

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



Third Sunday of Easter

23 April 2023

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

Year of Matthew (A)

I guess there is not one of us who has not at some point had to travel down a sad and barren *Emmaus road*. It is a road in life commonly associated with grief, given that this is the experience of its two original travelers, who were heading away from Jerusalem, away from the events that had taken place there, and in their grief, hoping to come to some semblance of normality.

Of course, it is not always the grief of bereavement that weighs us down on the road of life: we may experience the long road to Emmaus as one on which we bear the pain of failure, regret, loneliness, or another experience of life which makes us feel downtrodden. We know that Jesus in his first sermon, way back at the beginning of his ministry, in the synagogue at Nazareth, promised to "set the downtrodden free", and that is just what he does for the two travelers, Cleopas and his companion. He does it in three ways: first, he **listens** to their story; secondly he **responds** with words which make sense of their distraught lives; and thirdly he **offers** them divine hospitality in the breaking of bread. It is this undeniably Eucharistic action which "opens their eyes".



And they recognized
Him in the breaking of
the bread...



Their experience of the Emmaus supper creates a new beginning for them. As we saw last Sunday, for those disciples in the Upper Room who experienced the risen Christ, and for Thomas who had the same experience a week later, those days were the first days of the new creation for them. And it is the same for these two. This is the first day of the rest of their lives: and the result is that they are set back on the road, back to where they had been, back to the community. They have heard the story of the truth of the events of the past few days, they have broken the bread with the Risen One, and now with the

Risen One they are on the journey of mission and witness. The mighty Exodus journey, which was undertaken by the whole people of God and led them to freedom, is recapitulated in these two on the road from Emmaus back to Jerusalem, and indeed in us on our paschal journey through Eastertide.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

In a poem so appropriate for this Sunday, John Davies writes:

We walked on to Emmaus
With a man who came from nowhere
Knowing nothing except that which he was told
And his friendship was an excuse
For our telling of these tales
Which comforted us, though our hearts were cold

We walked on to Emmaus
Full of all the fondest memories
And our kindling of them made us feel more bold
For the questions that he asked us
Were bread to feed our thoughts
And a comfort to us, though our hearts were cold

We walked on to Emmaus
And we told him about Mary
Giving some small hope
to which our hearts could hold
And we talked of resurrection
And the strange scene in the garden
Which comforted us, though our hearts were cold

We walked on to Emmaus
And were shocked by his insistence
That all these things had been foreseen of old
And the fire of his persistence
Was bread which fed our souls
A breaking fire which purged our hearts of cold.

And so, we gather for our Eucharist today as an Easter People, an Emmaus People, Pilgrims with Christ on the journey of life.

We were scheduled to have Bishop Emeritus Stephen Robson at the Cathedral for the 11am Mass to present Elinor McBride and Pierluigi Carena with their Papal Awards *Bene Merenti*, but he is still convalescing after surgery, so I shall celebrate the Cathedral 11am Mass as well as the Vigil in Broughty Ferry. Once again this Sunday Father Paul Capaldi shall celebrate the 9.45am in the Ferry, and I am grateful to him. Monsignor Ken McCaffrey will celebrate the 11.15am Mass in Forebank and Father Jim Walls will be in the Cathedral for the 6pm Mass.



**For those aged 18-30.
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The new **Cathedral Gift Aid envelopes** have arrived and are available at the back of the church today. If you are a tax payer would you consider gift aiding your offering please? You can do this by making your contribution by the envelope system or by standing order from your bank.

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Our Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass: 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

This week's Daily Masses

St Andrew's Cathedral:

Monday—Friday at 1pm

The 1pm Mass on Monday shall be the Funeral Mass for Nina Giannandrea RIP.

Saturday Mass at 10am (with Novena)

Confessions after Mass.

St Mary's, Forebank:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 11.30am

No Mass on Wednesday

Our Lady of Good Counsel:

Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 10am;

Wednesday: Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion at 10am;

Morning Prayer at 9.45am each day.

Our Prayers for the sick: Susan McKay, Katie Carpenter, Father John Mundackal, Marian Jackson, Baby Joshua Hopkins, Joe Dolan, Patrick Ruddy, 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, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

for those who have died recently: Arthur Clark, Derek Conway, Sheena Barnett, Douglas Lorimer;

and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Margaret Cairns, John Lynch, Cyril Keenan, William Miller, Tom Branney, John McKay, Tom Money, Canon Michael Milton, Craig Davidson, Mary McBennett, Miriam Jackson, Maisie McLaughlin, Anne Walker.

Retiral Mass and Celebration for Bishop Robson

This will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 11 May at 7pm, and there will be light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall afterwards. Everyone is invited and everyone is welcome.

Thank you for your Easter generosity of £1509 in the Cathedral, £655 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £1090 in Our lady of Good Counsel and last Sunday £855 in the Cathedral, £302 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £573 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Within the next few weeks the traditional style of taking the offertory collection will be reinstated in St Mary's, Forebank and in Broughty Ferry.