you hear each of the scripture passages this coming Ash Wednesday you will recognise that call to holiness, just where you are now in your life and in the world, in the midst of the busy-ness and the daily routine. Lent gives us a chance to step back and remember that our lives should be strongly connected to our God who has redeemed us in Jesus.

Integrating family, work and leisure with the divine is surely a way to peace-filled living. New possibilities are held out to us through the practices of prayer, fasting and giving. And it is really important to remember right from the beginning of Lent that we are travelling towards the Easter Vigil with its great focus on Baptism and renewal, which eventually sends us out into the world in joyful service and witness.

The Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Liturgy* notes that "Lent is marked by two themes—the baptismal and the penitential. By recalling or preparing for Baptism, and by repentance, this season disposes the faithful as they more diligently listen to the Word of God and devote themselves to prayer, to the celebration of the paschal mystery" [para. 109]. So, as the Church enters Lent a certain "atmosphere" takes over, brought about by means of our worship: the Lenten rites are simple and noble, the *Alleluia* is silenced, and festive decor is removed from our churches. We refrain from actually celebrating Baptism but instead reflect on it and await the new waters of the font at the Vigil. The time of "Purification and Enlightenment" calls us to contemplation.....not always easy when we are so used to being people of seemingly perpetual activity!

The spiritual writer Ronald Rolheiser says that "*Contemplation means living in such a way that God can enter our lives....contemplation means living in what the mystics have always described as a certain emotional and intellectual darkness.*"

*God can only truly reveal himself to us when we do not block that revelation with our head, our emotions, and our actions”.*

Lent can therefore be a challenge, and it can be costly to us. But grace abounds in this season! Trust the liturgy, trust the hidden power that is working in our gatherings, in the great images which will be put before us, in the scriptures, and in the invitations to healing, reconciliation, newness of life that will come your way. Responding generously and trusting confidently, we will be well on the way of the journey of transformation, which will peak at Easter.

### **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 this **Friday 4 March**.

### **SCIAF COFFEE MORNING**

will be held in the Cathedral Hall after the 10am Mass on Saturday 26 March. More details in next week’s newsletter.

Please support the **World Day of Prayer** this coming **Friday 4 March** by sharing in one of the services if you can.

The **Cathedral** World Day of Prayer service takes place in our Cathedral at 2.30pm on Friday 4 March.

The **Broughty Ferry** service will be at 2.30pm in the Baptist Church in St Vincent Street, Broughty Ferry.



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The Synod Facilitators’ day last Saturday at the Pastoral Centre, St. Mary’s, Forebank, saw more than eighty

attendees gathering around the Word of God in prayer, sharing and brushing up on skills for facilitating the *Listening Sessions* in which the Holy Father asks us to participate.

I am very grateful to those who attended from our three parishes and had such an active part in the day: *we couldn’t have done it without you!*

I hope to meet soon with those attended from our parishes and then we will offer listening sessions in each of our three parishes. Full details of these in next week’s newsletter.

### **Baptismal Congratulations**

to Hamish Craig Boyle, Samuel James Teague and Matilda Erin Winters, all of whom have recently been baptised in the Cathedral and to Róisín Freya Reilly, baptised last Sunday during Mass at St Mary’s Forebank.



May these children, with the support of the parents and families and the prayers of the community grow in faith and hope as they grow and journey through life.

**Our Prayers for the sick:** Ross Murray, Ian Davidson, Janet Isherwood, Theresa Kay, Dawn Wood, Heather Moffit, Steven Hackney, Alan McKenzie, Joyce Scott, John McCarry, Margaret McMenemy, Tony Beck, Isobel Blackmore, Karen Dammer, Allison Matthew, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Thinley Chodron, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

**for those who have died recently:** Jimmy Kyles, Betty Cartwright, Nancy Duncan, Alec Taylor, Jane Budge, Anna Small;

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Young, Jack Wilson, Jean and Albert Rodgers, Gretta Quinn, Frank Chaplain, Joseph McGarry, Teresa Coyle, Charlotte McGinness, Sandy Berry, David Stewart, Margaret Hutcheon, Monica Singh, Annie Golden, Louise Hood, John Loftus, Margherita Baillie, Katherine Whyte, Felim Dougherty, Bernard Cooper, Charlotte “Gordon” Wilson, Henry Duffy, Mary Bridget McDonagh, Joseph Dillon Senior, Alex Dailly, Hugh Gerard McNulty, George Reid, Alexander Fordyce, Letitia Lebonnois, Jacqueline Paine, Teresa Haughey.

**The Lent editions of *Day by Day* & *Bible Alive* are available at the back of the Church to those who subscribe. I also ordered some extra copies of *Day by Day* for anyone who would like one.**

### **Cathedral 200 Club**

The February winner of the **Cathedral 200 Club** draw are: Nessie Shields (£50); Pierluigi Carena (£30); and Barbara Lynch (£20). If you would like to join the 200 Club, please let me know.

### **Baby Changing Facilities at the Cathedral**

In the WC facilities near the Sacristy there is now a large plastic tub with nappies etc. for baby changing and you are welcome to make use of these.