

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

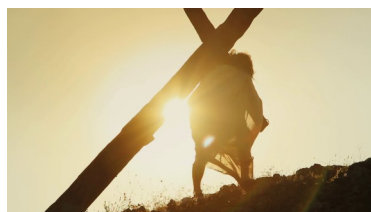


Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

9 April 2023

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

Year of Matthew (A)



*Jesus Christ went on a protest march - uphill.
It remains the most peaceful demonstration of all time.
He marched almost alone through the mob.
They loaded the world's discontent on his back
and put a crown of derision on his head.*

I don't know the origin of the quote above; I have it in one of my journals from long ago. But in its spirit I wish you a *Happy Easter*—by which I mean the joy of the realisation that Jesus Christ is alive. He is risen. We can surely still understand the disciples' fear after the death of their Master; they were confused and lost, as they felt this was the end. Jesus comes among them with a word: PEACE, do not be afraid.

We keep this feast over the sacred Triduum and then for the fifty days of *alleluias* which follow, because we need that word of peace from his lips **now**, for our world and for our lives. All through Holy Week, in all the liturgical gestures and rituals we have shared, underlying them all is this promise of life without end. There have been a number of different, yet *progressive* focusses for our reflection and celebrating: the holy city of Jerusalem, the Upper Room, the Kedron Valley, the hill of Golgotha, the tomb of burial. There have been palms and feet washing, carrying the cross and venerating it, the lighting of candles and the blessings with incense, and through it all we have gloried in the Cross of Christ, as the instrument of the world's salvation.

I have been thinking too of the communal Lenten opportunities we have been offered and have taken up this year, and the many individual responses people make in order to align themselves more purposefully with the Lord Jesus, utilising the faith and vision of personal insight and of the power of the Lenten Liturgy. Underlying it all is the simple invitation to follow the person of Jesus Christ. Sometimes we muse that many others might follow him too, if only they received convincing proof that the eventual rewards would make it all worthwhile. But the Lord is adamant: we must follow him first, with a certain surrender; after that, truth will grow. The writer Evelyn Underhill uses the example of a big old church to underly this point: on the exterior it may look a bit overwhelming, with grey stone and seemingly dark windows. But if you push open the door and actually go in, you suddenly see that the windows are brightly coloured glass; you cannot see the glory just by standing outside and asking what proof there is that the inside is beautiful. You have to go in yourself.

If we are more serious about the purpose of our lives after our celebration of this year's Easter Triduum, then we must be prepared to continue to *push open the door and go in*....in the language of the RCIA, this is called "mystagogia", and it is the purpose of the lengthy Easter season that we are now embarking on — "mystagogia" means a "deepening of immersion" into the mysteries we have celebrated! Here's to a happy Easter (Season)!

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!



Easter Sunday Vespers and Benediction

The Easter Triduum is formally completed with the celebration of **Evening Prayer** (Vespers) on Easter Day. This gentle liturgy fittingly brings the Triduum to its conclusion and will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 4pm today. Please come and join us if you can.

Please welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel this Sunday Father Jean Gove who will celebrate the 9.45am Mass. Father Jean and Father Malcolm Hutchison have also taken an active part in the Holy Week Liturgies in the Cathedral with Bishop Stephen.

Next Sunday Father Paul Capaldi will celebrate the 9.45am Mass in Broughty Ferry as I need to cover St Peter and St Paul's that day at 10am (and then be at the Cathedral for 11am!) Father Greg Murphy will celebrate the 11.15am next Sunday in St Mary's Forebank (having celebrated his 10am in St Joseph's!) So we may be a bit tight for time next Sunday.

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

There will no coffee after Mass in the Cathedral this Sunday, and no Mad Hatters' Afternoon tea this coming Wednesday. We resume on Wednesday 19 April.

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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

Saturday Mass at 10am (with Novena)

No scheduled Confessions this Saturday.

St Mary's, Forebank:

Monday & Tuesday at 11.30am

No Mass on Wednesday

Thursday & Friday at 11.30am

Our Lady of Good Counsel:

Monday & Tuesday at 10am

**Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
on Wednesday at 10am**

Thursday at 10am - Funeral Mass for Gerry Smith RIP.

Friday Mass at 10am.

Morning Prayer before Mass each day.

Our Prayers for the sick: Susan McKay, Father John Mundackal, Marian Jackson, Baby Joshua Hopkins, Joe Dolan, Patrick Ruddy, Agnes Whyte, 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: Helen Staddle, Charlie Taylor, Gerry Smith, Agnes Whyte, Valarie Donkin, May Weir;

and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Jean Traynor, Marie Garbutt, Roland McLean, Margaret Blake, Emily Menzies; Pat Moore, Lawrence Graham, Grant Gourlay; Rene Paine, Tommy Reilly, Mina Dailly, Milagros Mailla Dalis. Patricia Christie, George Donald, William Noonan, Bernard Moolding, Arthur Toshney, Anna Kelly, Joe Dailly, Samir El-jamel.

The Gospels don't explain the Resurrection—the Resurrection explains the Gospels.