

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



**Sixth Sunday in
 Eastertide**
22 May 2022



If anyone loves me
he will keep my word.....
the Advocate, the Holy Spirit
will teach you everything
and remind you of all
I have said to you.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

This coming Thursday we keep a glorious feast day, that of the Ascension of the Lord into heaven, the completion of Christ's *glorification* which, according to St John the Evangelist, and as we saw last Sunday, began in the Upper Room on Holy Thursday "after Judas had gone". The event of this *glorification* seems to be, for John, a single drama unfolding in several acts, like our own keeping of the Easter Triduum a few weeks back.

This coming Thursday 26 May finds us "forty days later", at the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, which is not a Gospel but it is undoubtedly *Good News*, a second volume by St Luke, the sequel to his gospel account. Luke begins this epic chronicle of the early Christian community by accounting the glorious ascension of the Lord, out of sight. St John was clear in his Gospel narrative—that for the Holy Spirit—the Advocate/Counsellor/Comforter to come Jesus must first "go", ascending, as he said, "to my Father and your Father". The Preface to the Eucharistic prayer this Thursday puts it beautifully: *where Christ the head has gone, we hope to follow*. Please come and join us in the celebration of Mass to mark this great feast day.

Our Masses will be as follows:

Vigil Mass in Our Lady of Good Counsel on **Wednesday 25 May** at 6pm;

Day Masses on Thursday 26 May

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel; 11am in St Mary's, Forebank;

1pm & 7pm in the Cathedral.

One of the great hymns for the feast is *He mounts the heavens, triumphing*, from the old St Andrew Hymnal; with words and music by Father Francis Duffy RIP, a priest of the Diocese of Galloway, and a fine musician who pioneered the practice of the whole assembly singing the liturgy in the years after the Vatican Council, its first begins: *He mounts the heavens, triumphing, alleluia, our Lord and saviour glorious king alleluia*.

The melody in these lines, so appropriate for the feast of the Ascension of the Lord actually *ascends* up the scale as you can see in the little excerpt here:



The second verse of the hymn begins "And thus, King David's wondrous psalm (alleluia), hath ended in the conquering Lamb". The Psalm being referred to is the first Psalm of the Book of Psalms, with its familiar lines: *The Lord's revelation to my master: sit on my right; your foes I will put beneath your feet*. This psalm is part of the Church's prayer every Sunday at Vespers. Eastertide moves swiftly after this Sunday, toward Thursday's great feast and then begins the novena to the Holy Spirit, culminating in the Solemnity of Pentecost on Sunday 5 June. The Holy Spirit of Pentecost is offered to us abundantly, especially in the Liturgy which we are privileged to share together each Sunday, and through us can be shared with the world.

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Cessation of the 4pm Cathedral Vigil Mass from after this Saturday 21 May 2022

I want to thank most sincerely the MCs Tom and Gigio, the stewards Helen, Marion, Katy and others, and the organists Mary and Kevin whose faithful commitment, in addition to their other Sunday duties have enabled us to celebrate the 4pm Vigil Mass in the Cathedral with dignity during the time of the pandemic. I couldn't have kept this Mass going for so long without their support and commitment,

I thank too all those who have worshipped at this Mass and I apologise if now you experience inconvenience in rescheduling your Mass attendance. However, I have had to be sensible in making a decision to reduce the number of Masses being celebrated over the weekend in these churches for which I am responsible.

The other Sunday Mass times all continue without any time changes at present.

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £478 in St Mary's Forebank, £536 in Our Lady of Good Counsel and £644 in the Cathedral.

There is a special collection this Sunday for the work of the Church in the field of Communications.

This Sunday morning I shall be with the Bishop in St Mary's for the 11.15am Mass where he shall Confirm some of our young people in the faith, completing their Baptismal covenant. I am grateful to Fr Greg Murphy for celebrating the Cathedral 11am Mass this Sunday.

Bishop Stephen Robson will come to the Cathedral on Pentecost Day to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and an invitation is given to anyone who has missed Confirmation in their own parish to celebrate the Sacrament that Sunday. If you or someone you know would like to be Confirmed, please let me know.

Our Prayers for the sick: Kitty Berry, Ray Conchie, Sheena Barnett, Ross Murray, Janet Isherwood, Theresa Kay, Dawn Wood, Heather Moffit, Steven Hackney, Alan McKenzie, John McCarry, Margaret McMenemy, Tony Beck, Isobel Blackmore, Karen Dammer, Allison Matthew, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Thinley Chodron, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

for those who have died recently:

Frank Hendry, George Weir, Mona Cavin, Dinah Black, Christiane Sohler, Vera McNally;

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ross Will, Pauline Veal, Frances Abernethy, Douglas Ramsay, David Petrie, Mary McGoldrick, Sarah Donoghue, Gordon Millington, Betty Docherty, Elaine Martin, Brian Stevens, Anthony Callaghan, Sheleen Moore, Flo Moore, David Knight, Patrick Gethins, Luke Devlin, Clifford Heywood, Morag Anderson, Isabel Gallacher.

Dunkeld Lourdes Service invite you to a fundraiser for the Lourdes Nurses this coming Friday 27 May at St Leonard and St Fergus Church hall. Entertainment from Paul Sullivan and friends; raffle; BYOB.

For tickets, contact susan-mitchell@live.co.uk or call 07875730086



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

Thursday (Ascension Day) 1pm & 7pm.

Saturday Mass at 12noon only. Please note.

St Mary's, Forebank:

Monday & Wednesday at 11.30am.

Tuesday at 10.20am—please note, 10.20am

Thursday (Ascension Day) at 11am

Friday Mass at 10am

Saturday at 10am (Polish Community First Holy Communion)

The boys and girls from the Polish Community will make their First Reconciliation (Confession) this Tuesday 24 May at 6pm and their First Communion on Saturday at 10am. We welcome them and their families and guests.

The Trustees of the Diocese meet this Tuesday at 11am, hence the changes in Mass times that day. I shall also celebrate Mass in St Paul's Academy on Tuesday at 8.20am.

On Friday I shall be celebrating the Funeral Mass for Davina (Dinah) Black in St Peter and St Paul's, hence the alterations in Mass times.

Our Lady of Good Counsel:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 10am

Thursday (Ascension Day) at 9am.

Vigil Mass of the Ascension on Wednesday evening at **6pm.**

Friday Mass at 9am.

Morning Prayer before Mass each day.

Bishop Stephen Robson will ordain Chris McCrosson to the Permanent Diaconate this Saturday 28 May at 12noon in St Andrew's Cathedral. You are welcome to join us. **There will be no 10am Mass this coming Saturday.**

Cathedral Gift Aid envelopes are at the back of the Church. If you pay your contribution via the envelope system please take your envelopes today. If you are a tax payer you can gift aid your church contributions at no extra cost or inconvenience to yourself. Please consider doing so.

The **Net Ministries Day Retreat** at St Mary's, Forebank last Sunday was a great success: we have a great resource at St Mary's hall, now being used as the Diocesan Centre and I am glad we can share it with groups from outwith the parish. The priests of the diocese shall gather at St Mary's for their Inservice training next month.

The **Healing Service** scheduled for 4 June at St Mary's. Lochee has had to be cancelled. Please note.

From the beginning of June there will be tea and coffee after morning Mass each Tuesday in St Mary's, Forebank. We'll gather in the priests' dining room in the house – that way there is only one step to be negotiated, when going through what was the "Brothers' Door" at the back sacristy.