

## Clergy news

### Parishes of St Leonard and St Fergus, and St Columba, Dundee

from August 15<sup>th</sup> Father Alexander Oborah will be appointed Administrator of these parishes, where he has served for a number of years. By August, Father Jim Walls will have been Moderator of these parishes for a year, so, given Father Alex's experience it seems appropriate that he be appointed Administrator.

### Father Malcolm Hutchison

Malcolm, who was ordained last Summer and returned to Rome to complete his studies, will return to the Diocese at the end of June. He will holiday in the month of July and then begin parish ministry at the start of August.

## Finance news

**Thank you** for your generosity last Sunday of £804 in the Cathedral, £399 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £646 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

I also wish to acknowledge a number of separate recent donations to the funds at St. Mary's Forebank, of £50, £300, £600 and £272.

The **SCIAF boxes** came to £680 in the Cathedral, £450 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £1049 in Our Lady of Good Counsel. Many thanks.

### A reminder regarding

#### Hospital Chaplaincy and Visitation

If you or a loved one is in hospital and wish a visit, the chaplain can be contacted by the direct phone number 07821 624124 or through the hospital switchboard on 01382 660111.

The priests in Dundee organise the chaplaincy to Ninewells, Royal Victoria and Roxburghe House on a weekly rota basis.

**Our Prayers for the sick:** Kathleen Reilly, Edward Smith, Justin Griffith, Graham Kimmet, Susan McKay, Katie Carpenter, Father John Mundackal, Marian Jackson, Norman Hadden, Ray Conchie, Ross Murray, Theresa Kay, Heather Moffit, Sonya Rostan, Steven Hackney, Karen Dammer, Steven Kennedy, Margaret McMenemy, Isobel Blackmore, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Aubrey McMullan, Alexander McNeil, Marie Manunga;

**for those who have died recently:** Jim McMahon;

**and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Rev Deacon David King, Neil McDade, Catherine McDade, Alexina Stevens, Lawrence McGoldrick; Charlie Mullen, Emilia Zanre, Christine Martin, Molly Murray, Ethna Gilmour, Brother Bede, Mary Saunders, Thomas McPherson, James Connelly, Arthur Orr; Alice Foggarty, Mary McNally Hugh Macpherson, Marion Mayer, Christina Francesca Ritchie, Michael Dooley, Janie Robertson, David Ireland, Mary Chivers; John (Ian) Wallace, Beatrice Herbert, Helen Methven, Chris Smith, Raymond Millington, Agnes Walker, Cathie Stott, Anthony Callaghan, Patrick McGhee, Thomas Lavery, Rose Taylor, Lizzie Brown, Moira Wilkie.

The **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** falls this coming Friday 16 June.



I find the Sacred Heart of Jesus a potent symbol, its "pierced-ness" not only the "fountain of Sacramental life for the Church" as the Preface of the Feast says, but also a reminder of the "devouring" of the loving heart of God by his people for all their needs, especially the need to give and receive authentic love.

No wonder this feast is placed very close to that of the Body and Blood of the Lord. For as we "devour" the Eucharistic food, we surely desire not only to be nourished to a spiritual fullness for ourselves, but so that in turn we are able to offer the love which is given to us given in that ultimate "meal of love" to the world in which we live, our own wounded lives and hearts notwithstanding.

Keeping the feast of the Sacred Heart surely propels us *outwards* to be people and priests beyond the sacristy, beyond the altar table, beyond our own devotions, to be ministers of the hospitality of divine mercy and of a gospel justice which reveals and celebrates the divine Heart.

The Gospel passage stipulated for this feastday is from Saint Matthew, the passage where Jesus declares himself to be "gentle and humble of heart". Such an appropriate text, yet the Gospel choice could have been any number of other passages too. I think of Jesus "on the last and greatest day of the festival" in John, inviting all to come and drink from the fountain of his living water; or his piercing by the soldier's lance as he hung on the cross and *out flowed blood and water*; or any one of the great parables of mercy which reveal the divine Heart – think of the love of the father in the prodigal son story in Luke, the father whose own heart had been pierced but who never stopped loving the son and longed for his return; or the generosity of the God proclaimed in the parable of the workers in the vineyard in Matthew: "Why be envious because I am generous?" .....oh, the possibilities seem endless!