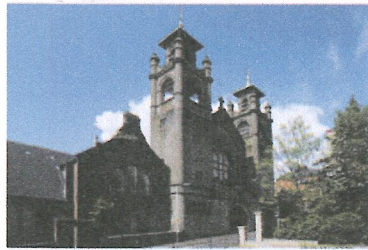


**Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry
St Mary. Our Lady of Victories, Forebank
Sty Patrick's Stobsweell
and St Andrew's Cathedral**



St Andrew's Cathedral (1836)

St Mary's, Forebank (1851)

St Patrick's (1898)

Our Lady of Good Counsel (1904)

Second Sunday in Eastertide

12 April 2026

Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Eastertide
Year of Matthew (A)

Dear Friends,

What a moment of grace our celebration of the Triduum was. All our churches were busy for the liturgies, which were all uplifting, warm and welcoming, a true spiritual experience of walking with the Lord. **Thank you** to all who enabled these gatherings to be so rich in music, ritual, scripture and hospitality. *We are in your debt.*

Our warmest congratulations to those who were Baptised, Confirmed and brought to the Table of the Eucharist in our parishes at the Easter Vigil: Callum, Clint, Leo, Molly, Justin, Rory and Jennifer in St Mary's; Jamie and Hannah in Our Lady of Good Counsel; and Pru, Vanessa, Patrick and Jadon in the Cathedral.

As I write, the Artemis II astronauts have safely returned to Earth after a "textbook touchdown", bringing their historic ten day mission to a close. The whole event seems like it has been "livestreamed" for the world to see: the vastness of creation reflects for me the wideness of God's greatness & creative power.



At the Easter Vigil we opened our scriptures at their very first page, not for a scientific explanation of the universe, far less to seek to extract from the biblical writers answers to questions that they could never have dreamt of, but rather to renew ourselves in a spiritual understanding of creation and of God as the one who brings all things into being, his very word being creative. He creates out of nothing: his word effects what it commands. "Let there be light", God says, "and there was light".

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At the vigil, at the end of the Genesis reading we affirmed together, *The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

We then implored the Spirit to continue to "renew the face of the earth". The liturgical prayers of the Vigil, so skillfully crafted, invited us to pray after the Genesis reading:

*"may those you have redeemed understand
that there exists nothing more marvelous
than the world's creation in the beginning,
except that at the end of the ages
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed".*

The prayers after all the Old Testament readings at the Vigil, along with all the psalm responses we sang that night propel us forward from ancient times to our own situation in the present moment. As we journey through these *fifty days of Alleluias* they are well worth re-tuning to for inspiration.

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Our Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass: 5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel

Day Masses: 9.30am in St Patrick's

9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel

11am [Solemn Mass] & 6pm in Cathedral

11.30am [Solemn Mass] in St Mary's, Forebank

This Sunday I will celebrate both Masses in Broughty Ferry, the 11.30am in St Mary's, and the Cathedral 6pm Mass. Bishop Andrew will celebrate the 11am in the Cathedral and Bishop Stephen the 9.30am Mass in St Patrick's. A Special Easter Mass for the African Community takes place this Sunday at 3.30pm in St Ninian's and I look forward to attending.