

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



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Seventh Sunday of Easter 21 May 2023

Next Sunday: Pentecost Day—the coming of the Spirit and the birth of the Church **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 22 May

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

Tuesday 23 May

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

Wednesday 24 May

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

Thursday 25 May

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 10am Our Lady of Good Counsel

No Mass in St Mary's, Forebank

Mass at 10am in the Cathedral - Midday Prayer & Benediction with the Canons at 12noon in the Cathedral

Friday 26 May *Memorial of St Philip Neri*

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

Saturday 27 May Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral. Confessions after Mass.



Join us for **A May evening of music and reflection for Our Lady**
on **Wednesday 31 May** at 6.30pm in St Mary's, Forebank.

Come and share with us and sing the May hymns to honour the Blessed Mother. Afterwards there will be 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.



Speaking with the heart

Pope Francis' message for **World Communications Day**, continued...

"As I have emphasised, in the Church, too, there is a great need to listen to and to hear one another. It is the most precious and life-giving gift we can offer each other". Listening without prejudice, attentively and openly, gives rise to speaking according to God's style, nurtured by closeness, compassion and tenderness. We have a pressing need in the Church for communication that kindles hearts, that is balm on wounds and that shines light on the journey of our brothers and sisters.

I dream of an ecclesial communication that knows how to let itself be guided by the Holy Spirit, gentle and at the same time, prophetic, that knows how to find new ways and means for the wonderful proclamation it is called to deliver in the third millennium:

- A communication which puts the relationship with God and one's neighbour, especially the neediest, at the centre and which knows how to light the fire of faith rather than preserve the ashes of a self-referential identity.
- A form of communication founded on humility in listening and parrhesia [openness] in speaking, which never separates truth from charity, disarming souls by promoting a language of peace!

Today more than ever, speaking with the heart is essential to foster a culture of peace in places where there is war; to open paths that allow for dialogue and reconciliation in places where hatred and enmity rage. In the dramatic context of the global conflict we are experiencing, it is urgent to maintain a form of communication that is not hostile. It is necessary to overcome the tendency to "discredit and insult opponents from the outset rather than to open a respectful dialogue".

As Pope Saint John XXIII prophetically urged in the Encyclical *Pacem In Terris*: "True peace can only be built in mutual trust": a trust which has no need of sheltered or closed communicators but bold and creative ones who are ready to take risks to find common ground on which to meet.

It is terrifying to hear how easily words calling for the destruction of people and territories are spoken. Words, unfortunately, often turn into warlike actions of heinous violence. This is why all belligerent rhetoric must be rejected, as well as every form of propaganda that manipulates the truth, disfiguring it for ideological ends. Instead, what must be promoted is a form of communication that helps create the conditions to resolve controversies between peoples.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

At the Cathedral this Sunday, we have a missionary appeal at both Masses on behalf of the Missionaries for Africa, the White Fathers. Father Willie Crombie, from the White Fathers' House in Rutherglen will celebrate the Masses. Please be as generous as you can in the special collection, or, if it is easier, you can hand in a cheque or cash anytime until next Sunday and this will be added to the appeal total.

There will be a Mission appeal in the other two parishes in due course.

We take a special (retiral) collection this Sunday in Forebank and Broughty Ferry for the work of the Church in the field of Communications. Because of the Mission appeal in the Cathedral this Sunday, the Communications collection will be taken there next Sunday.

Our Congratulations and Prayers for the seventeen boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion in St Mary's, Forebank last Sunday and for the young people who this Sunday will receive in St Mary's the Sacrament of Confirmation,

Rosary and May Devotions in honour of Our Lady:

This week on Tuesday 23rd and Friday 26th at **12.30pm** there will be the recitation of the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady in the Cathedral.

Our Prayers for the sick: Edward Smith, Justin Griffith, Graham Kimmert, Susan McKay, Katie Carpenter, Father John Mundackal, Marian Jackson, 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: Brian Duffus, Jessie Cassidy, Margaret Mitchell, Andy Black, Jean McLaughlin, Margaret Hay; **and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Elaine Martin, Brian Stevens; Flo Moore, David Knight, Patrick Gethins; Frank M Zwolinski, Margaret Kayosha Nykomeshya, Tom Flynn, Stephen Manchishi, Frances Abernethy, Pauline Veal, Luke Devlin, Clifford Heywood, Morag Anderson, Isabel Gallacher.

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £1167 in the Cathedral, £310 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £538 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The **Annual Schools Mass** will take place in the Cathedral on Thursday 1 June at 6pm.

ECHOES PROGRAMME: You may recall the sessions which took place in the Diocesan Centre some years back. There will be a "reunion" meeting for those who took part in this programme at St Mary's Church Hall, Forebank Road, on Monday 5 June at 7pm. If you took part or are interested in finding out more about this programme please feel welcome to attend, to anyone else interested. The session will be facilitated by Deacon Jim Leary.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CELEBRATION: In this Diocese, we have had a long tradition of celebrating a Diocesan event to honour the Eucharistic Lord on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, so there will be a Procession & Holy Hour in St Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday 11 June at 3pm. All are welcome. Please support this diocesan event in our Cathedral.

There are still a number of **Cathedral Gift Aid envelopes** to be collected from the back of the church. Please take yours today.

The **Christian Aid Coffee Morning** in Broughty Ferry raised £1364. The organisers express gratitude to all who supported.

Cathedral Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers at the Sunday 11am Mass are in the sacristy; please collect today.