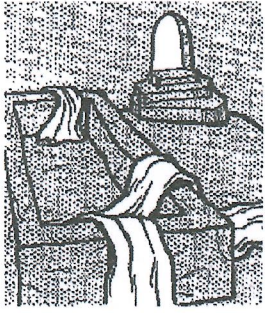


A NEW BEATITUDE



This Sunday's Gospel ends with a striking new "beatitude": Blessed are those who have not seen and have yet believed. Scripture scholars agree that the story of Thomas is presented to us as being a typical example, representing the doubts, skepticism and hesitation that plagued the early witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus.

Thomas's reaction is surely typical

not only of the culture of 2000+ years ago, but is equally valid today: our quest for proof. When he confronted by Jesus, Thomas backs off from his demand to touch the wounds. Jesus draws out a simple lesson - you don't have to see in order to believe. St Paul puts it this way in his letter to the Romans: "Faith comes from hearing". (Romans 10:17).

Indeed at the daily Masses this past week we have been treated indeed, listening to the accounts of the post resurrection appearances of Jesus and how at times it is not seeing but hearing that enables a person to recognise the Risen One and so become a witness. Thomas Aquinas says: *Sight is blind before God's glory; faith alone may see his face.*

We are a huge number, we who believe in the risen Lord, those who have not seen him yet believe in him, and feel his presence in our lives. Saint Peter said of such people, "Although you have never seen him, you love him and without seeing you believe in him." (1 Peter: 1 8). It is a key point, now as then.

The point of all the resurrection accounts is the same: the disciples themselves were at first doubtful of the risen Lord. The progress from unbelief to belief took time. John records in his gospel that they gradually recalled things which Jesus had said while he was still with them, but he freely admits that they did not understand a lot of it at the time.

But for those early Christian who read the words of Peter quoted above, and even for the apostle Paul, as well as ourselves, belief rests on faith and on the spoken word of others. We have received our faith but the same way. It has been handed on to us down the generations, stretching back to those who saw and touched.

Our prayers for the sick: Dorothea Pamela Huddleston, Claire Cullen, Kimberley Black, Arthur Mulligan, George Forbes, Baby Lyn de Guzman, Margaret Malcolm, Catherine Nolan, Jim McArtney, Pamela Griffiths, Sharmalie Nandadasa, Steve Hackney, Jenny Wilson, Russell Walker, Ray Ritchie, Dr Frank Zwolinski, Tommie Feeney, Anneke Anderson, Cole Farningham, John Charkow, Heather Moffit, Susan McKay, Ray Conchie, Marie Manunga, Karen Dammer, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Marian Jackson;

for those who have died recently: Elaine Montgomery; **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Agnes Whyte, Lawrence Graham; Frank Creegan, James Devlin, Jane Traynor, Margaret Blake, Canon Hugh Sreenan, Father James Giblin, Kellie Lynch; Catherine Boyle, George Donald, William Noonan, Bernard Mooling, Milagros Mailla Dalis, Arthur Toshney, Anna Kelly, Joe Dailly, Samir Eljamel, Mary Dailly, Seth Schor, Bernadette Farquharson.

Dundee Serra invite you to their next Mass - 7 pm — and a Holy Hour from 6pm — to pray for an increase of priestly and religious vocations and for our priests on Tuesday 14th April in the Immaculate Conception Church, Lochee. All are invited.

This week's Daily Masses

St Andrew's Cathedral:

Monday at 11.30am — please note.

The Wedding Service for Hannah Ireland and Euan McIntosh takes place in the Cathedral at 1pm on Monday.

Mass on Tuesday — Friday at 1pm
Saturday Mass at 10am (with Novena)
Confessions after Mass.

St Mary's, Forebank:

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday

Wednesday at 11.30am

Thursday at 1pm — Funeral Mass for Elaine Montgomery RIP

Friday at 11.30am

(St Mary's Hall will be in use all day Thursday for meetings of Priests)

St Patrick's

Mass on Monday & Thursday at 9.30am

Our Lady of Good Counsel:

Mass on Monday at 10.30am

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10am.

Thursday Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion at 10am

Morning Prayer before Mass each day.

Thank you for your Easter Sunday generosity of £1482 in the Cathedral, £2725 in St Mary's. £850 in St Patrick's and £1293 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

We shall take the annual collection for the **upkeep of the Holy Places in Jerusalem** in St Mary's. St Patrick's and Our Lady of Good Counsel this Sunday. This collection came to £306 in the Cathedral on Good Friday.

SCIAF boxes and donations can be handed in anytime now. Please mark your envelope clearly. Thanks.

An **Easter African Mass** will be celebrated this Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm in St Ninian's, Menzieshill. All welcome.

Next Sunday we welcome Bishop Andrew to the 9.45am Mass in Our Lady of Good Counsel when he will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on some of our young people. Please come and support them in prayer.

On Sunday 24 May, Pentecost Day, the Bishop will be in St Andrew's Cathedral for Confirmations, and on Sunday 31 May he will come to St Mary's Forebank and confer that Sacrament on our young people there.

DIOCESAN EVENT ON OUR JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Saturday 9th 2026 at The Pastoral Centre, St Mary's Forebank Hall 10am until 1.45pm (Refreshments from 9.45am)

Come and listen to the well-known writer, papal biographer and Tablet correspondent Austen Ivereigh, as he presents live online the topic *'Missionary disciples in a synodal Church: the future of faith in these Islands'* How does the Church thrive in an age where it is no longer supported by culture? Pope Francis and now Pope Leo have called us to embrace an "apostolic way of being Christian, capable of evangelising our age of belief." There will also be an opportunity for questions and answers and some time for small group discussions.

The event will open with prayer followed by a short presentation by Maureen Ruddy: *Synodality: Our journey so far.*

Priestly Vocations Evenings with Bishop Andrew in the Cathedral hall, after the Sunday 6pm Mass:

Sunday 19 April for under 18s

Sunday 26 April for over 18s

St Andrew's Cathedral 200 Club winners for March

£50 - Frances Morrison (no.69)

£30 - Christine Lindsay (no 30)

£20 - Hugh Jamieson (no 6)