

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Eastertide

Year of Matthew (A)

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

Monday 8 May

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

Tuesday 9 May

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

Wednesday 10 May

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel—Funeral Mass for Paul Moran RIP No Mass in St Mary's, Forebank
1pm in the Cathedral

Thursday 11 May

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

Friday 12 May

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

Saturday 13 May

Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral. Confessions after Mass.

I am sorry to announce the

Postponement

of the Retiral Mass for Bishop Robson

which was scheduled for Thursday 11 May at 7pm in the Cathedral.

The Bishop is still convalescing at home after his surgery. We hope to be able to reschedule the Mass within the next few weeks.

The **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** falls this year on Thursday 18 May - it is a major feast in the Easter Season and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Masses will be as follows:

6pm Vigil on Wednesday 17th in Broughty Ferry;

9am in Broughty Ferry;

11am in St Mary's, Forebank with the school children;

1pm in the Cathedral;

7pm in the Cathedral [with choral music by the Diocesan Choir].

"You, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house"
1 Peter 2.5



I recall well the feel of my Dad's hands: they were the rough, strong, yet gentle hands of an outdoor worker, the hands of a man used to handling stone, concrete, wood and other such materials.

Sometimes his work would be with uniform size and shape bricks, but often with pieces of stone of varying textures, sizes and shape. With these he would create walls, patios and fireplaces, creating a unity out of the different pieces at his disposal, binding them together to make a whole.

After last Sunday's image of the Church being the flock of the Shepherd who is Christ, this Sunday we are given the image of a Church of "living stones", by St Peter in his letter, proclaimed as the Second Reading of the Mass. These "stones" are a living image of Christ who is the head of his body, the Church, and who is also its Cornerstone, the stone which holds the building together. He has referred to himself in the language of Psalm 117, which proved to be prophetic of Him, the Messiah and Divine Son. As we have sung in Eastertime, he is the "stone rejected by the builders, which has become the Cornerstone".

Jesus, we know, was accused of being a fraud, a blasphemer, and was crucified in the worst way imaginable. But the Easter Liturgy proclaims repeatedly that this One who was rejected, was actually chosen and precious. His seemingly ultimate rejection was actually part of God's plan. His rejection, in true fulfilment of the prophetic scriptures, was part of the plan to redeem us and make us that "spiritual house of living stones" that we now call The Church.

This Living Church is well evidenced in the Acts of the Apostles, as the community developed and sought to live by and in the Holy Spirit. We may ask the question of ourselves — How is the living church well evidenced in us now? Where are the "even greater works" that Jesus says in today's Gospel that his disciples would do, in evidence in us now? Look at the past week and see where those works were done. Look at the coming week and see where they **can** be done.

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Rosary and May Devotions in honour of Our Lady:

This week on Tuesday and Thursday at **12.30pm** there will be the recitation of the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady in the Cathedral. Next Sunday 14 May we shall have Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

On **Wednesday 31 May** at 6.30pm we shall have a Diocesan evening of Hymns and Procession in honour of Our Lady, followed by refreshments in the church hall and an update from the Diocesan Synodal Team. This is part of the Pope's call to us all to be part of the synodal process.

Our Prayers for the sick: Edward Smith, Justin Griffith, Graham Kimmet, Susan McKay, Katie Carpenter, Father John Mundackal, Marian Jackson, Baby Joshua Hopkins, Joe Dolan, 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: Patrick Ruddy, Richard Walker, Scott Henderson, Paul Moran, David Jackson, Peter Jack;
and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Arthur Caswell, Mary McCreedy, Margaret Rose, Jemima Kearnan, Thomas Moran, Arthur Summers; Veronica Sreenan, John Gethins, Elizabeth McCluskey, Cathie Duffy, Mary Duffy, James Cunningham, May Cunningham, Cathie Gourlay, James Coupar, William Walker, James Cunningham, Annette Clark Kelly, Frances McGregor, Ken Barnett.

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £826 in the Cathedral, £509 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £443 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

On Sunday 21 May we welcome to the Cathedral a Missionary Priest from the White Fathers in Rutherglen, who will give an mission appeal for the work of his Religious congregation.

A warm welcome to Father Charles Corrigan from Kinnoull who will celebrate the 11am Mass today in the Cathedral.

On Wednesday 10 May the Dunkeld Clerical Friendly Society meets for its AGM in Perth and I shall attend. Canon Andrew Cark will offer the 1pm Cathedral Mass on Wednesday.

On Thursday 11 May at 2pm, the boys and girls who will make their First Communion in St Mary's this month will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in the Church.

A Christian Aid Coffee Morning takes place on Saturday 13 May at the New Kirk in Broughty Ferry. The organisers are looking for donations for the various stalls — books, jigsaws, any types or art or craft work, and especially home baked items to sell on the cake-&-candy stall, and to serve along with the tea and coffee on the morning.

The New Kirk hall in Queen Street will be open between 2pm and 4pm on Friday 12 May to set up tables and stalls and any donations can be dropped during that time. The hall will also be open from 9am on Saturday 13 May.