

*Parishes of St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee  
& Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry  
& St Thomas of Canterbury, Arbroath*



*St Thomas', Arbroath*



*St Andrew's Cathedral*



*Our Lady of Good Counsel*

**Sunday 22 November 2020  
Solemnity of Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe**

**Next Sunday:  
First Sunday of Advent  
Year of Mark**

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**Our Sunday Mass Times**

**St Andrew's Cathedral:** Vigil Mass at 4pm. Sunday at 11am and 6pm.  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel:** Vigil Mass at 5.30pm. Sunday at 9.45am.  
**St Thomas of Canterbury:** Vigil Mass at 5pm. Sunday at 10.45am.

*A place for Sunday Mass must be booked in advance. See inside this newsletter for details of how to book.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Please approach the Priest before any weekday Mass. Also Friday & Saturday 9.10am until 9.50am in Arbroath.  
**Hospital Chaplaincy:** Ninewells & RVH Duty chaplain: 07821 624124 Arbroath Infirmary: Parish Clergy; Stracathro: Fr. High (01674)

**This Week's Masses**

**Monday 23 November**

10am in St Thomas', Arbroath      **12noon** in Our Lady of Good Counsel      1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral

**Tuesday 24 November**      *Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung Lac and Companions*

**12noon** in Our Lady of Good Counsel      1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral      **7pm in St Thomas', Arbroath**

**Wednesday 25 November**

10am in St Thomas', Arbroath      **12noon** in Our Lady of Good Counsel      1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral

**Thursday 26 November**

10am in St Thomas', Arbroath      **12noon** in Our Lady of Good Counsel      1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral

**Friday 27 November**

10am in St Thomas', Arbroath      **12noon** in Our Lady of Good Counsel      1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral

**Saturday 28 November**

No morning Mass in Broughty Ferry      10am in St Thomas', Arbroath      10am in St Andrew's Cathedral

**Follow the reflections and music on Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsRCDundee>

A **Liturgy for Children** is on the Cathedral Facebook page for this Sunday. Thanks to the Liturgy Team.

**Vespers** attached/enclosed/on Facebook if you'd like to share in this Evening Prayer this Sunday at 4pm.

During November, a number of SCIAF supporters are attempting to walk the equivalent length of our Dioceses north to south, in order to raise funds to aid SCIAF's work. In Dunkeld's case the distance is from Brechin to Alloa and comes in at 70 miles. The idea is to have this done by the first Sunday in Advent, 29 November. Cathedral parishioner John Quinn has completed his commitment to the walk. If you would like to sponsor him. There is a just giving page set up:  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Quinn30](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Quinn30)  
 or you can enclose your SCIAF gift in an envelope and leave it with me. Each individual contribution is put into a totaliser with a view to covering the equivalent number of miles to that between the SCIAF offices in Glasgow and Bethlehem.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,  
this Sunday is the last in the liturgical year, and the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our Bishop, Stephen will preside at the Cathedral 11am Mass. We would usually host the Annual Civic and Academic Mass on this Sunday but of course that is suspended this year.

This Sunday also brings us to the end of the liturgical year of Matthew's Gospel. As it has been proclaimed each Sunday in the Liturgy it has afforded us an opportunity, even with all the restrictions of the pandemic, to "build a house of faith on rock", to use Gospel terminology. From next Sunday, the first of Advent, we turn to the account of the Jesus story given to us by the evangelist Mark. I hope to be able to have some online resources available via the Cathedral facebook page and the Diocesan website to mark the transition from Matthew to Mark and also some Advent reflections too, in lieu of an Advent Retreat Day which we would usually have at Lawside.

As you know, I usually manage a few days break after the feast of Christ the King. I hadn't thought it would be possible this year but it turns out that I can take some time off. Monsignor Ken McCaffrey will say the 1pm Masses in the Cathedral this coming Monday-Friday, and Monsignor Aldo and Father Andrew will offer the Masses in Our Lady of Good Counsel. Sincere thanks to them.

### **Seat booking arrangements for Sundays**

**You can book for Sunday Mass as follows:**

**Sunday 29 November & Sunday 6 December NOW**

**Sunday 13 December & Sunday 20 December:**  
from Monday 23 November after 6pm;

**Christmas Day & Sunday 27 December:**  
from Monday 7 December after 6pm.

#### **Book at:**

**'Eventbrite, St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee'.**

**'Eventbrite, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry'.**

**If you don't have internet access,** 'phone the dedicated Mass booking number on **07561 699557** & leave a message with details of Mass you want to attend.

The **October winners** in the **Cathedral 200 Club** draw are: Andy McIvor (£50); Kenneth Brown (£30); and Joe Lowrie (£20). Thanks to all who support the 200 Club.

**Congratulations and prayers** for **Connor Berg** who was received into the Catholic Church, Confirmed and joined us at the Eucharistic table for the first time on Sunday 1 November.

I look forward to receiving **Aidan Dunbar** into full communion with the Catholic Church and Confirming him on Tuesday 1 December in St Thomas', Arbroath.

### **Instead of sending Christmas cards to fellow parishioners this year....**

why not place a Christmas greeting in the parish newsletter and make a donation to SCIAF in place of spending the money on cards and stamps? Here's a sample:

*Margaret and Arthur Short wish all their friends and parishioners the peace and joy of Christmas and a good new year.*

Simply email or write out your message and place it in an envelope with your donation and hand it in to the sacristy or give it to one of the passkeepers, or email it over to me. Messages will appear from Sunday 6 December

### **'ONLINE' PARISH QUIZ NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7PM**

Arrangements are well in hand for our online quiz night - thank you to everyone who's been in touch to let us know they'd like to take part.

If you haven't contacted us to register your interest and want to join in, please do so by emailing our dedicated email address at [SACEvents@gmail.com](mailto:SACEvents@gmail.com). Teams can be made up of up to 4 people from the same household/bubble and we'd be looking for a small donation from each team, the proceeds of which we would split between the Trussell Trust foodbank and SCIAF.

As COVID related restrictions continue to be in place, we're hoping to attract a number of teams from across our parishes to come together and have an enjoyable couple of hours with friends and fellow parishioners. Hope to hear from you soon!

**Prayers: for those who have died recently:** Hugh Lynch, Frances Burke, Isey Keaveney, Jean Millard, George Howe, John Urquhart, Gerry Docherty;

#### **those whose anniversaries fall at this time:**

Raymond Martin, Elaine Quinn, John Hutchison (Brother Angelo), Norah Black, John Markie, Keith Tomlin, Peter Crossan, Doris Williams, Emilie Elliot, Nicola Lauder, James Keith, Lidia Provido, Charlie Zanre, Jean Cashley, Josephine Harris, Dan Cassidy, Allyson Cashley, Francis John Brett, Willie Lynch, Canon Andrew Rooney, Celine Nuttall;

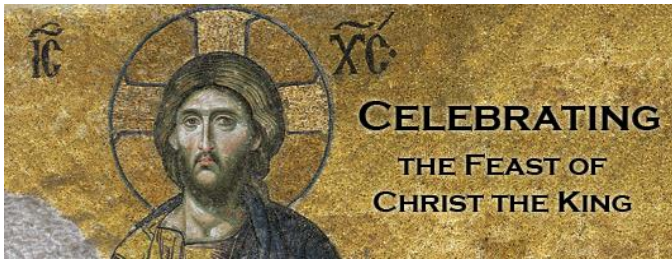
**the sick and in need of our intercession:** Maria Robertson, Mary Welsh, Frances Young, Tony Beck, Mel Caullay, Jackey-Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Baby Ben Welsh, Bill Boland, Thinley Chodron, Sharon McNally, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Gillian Steedman, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Lily Jane Douglas, Alexander McNeil, Bridie Mossey, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga, Allison Matthew.



#### **You may be interested.....**

**Laudate** is a free app but requires internet access - it has very extensive content - from Mass texts to Rosary & Latin prayers; also podcasts & live streaming of Mass & other services.

**Universalis** requires a subscription but once downloaded, it can be used without the need for an internet connection. Universalis has extensive content, including the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office). It also has a new 'Books' feature which allows a selection of books to be serialised on a daily basis, an unlooked for plus. Both apps have 'extras', some free, some paid.



## Preparing for the Audit

When our God took on human flesh to know us and to be known by us, he did so not just spiritually but physically, to redeem us “from the inside out”, so to speak. Jesus revealed the mind and heart of God through physical actions: through choices about how to use material things, showing us how to use the blessings of time, treasure and talent we have been given in the circumstances of our own time. Jesus reached out to respond to human, physical needs in a physical way.

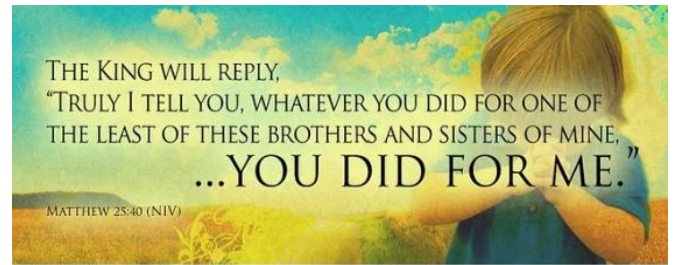
The Gospel this Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ’s Kingship, instructs us that we, his disciples are to follow his example. We are to recognise and claim Jesus as our King and Master not only in thought and word but also in physical actions which put our time and our material possessions at his disposal, while offering ourselves to continue his mission among the world’s needy and poor.



St Matthew this Sunday presents us with an “audit” of the way we live. His parable of last Sunday provided a reference for such an audit — remember how the master called in each of the servants and asked for an account of how they had used that which was entrusted to them. This Sunday, the key once again is to recognise that failure consists in doing nothing with the opportunities and time that we have at our disposal; remember the guy who buried the master’s money, not even depositing it at the bank for interest, never mind investing it diligently for a fruitful return. The age-old excuse reflected in the Gospel scene of today is that we didn’t recognise that it was Jesus who was at our door, or that we didn’t realise we had to take him quite so literally as to expect that the ordinary, everyday people and situations we come across are really that significant as to have a bearing on our place in the heavenly kingdom. We might be tempted to think, if we hadn’t carefully read the judgement account, that the God of all greatness who lives beyond space and time, who created the universe and whose Son is its King, might not be concerned with the seeming minutiae of how we recognise or ignore someone who passes through our lives.

However, in St. Matthew’s vivid word-picture of the “ultimate audit” given towards the end of the ministry of Jesus, we see that the judgement scene does not specifically mention whether a believer has kept the commandments or not, attended Church or not, frequented the Sacraments or prayed regularly. Not that these are unimportant, rather they are presumed as the basis for a whole life of holiness and service; and the point of our faith is that our Sunday Mass, our celebrations of the sacramental life, our prayer and all our religious practices actually enlighten and strengthen us so that we can recognise the face of Christ in those who pass our way. We must be sure our religious practices lead us not only *upwards* towards heaven but *outwards* toward the neighbour who is Christ on our journey.

Perhaps the challenge is to look at our priorities. Do we not reveal ourselves, our true worth, our selfishness or our love, more often and more consistently through our use of material things, including money than in any other way? As Jesus revealed the heart and mind of God in the actions of his earthly life, we reveal our hearts, minds and values in the way we live the same earthly life.



The Advent bags to help Children and families celebrate a true Advent will be distributed/sent out this weekend. We hope you will enjoy them. Sincere thanks to those who have prepared these Advent gifts.

As I’m sure you know, **Marie Curie** is a charity which provides care and support to people with terminal illnesses and their families. Marie Curie is at present seeking views from members of the **Polish Community** as to how it can be support to them in relation to end-of-life care and support. I have some copies of a questionnaire; if you would like to fill one in, one please let me know. Kevin



**We have a new priest working in the Diocese of Dunkeld.** The recently arrived Fr Louis Uwaezuoke, who has been working in the Archdiocese of Southwark for the past few years, is serving now in the Parish of St Fillan’s, Newport and Our Lady Star of the Sea, Tayport. *Welcome to Fr Louis!*



## Caring for God's Creation: Conversation on Migration



In the book of Genesis, the story of Creation, after making 'man' in his own image, **'God saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very good.'** (Gen1:31)

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November, the Feast of St Margaret, our National Patroness, we hear the Gospel words of Jesus: *'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome, naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.'* (Matt 25:34-37)

On 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Justice and Peace Scotland hosted an online **'Conversation on Migration'**, addressing the plight of refugees. The speakers were Br Johannes Maertens (Founder, Maria Skobtsova Catholic Worker House) and Alex Holmes (Calais Catholic Worker). They spoke in both words and pictures regarding the current migration crisis.

Back in 2016, the makeshift refugee camp in Calais known as 'The Jungle', was demolished, meaning the displacement of thousands of refugees. Four years later, the number of refugees has increased from 2000 to 10000. Human beings fleeing war, oppression, genocide, dictatorships, all seeking sanctuary for their families.

It is reported that over 600 ships a day cross the English Channel yet this is seen to be a safer route than the Mediterranean Sea. Refugees consist of all ages – including hundreds of unaccompanied children under 18.

In their search for safety, Migrants find Italy and Greece very hostile. They head for Britain, in the hope of work, and to be with their families who are already here.

We were informed that the Mayor of Calais discourages people and has stopped the distribution of food and that Albanian gangs are running the new Calais 'Jungle'.

Br Johannes shared his thoughts: most refugees are just like us: ordinary people and the distribution of food is more than just that - it is about people meeting, talking, listening, gathering, helping: feeling accepted. That's sometimes more important than food, clothes, shelter. He went on to say that the crisis is not a *migration* crisis; it is a *hospitality* crisis. It's about how we receive people today. It tells us a lot about ourselves.

People are fleeing from life-threatening environments: war-zones, conflict, dictatorships to someone who says **'You are not welcome here.'**

But Brother Johannes told us that despite this, when others visit the refugees (workers, volunteers etc.), they are welcomed, offered tea, coffee, shelter and invited to stay. Our speaker experienced this first-hand.



Migrant camps in Calais, France.

All are welcomed – whether with full hand or empty – drinks are offered and food is shared. Even the police who were there to destroy the camp. 2000 years of Gospel values....and we are still learning. <https://passionists.org.uk/stories/2020/02/calais-red-calais-white-calais-blue-a-poem/>

Br Johannes felt called to join the community and live in Calais, to support the refugees, and in 2016, the Maria Skobtsova House was opened. It became a house of refuge and prayer for all, led by the refugees, many from Eritrea and Ethiopia. It was a place to find silence, light a candle, say a prayer.

*Where during Advent 2020 shall we find our place of silence, the opportunity to shine a light and say a prayer?* In his [message](#) for the this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, marked on September 27, Pope Francis included a prayer to St. Joseph, patron of families.

He said the prayer is "suggested by the example of Saint Joseph at the time he was forced to flee to Egypt to save the child Jesus."

Perhaps we could make it ours.....

**Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked. Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places. Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials. Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way. May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen**

You can read Alex and Br. Johannes stories here:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/38184>

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/angus-mearns/571019/angus-man-highlighting-the-forgotten-migrant-crisis-in-calais-on-festive-mercy-mission/>.