

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



Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

4 April 2021

Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Eastertide ["Low" Sunday]

Year of Mark (B)

Join us for the Easter Triduum Celebrations this week

Dear Friends,

As of today—Tuesday—the following Liturgies of the Easter Triduum are **fully booked**:
The Good Friday 3pm Liturgy in the Cathedral. Easter Day at 9.30am and 11am in Cathedral
Easter Day in St Mary's, Forebank at 11.15am.

But... there are still spaces available for the Easter Triduum Liturgies listed below. Please spread the word and make use of the availability across our parishes, however it suits you best. **Use the phone system for booking these now, even if you have internet and there is no availability on Eventbrite.** Let's make sure our liturgies are full to the capacity we are allowed. Please come and share in Our Lord's Passion Week with us.

Phone numbers

Cathedral & Broughty Ferry: **07561 699557**

St Mary's, Forebank: **07341 133550**

Holy Thursday

There are spaces for Mass in Cathedral at **5pm** There are spaces for Mass in Cathedral at **7pm**

There are spaces for Mass in OLGc at **6pm**

There are spaces for Mass in St Mary's Forebank at **7pm**

Good Friday

There are spaces for Cathedral Liturgy at **7pm** There are spaces for OLGc Liturgy at **12 noon**

There are spaces for OLGc: **5pm** There are spaces for St Mary's, Forebank Liturgy at **3pm**

Easter Vigil

There are spaces for Easter Vigil in Forebank at **6pm**

There are spaces for Easter Vigil in Cathedral at **8pm**

There are spaces for Easter Vigil in OLGc at **8pm**

Easter Sunday

There are spaces for Cathedral: **6pm**

There are spaces for OLGc: **9.45am** There are spaces for OLGc: **11.15am**

Easter Transformation—yes, it is possible!

If you don't believe it, or are unsure, read the First Reading from the Easter Sunday Mass again, and see who features there, and just how he features. [Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43] His name is Simon; it is Peter; it is *Cephas*, meaning *Rock*, the name given to him by the one who said to him, *You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church*. But last Sunday in Mark's Passion, and on Friday past in John's, the one who bears this name, became a prince of denial: *I do not know him*. Stronger words of abandonment would difficult to find. Perhaps his tears, when he realises his folly, are the beginning of his transformation. He is admitting to himself through his weeping that he is not the strong man he thought he was, or that he hoped he would be seen as by others. No, he was just that fisherman from Galilee; he wasn't ready for the name of *Rock* despite the fact that the position of being *leader* sounded good. He had fallen asleep in the garden, he had only followed *at a distance* and when he was really needed, his words were of denial, denial born of fear.



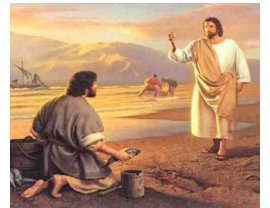
But look at him this Sunday in the Acts of the Apostles. The picture painted there doesn't show a man of fear, or a denier. No, the image portrayed in Acts is of a Peter who stands confidently. His words are articulate and measured, as he addresses none other than the Roman Centurion Cornelius and his whole household. Cornelius is considered to be the first Gentile to convert to the faith, as Acts explains.

This we have to know is a transformed Peter a redeemed Peter, and a rehabilitated Peter. Peter's journey, that he thought ended in shame and disgrace at Calvary, was not to be in vain. He was rescued and put on the right path again. Mary of Magdala was the catalyst — see this Sunday's Gospel. She bears the news that “they have taken the Lord out of the tomb” and that announcement makes Peter and the other disciple, *the one Jesus loved* — and I am convinced this is John the Evangelist himself — set out. They set out at speed, they set out fervently, hopefully and John at least— youthfully. Running faster, John reaches the tomb first, but in deference to Peter the leader of the apostles, he allows this *Rock* to enter the tomb first. The tomb goes from being a mausoleum of darkness to being a cathedral of light, as Peter moves from doubt and sadness to transformative faith.

But for that transformative faith to endure, for it to be permanent and effective in mission — which of course is the whole, *raison d'etre* of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, to announce a Church of mission to the world — it needed rehabilitation. For that rehabilitation you need to go to John's Gospel and read Chapter 21, slowly, reflectively, carefully,

When you read it, note in the transformation conversation echoes of the denial scenario: there is again a charcoal fire, and there are three affirmations of love to replace the three expletives disowning his Master. The closeness between Jesus and Peter, dramatically broken by this disciple's threefold refusal to admit he even knew him needs to be restored so that Peter can take up again his Christ-given vocation to be leader and shepherd of the flock. Reflecting on this scenario, we might be tempted to think — *Why not now deny Peter of his authority?* Look at the faithfulness of the beloved disciple, present at the royal lifting up of Jesus on the cross and participant in the conversation and entrusting of Mary to be his Mother and he her son, witness of the giving of the Spirit for Baptism and Eucharist as blood and water flows from Jesus' pierced side: all this has been witnessed by the presence of the Beloved One and the absence of Peter is notable.

But now, at this charcoal fire, and in the walk and conversation that follows it, the Risen One confirms Peter, and admonishes him that he is not to worry about the other disciple; his vocation is different. John will establish his community and from it will eventually be born a Gospel, a testimony unique and singularly insightful for the church's formation in its early age. Peter is to be the leader/shepherd of the whole flock, to keep it in unity...and his time will come, the time when he will lay down his life for the sheep, in imitation of his Master.



Just like Peter, our life in Christ is all about transformation, and indeed about rescue. The celebration of the Easter Triduum, where the biblical drama unfolds in the Liturgy, places before us Israel's experience of being rescued from slavery—the Exodus—not only an historic event but as a pattern of human life, and our need for the divine touch of redemption and grace. At the Easter Vigil, we ourselves cross the Red Sea – and the reality of our Passover is also liberation, new opportunity, just as it was for the Israelites, being snatched from the clutches of sin, death, and whatever else hinders. To *cross the Red Sea* is to stand on the brink of freedom: but that freedom involves a journey, the trek to the promised land; and freedom is costly. Peter knew that, he knew it most when he realised his own inadequacy and burst in tears at his denials. But he also had the memory of Jesus stretching out his hands him when he began to sink after his failed attempt to walk on water.

In crossing Red Sea the Israelites were setting out on a chapter in their experience; in relating his three denials with three declarations of love, Peter was beginning the rest of his life. With the Triduum of Easter in which we as God's family pass through the water of Baptism and journey from darkness to light, we are transformed and set on the journey to our certain future. Whatever happens along the way, we know the he considered us worth saving, worth transforming, worth setting on the new journey.

A Prayer for this Easter Sunday

Peter and John
racing to the tomb,
not understanding the resurrection, but
believing the words of Mary of Magdala,
be with us in our race to the tomb.
Pray for us. All you women at the tomb,
holding your oils and spices,
symbols of your love for the Lord.
Women of love, pray for us!



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Our Prayers for those who are sick:

Joyce Scott, John McCarry, Tony Beck, Margaret McMenemy, Helen Elder, Isobel Blackmore, Peter McLaren, Karen Dammer, Bill Boland, Katie Shephard, Mel Caullay, Maria Robertson, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Allison Matthew, 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:

Alex Kiddie, Lena Sinclair ;

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Martin, Emily Peterson, Mina Dailly, Elizabeth Stanford, Winifred Sreenan, Marie Garbutt.

Please welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel this Holy Thursday and Easter Day, Father Paul Capaldi, who will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the two Masses on Easter Sunday. I will celebrate the Liturgies on Good Friday and also the Easter Vigil. Please check the **Facebook page** for recent updates regarding spaces at our Triduum and Easter Day Masses and Liturgies.

The Easter Triduum is formally completed with the celebration of **Evening Prayer (Vespers)** on Easter Day. This will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 4pm on Easter Sunday. Please come and join us if you can. There is no need to book.

SCIAF boxes and donations can be handed in anytime now. Please mark your envelope clearly . Thanks.

As we are now back at Mass, I won't be posting out the newsletter to those who regularly attend. If you wish to be added again to the postal list please let me know.

Sunday Mass Booking Links

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>

St Andrew's Cathedral:

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

St Mary's, Forebank:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-at-our-lady-of-victories-dundee-tickets-146982623985>

Phone numbers (if you don't have internet access):

Cathedral & Broughty Ferry: **07561 699557**

St Mary's, Forebank: **07341133550**

It is still necessary to book a place for Sunday Masses because of the limitations on numbers allowed to gather. Bookings for weekday masses are it necessary but the limit is still fifty worshippers. Thanks for your understanding.



Easter Sunday 4 April

Easter Vigil - please book a place now by phone—details inside.

6pm in St Mary's, Forebank 8pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel 8pm in the Cathedral

Easter Day - please book a place now by phone—details inside

Mass at **9.30am [additional Mass] & 11am & 6pm** in the Cathedral;

Mass at **9.45am** and **11.15am [additional Mass]** in Our Lady of Counsel;

Mass at **11.15am** in St Mary's, Forebank.

Vespers and Benediction at 4pm in the Cathedral. **No booking needed for this.**

Easter Monday 5 April No booking needed

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

Easter Tuesday 6 April No booking needed

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

Easter Wednesday 7 April No booking needed

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

Easter Thursday 8 April No booking needed

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

Easter Friday 9 April No booking needed

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 12.15pm in St Mary's, Forebank 1pm in the Cathedral

Please note the changes in Mass times today The funeral Mass for Lena Sinclair RIP takes place in St Mary's at 10.30am but this is for family only, numbers limited to twenty.

Easter Saturday 10 April No booking needed

Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral

2nd Sunday of Easter 11 April - please book a place by Eventbrite or phone—details inside

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

Future Mass Bookings—important information

Mass bookings for the weekend of 10 and 11 April at St Andrew's Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel are available now to book online on Eventbrite at the following links:

St Andrew's 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>

My booking team will release Mass bookings in future weeks as follows:

Weekends of 17/18 & 24/25 April: Monday 12 April from 6pm

Weekends of 1/2 and 8/9 May: Monday 26 April from 6pm

Bookings for **Our Lady of Victories** are available up to **Sunday 25 April** here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-at-our-lady-of-victories-dundee-tickets-146982623985>

IMPORTANT— How to Cancel a Booking on Eventbrite

Should you wish to cancel a booking you've made on Eventbrite, you can do this as follows:

Go to your inbox and find your booking confirmation email;

Scroll down the email until you see the 'Order Summary', then click 'view and manage your order online';

Underneath the orange 'Print Ticket' button is one that says 'Cancel Order'. Click on that button;

Click 'Yes, cancel this order'.

And that's it!

It would be really helpful for my booking team if cancellations made on Eventbrite could be cancelled online or, if you're unable to do that, on the dedicated booking line – 07561 699557. Please try not to ask the Stewards or myself to pass on a message regarding cancellations or indeed making a booking as these can easily get lost or missed! You know me well!

*The text of the Hebrew Exodus
has been read
and the words of the mystery
have been explained:
how the sheep was sacrificed
for the salvation of the people.*

*For born Son-like,
and led forth lamb-like,
he has risen God-like,
being by nature
God and human.*



*He is all things:
in as much as he judges, Law;
in as much as he teaches, Word;
in as much as he saves, Grace;
in as much as he begets, Father;
in as much as he is begotten, Son;
in as much as he is buried, human;
in as much as he has risen, God.*

The above meditation comes from the writings of a man named Melito who was Bishop of Sardis and a great authority in early Christianity. He died around the year 180. Among his writing is a wonderfully rich (if somewhat lengthy) *Homily for Holy Saturday* which is quoted during the *Office of Readings* on that day.

In the liturgies of Holy Week, the biblical drama has connected to our worship and to our life experience. Here we have found once again the living Christ, the bedrock of our faith. In this Holy Week we have placed our trust in Christ, against our constant fear of nothing, of unworthiness.

Here in this place, during this week, we have found shelter and built a house on rock.
Here we have found something to hold on to when all we love is dying.
Here in this place and in this week we have found a space where those who have gone beyond meet with us who are left behind. Here, our past and present meet!