

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



Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

2 May 2021

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Eastertide
Year of Mark (B)

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Our Prayers for the sick: Joyce Scott, John McCarry, Margaret McMenemy, Tony Beck, Isobel Blackmore, Karen Dammer, Katie Shephard, Mel Caullay, Allison Matthew, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Baby Ben Welsh, 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;

those who have died recently: Sadie Linn, Joe Jackson, Arthur Warden;

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Andrew Ritchie, Ann Walker, Cyril Keenan, Joan Lithgow, Father George Greig, James Sexton, Mary McCready, Margaret Rose, Jemima Kearnan, David Robertson, Stella Wilson, Albert Davidson, Hugh Connolly, William Pitcairn McGarry, Hilda McCann, Helen McCann, Alice McGarry, Elizabeth McCluskey, Cathie Duffy, Mary Duffy.

There will be
**Evening Prayer and
Benediction at 4pm**
this Sunday in
**Our Lady of Good Counsel
Westfield Road,
Broughty Ferry.**
Please come along and join
us if you can, and keep the
Sundays of the Easter season
holly.



There is a **Children's Liturgy of the Word** for this Sunday on the Cathedral Facebook page. Our grateful thanks to the Cathedral Liturgy team for this.

I heard it through the grapevine.....

As well as knowing this saying, those of us of a certain age will remember Marvin Gaye's rendition of the song. I didn't know the actual origin of this expression, but it came into my mind when reading this coming Sunday's Gospel, because it is a metaphor for the communication of information.

I consultedGoogle, which told me that "*The term originated in the USA and comes from the telegraph system invented in the 19th century by Samuel Morse. The system required thousands of kilometres of telegraph wire to be installed, held in place several metres above the ground by telegraph poles placed at regular intervals along the telegraph route. People thought the wires and poles looked like the strings used to train vines so the telegraph lines became known as 'the grapevine'. During the American Civil War rumours were often spread via the telegraph lines. When people were asked whether a particular story was true, they would often reply 'I heard it through the grapevine'.*"

In the light of the Gospel this Sunday, not only should we be **hearing** things through the grapevine, we should be **living** on the grapevine. "I am the vine, you are the branches", says Jesus. Only by this living connection can we grow as individuals, as community, in his life and love. Like plants, we need to be tended, watered, pruned and Jesus reminds us this is as true of us as of branches on the vine. How do we go about encourage growth on our grapevine? Let me propose a strategy for letting the life of the Vine flow more strongly into us. Answer, to yourself, three short questions.

1. Do you already love anyone more than yourself?

I knew a man in my very early years as a priest. He was hard to live with, and he knew it. He told me himself, "I am very selfish. But at least I love three people more than myself: my wife and my two children". That was his greatest consolation and hope. To love just one person more than yourself is perhaps the first step in answering the Gospel call to grow. A great tragedy in anyone's life is surely to lie dying and to know you have lived only for yourself.

2. Do you ever worry you are wasting your life?

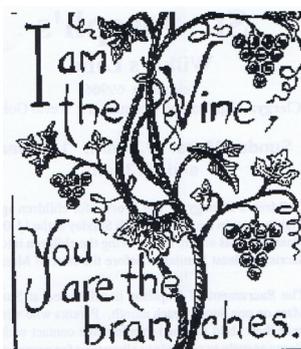
If you are raising questions about the purpose of your life, your job, etc the answer is maybe not in a different job or spouse or house, but a new relationship with the Lord—a more free, true discipleship.

3. Have you every really asked what difference Jesus' life makes for you?

We listen to stories about Jesus' life. We celebrate it in moments like his birth and resurrection, but tend not to look at the potential for changing our own lives. Yet all the saints had this in common: that Jesus changed their lives. Their change, their freeing themselves for God and for others took years of growth, but they lived life **on the grapevine**. With such a connection, we too will find God, and in finding him, find purpose in ourselves.

On a vine, every living branch is expected to bear fruit. If a branch does not bear fruit it is considered to be dead, and so is "pruned away" as we hear in today's Gospel. The responsible vine dresser will not allow a branch bearing no fruit to sap precious life from the vine.

As branches, we draw life from Jesus the Vine. God the Father is honoured as we conform ourselves to his vine, graft ourselves on him and make our home in the word of Jesus. Hopefully, today's gospel will strengthen us in our desire to remain "in Jesus", seeking to let his word "remain in us", and so give glory to the Father through our discipleship.



John the evangelist was chronicling these words of Jesus to Christians living in the last decade of the first century, under Roman domination, and threatened by political harassment and persecution. He wanted to encourage and strengthen fearful believers. In our own day we can take heart from such a powerful image as that of Christ the vine, we the branches, and the Father as the vinedresser. Our life in the Trinity is assured, and it is celebrated in the Mass we share. Then we are sent out to witness to this mystery of Trinitarian life. May this Sunday's Eucharist give us strength.

This Week's Masses

Sunday 2 May

Vigil Masses: 4pm in the Cathedral 5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel

Day Masses: 9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11am & 6pm in Cathedral 11.15am in St Mary's
Vespers and Benediction at 4pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel. No booking needed.

Monday 3 May **No booking needed**

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Tuesday 4 May **No booking needed**

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Wednesday 5 May **No booking needed**

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel

11.15am in St Mary's, Forebank - Funeral Mass for Sadie Linn RIP. Parishioners welcome.

1pm in the Cathedral

Thursday 6 May

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel - **Please note time**

10.30am—Funeral Mass for Helen Elder RIP in St Andrew's Cathedral. **By family invitation only.**

12.15pm in St Mary's, Forebank - **Please note time**

1pm in the Cathedral—Parish Mass

2.30pm—Funeral Mass for Frank Staddle RIP in St Andrew's Cathedral. **By family invitation only.**

Friday 7 May **No booking needed**

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 1 May **No booking needed**

Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral

5th Sunday of Easter — 2 May - For Masses in the Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel, please book a place by Eventbrite or 'phone—details overleaf. No booking needed for St Mary's, Forebank.

Vigil Mass of Sunday at 4pm in the Cathedral & 5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel, 11am & 6pm in Cathedral, 11.15am in St Mary's, Forebank

Finance Matters

Many thanks for your generosity last Sunday of £364 in the Cathedral, £330 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £340 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

A number of parishioners now give their offertory contribution through bank standing order. Others hand in their offerings monthly or periodically, and others place their offerings in the offertory buckets at the back of the church, there being no actual *taking of collections* at this time. The parish is grateful for your contribution, whichever way you choose to make it.

In the lockdown period earlier in the year your offerings were as follows:

Cathedral: January: £2574. February: £4843. March: £5311.

The Cathedral also benefited from a gift claim at the end of March of £4192.

Our Lady of Good Counsel: January: £2238. February: £2404. March: £3510

St Mary's, Forebank: January: £983. February: £1285. March: £616

Your generosity for the good of these churches is much appreciated.

Church Capacity Update

From Monday, 26th April, the Scottish Government removed the cap of only 50 people able to attend a Mass or service in a church. The capacity of our churches will now be dependent on the maximum number of seats available in the building, whilst still ensuring a 2 metre distance between households/bubbles or individuals.

We have been able to allocate a number of pews for households or 'bubbles' at the Cathedral. Please continue to book for Mass using the usual methods i.e. Eventbrite and (for those without internet), a text or call to the relevant mass booking number. However, from Monday 10 May, when Masses for the weekends of 15/16 and 22/23 May are available to book, you will be able to reserve one of the household/bubble pews in the same way that you book places now. There is a choice of downstairs or upstairs seating, subject to availability. We will ask you during the booking process to confirm how many people are in your household or bubble. Full details on how to do this will be in next week's bulletin.

Additional seats are now also available upstairs. If you are booking an upstairs seat, please be aware that we are unable to transfer these downstairs when you arrive at Mass. **If you, or anyone in your bubble cannot manage the stairs, then seats should be booked downstairs.**

How to book for Mass on Eventbrite:

Click the link for the Church you wish to book at:

Cathedral: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-good-friday-liturgy-at-st-andrews-cathedral-dundee-tickets-112091962076>

Our Lady of Good Counsel: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-mass-at-our-lady-of-good-counsel-rc-church-broughty-ferry-tickets-112956403644>

Alternatively, use your search engine to search for 'Eventbrite Mass at St Andrew's Cathedral' or 'Eventbrite Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry.

Then:

1. Click the 'Select a date' button;
2. Choose the date of the Mass you wish to book for by clicking the 'Tickets' button;
3. Choose the number of seats you require using the drop down box, then click the 'Register' button;
4. Fill in your details and click the 'Register' button.

You will then receive an **email** from Eventbrite confirming your booking. It may take an hour or so to come through. And if you're booking for the first time it might end up in your junk or spam box so please check there too.

Phone Bookings

Phone bookings continue to be available for those with NO access to the internet. For the Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel, please call 07561 699557. You should leave a message stating your name, the date and time of the Mass, the church you wish to attend and number of households. If you don't hear back from my booking team, your booking has been successful.

Booking Deadlines

A reminder that bookings for Sunday Masses close online and on the phone at 5pm on Friday – calls to book Mass for that weekend made after this time will not be registered. You can however still call to cancel a booking. This is so the booking team have sufficient time to prepare the attendance lists for each of the churches.

Forthcoming Bookings

My booking team will release Mass bookings in future weeks for the Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel as follows:

Weekends of 15/16 and 22/23 May: Monday 10 May from 6pm
Weekends of 29/30 May and 5/6 June: Monday 24 May from 6pm
Weekends of 12/13 and 20/27 June: Monday 31 May from 6pm