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







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Sixth Sunday of Easter 14 May 2023

Next Sunday: Seventh 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 15 May

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

Tuesday 16 May

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel No Mass in St Mary's, Forebank today

Mass at 1pm in the Cathedral

Wednesday 17 May

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 12.15pm in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord at 5pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel

Thursday 18 May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11am in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

7pm in The Cathedral

Friday 19 May

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

Saturday 20 May Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral. Confessions after Mass.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord falls this Thursday 18 May - a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Masses will be as follows:

5pm Vigil Mass on Wednesday 17th in Broughty Ferry; please note the necessary change of time. Fr Greg Murphy OP will celebrate this Mass as I have to be in Dunblane to celebrate Confirmations there. A few of our priests are away at the moment so we need provide cover for each other.

On Tuesday 18th itself: 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].

Communicating cordially

World Communications Day

Pope Francis has written a beautiful reflection for the 57th World Communications Day which falls next Sunday, I would like to share some of it with you.

The Holy Father writes:

'Communicating in a cordial manner means that those who read or listen to us are led to welcome our participation in the joys, fears, hopes and suffering of the women and men of our time. Those who speak in this way love the other because they care and protect their freedom without violating it. We can see this style in the mysterious wayfarer who dialogues with the disciples heading to Emmaus. The Risen Jesus speaks to them with the heart, accompanying the journey of their suffering with respect, proposing himself and not imposing himself, lovingly opening their minds to understand the profound meaning of what had happened. Indeed, they can joyfully exclaim that their hearts *burned within them* as he spoke to them and explained the Scriptures to them.

In a historical period marked by polarisations and contrasts — to which unfortunately not even the ecclesial community is immune — the commitment to communicating "with open heart and arms" does not pertain exclusively to those in the field of communications; it is everyone's responsibility. We are all called to seek and to speak the truth and to do so with charity. Christians in particular are urged to "keep our tongue from evil" (Psalm 34, verse 13), because as Scripture teaches us, with the same tongue we can bless the Lord and curse men and women who were made in the likeness of God (the letter of St James Chapter 3, verse 9). No evil word should come from our mouths, but rather "only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear" (St Paul to the Ephesians Chapter 4, verse 29). Sometimes friendly conversations can open a breach even in the most hardened of hearts. We experience this in society, where kindness is not only a question of "etiquette" but a genuine antidote to cruelty, which unfortunately can poison hearts and make relationships toxic. We need it in the field of media, so that communication does not ferment acrimony that exasperates, creates rage and leads to clashes, but helps people peacefully reflect and interpret with a critical yet always respectful spirit, the reality in which they live.

"In order to speak well, it is enough to love well" One of the brightest and still fascinating examples of "speaking with the heart" is offered by Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva at the beginning of the 17th century during difficult years marked by heated disputes with Calvinists. His meek attitude, humanity and willingness to dialogue patiently with everyone, especially with those who disagreed with him, made him an extraordinary witness of God's merciful love. One could say of him: "A pleasant voice multiplies friends, and a gracious tongue multiplies courtesies" (Ecclesiasticus 6:5)."

To be continued next week.....

We shall take a special (retiral) collection next Sunday for the work of the Church in the field of Communications.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Congratulations and Prayers for Ryan and Owen Smith who yesterday made their First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass in the Cathedral. Today at the 11.15am Mass we welcome the boys and girls at St Mary's, Forebank who will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion too.

Next Sunday at St Mary's we shall celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 11.15am Mass.

As I am at Forebank again this Sunday morning, I'm grateful to Monsignor Pat McInally from St Columba's, Cupar, who will celebrate the 11am Solemn Mass in the Cathedral. Next Sunday 21 May we welcome to the Cathedral a Missionary Priest from the White Fathers, Father Willie Crombie, who will give a mission appeal for the work of his Religious congregation.

Rosary and May Devotions in honour of Our Lady:

Please come and join us this Sunday afternoon for the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Also, this week on Tuesday and Friday at **12.30pm** there will be the recitation of the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady in the Cathedral.

On **Wednesday 31 May** at 6.30pm in St Mary's, Forebank we shall have a Diocesan evening of Hymns and Procession in honour of Our Lady, followed by refreshments and a buffet in the church hall and an update from the Diocesan Synodal Team.

All are invited but especially those who have taken part in the Synod discussions and questionnaires.

Our Prayers for the sick: Edward Smith, Justin Griffith, Graham Kimmet, Susan McKay, Katie Carpenter, Father John Mundackal, Marian Jackson, Baby Joshua Hopkins, 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, Marie Manunga;

for those who have died recently: Patrick Ruddy, Sheila McCallum, Sheila Cullivan, Patsy Thomas;

and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Myra Dennis, Pauline McGowan, Alice Moorhead McCarry, Margaret McCabe, Annamma Philip, Gordon Robertson, Michael Brough, May Hendry, Jock Drumm, Tom Flynn, Denis Naulty, Joseph Logan, Helen Devine; Frank Holligan, Patrick O'Brien, Maureen Veronica Feeney, Elizabeth Knight, Gordon Hermiston, Ross Will, Gordon Millington, Sheleen Moore; Agnes Breen, Norah Zanre, Joe McMahon and Jean Baxter.

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £775 in the Cathedral, £394 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £443 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

We shall re-instate the taking of the Collection at the 9.45am Mass in Broughty Ferry this Sunday. I realise that a good number of parishioners own make their contribution via Standing Order, so please just let the basket pass you if you contribute that way. Would someone like to take responsibility for the collection at the Vigil Mass?

We shall reinstate the taking of the collection in Forebank on Sunday 28 May.

The latest **200** Club winners in the Cathedral are: Linda Scott (£50), Joe Lowrie (£30), and Frances Young (£20). If you are wondering when you are due to pay your 200 Club money, please ask Linda, Avril or Sandra at the back of the Church and they will be able to help you. If you pay your dues by BACS, can you please let us know when you do this so we can tick you off as paid, thanks.

Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Miquel Maury Buendia as the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain. Part of the Nuncio's work is to facilitate the appointment of new Bishops, so we pray that we may have a new Bishop appointed to the Diocese of Dunkeld in the near future.