

**Welcome to  
St Andrew's Cathedral  
& St Mary's, Forebank  
& Our Lady of Good Counsel**

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**First Sunday of Lent**

**6 March 2022**

*Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent*

*Year of Luke (C)*

**Dear Friends and Parishioners,**

Ash Wednesday was a day of great grace for us, without doubt. Our Churches were very busy at all the Masses for the Liturgy of ashes, and the enthusiastic singing was a powerful symbol of everyone's desire to enter into the spirit of the Lenten season and begin the journey to Easter *with mind and heart renewed*, as the Liturgy says.

I was especially glad to welcome all the boys and girls from Our Lady's Primary School to the church for their own afternoon Liturgy of ashes.

Now the long journey towards the Passover Feast of Easter has begun and we are invited to make the most of it. Our Holy Father Pope Francis advises us thus though: "No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor, and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."

**Sunday afternoon Prayer for Ukraine**

This Sunday 6 March, the First Sunday of Lent, there will be **Sung Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm** in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Nethergate, Dundee.

At the beginning of the Liturgy, following Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Opening Prayer there will be fifteen minutes of silent prayer for the suffering people of Ukraine, and we shall keep them especially in our hearts as we celebrate the Evening Prayer of the Church in Sung Vespers. I warmly invite you to join us.

**Our Sunday Masses:**

**Vigil Masses:** 4pm in the Cathedral

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

1.15pm: Mass in Polish in St Mary's.

**This week's Daily Masses**

**St Andrew's Cathedral:**

Monday – Friday at 1pm

Saturday Mass at 10am (with Novena)

**St Mary's, Forebank:**

Monday - Friday at 11.30am.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel:**

Monday - Friday at 10am

Morning Prayer before Mass each day.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession**

We are still not using the Confessional "boxes" but the Sacrament can be celebrated in a private space in the Church before or after Mass. Please just ask.

**Stations of the Cross**

**in Lent**

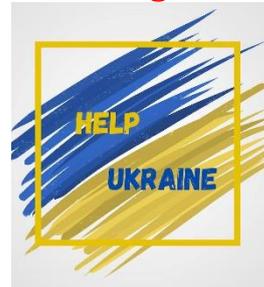
Tuesdays and Fridays in the Cathedral at 12.30pm, before the 1pm Mass;

Fridays in St Mary's Forebank at 11am

before the 11.30am Mass,

Friday in Our Lady of Good Counsel at 6pm, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Practical gifts for the people of Ukraine**



One of our young parishioners at the Cathedral, Beth McDonald is organising transport to take items to Edinburgh that will go from there to the help the people of Ukraine: Could you help by bringing

along to the Cathedral – by next Sunday night at the latest - any of the following items: blankets, raincoats, personal hygiene products, wet wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pampers, instant food like packet soup that can be used with boiling water, energy bars, pasta, dried fruit?

Any items can be left in the baptistry at the Cathedral between now and next Sunday after the evening Mass. They will be transported to Edinburgh on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> for their ongoing journey.

I posted this image of Our Lady of Kiev on the Cathedral Facebook page during the week, along with the prayer below it. You might like to use it at home.



Dear Mary, our heavenly Mother, Our Lady of Kiev, the “God bearer”, we ask your intercession for all the suffering people of Ukraine, especially the most vulnerable and weak, the elderly and the children. We ask you to protect those who have had to flee their homeland and separate themselves from other family members and to leave behind their homes and their security. Be close to all who seek to resist the overthrowing power of their enemies.

To all the people, we ask that the Holy Spirit will give faith and steadfastness in their belief that through God’s grace and the good will of men and women everywhere, their lives and country will be preserved and there will be a swift end to the conflict and a lasting peace.

Blessed Mother, be with Ukraine today, just as you stood steadfast beside your Son at Calvary. We join our Lenten efforts to your blessed and maternal intercession. Amen.

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**An Evening of Sacred Music  
with the Cecilian Choir  
at St Andrew’s Cathedral  
on Tuesday 29 March at 7.30pm.  
All welcome**

The **Dunkeld Diocesan Choir** will resume its programme of rehearsals after a very long absence, this coming Tuesday at 7pm in the upstairs Cathedral gallery. Please enter by the main church door.

The choir is always interested in attracting new members. If you would like to join us or know more about the choir please contact me on [kevinjamesgolden@hotmail.com](mailto:kevinjamesgolden@hotmail.com)

We would especially welcome more tenors and basses to the choir.



This coming Thursday 10 March we keep the feast of a Scottish martyr, **St John Ogilvie**. Sentenced to death for his refusal to deny his Catholic faith, this courageous priest was hanged at Glasgow Cross in 1615 at the age

of thirty-six. Please try to come to Mass on Thursday as we keep his feast day.

I love the words of the hymn written to honour him by JK Robertson, set to music by the famous Mother Turnbull of Craiglochart, “O loved of God”. Its first stanza reads:

*O loved of God, wearing the martyr’s thorns,  
bright with that blood the hero best adorns!  
From such a proffered crown  
our feebler souls would flee;  
yet in our lesser trials we turn for strength to thee.*

On **Thursday 17 March**, the Feast of St Patrick, the Canons of the Dunkeld Chapter will be meeting in the Cathedral. There will be midday Prayer and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with the Canons at 12noon that day. All Welcome. Please note that the Cathedral Mass on Thursday 17 March will be at 10am and not 1pm

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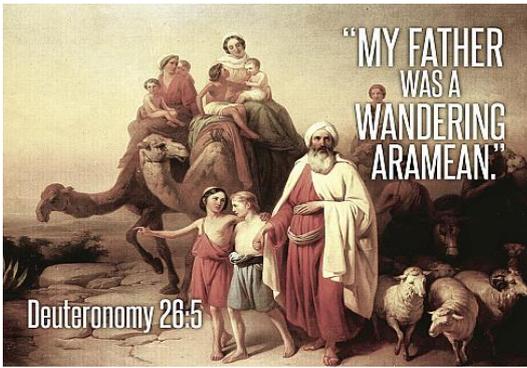
**There are still some Lent editions of *Day by Day* at the back of the Church; these provide helpful focuses for each day of Lent.**

#### **Baby Changing Facilities at the Cathedral**

In the WC facilities near the Sacristy there is now a large plastic tub with nappies etc. for baby changing and you are welcome to use these.

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**Hospital Chaplaincy** The contact number for the duty chaplain is 07821 624124; or the chaplain can be contacted by pager through the hospital switchboard on 01382 660111.



## SCIAF aid for Ukraine

There is a SCIAF fund being set up to help those affected so terribly by the horrific situation affecting Ukraine at this time. If you would like to make a donation to SCIAF efforts please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked and I shall ensure the monies are sent off quickly. It would be helpful if you could make your donations within the next week or so.

## SCIAF meeting report

Sincere thanks to those who represented our parish at the recent diocesan SCIAF meeting.

The focus for this year's Wee Box Big Change campaign is on the story of one family who represent the hardship and suffering of smallholder farmers who, although skilled and experienced, have been drastically affected by the climate emergency. The smallholder farmers grow food both to nourish their families and to sell. They plant their crops which can be burned by the heat or washed away in a flood and they have no way of predicting what the weather will do and therefore no means of working around it.

SCIAF has been assisting with practical solutions - crops which require very little rain, learning around how to produce organic compost and the provision of Eco stoves for cooking.

Some SCIAF boxes have arrived for your take away for the Lenten alms, but if you don't get one this Sunday don't worry, more are on the way.

Future suggestions are that we have a sponsored beach clean, and already one parishioner has committed to doing The Kilt Walk later in the year in aid of SCIAF.

## SCIAF COFFEE MORNING

Our main inter-parish event along with St Joseph's will be the traditional Coffee Morning held in the Cathedral Hall after the 10am Mass on Saturday 26 March. Can I invite the parishioners from across our three churches to support this event? As always, we would welcome your donations in advance of the event – bottles, raffle prizes etc and home baking which can be dropped off the day before or early on the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup>.

“My Father was a wandering Aramean”. With these words the Liturgy of the Word opens this Sunday, and they represent an ancient creed of the chosen people. They knew their roots: they had originally been a wandering people, the basic meaning of the word “Hebrew”. They recognised that their ancestors were treated harshly in Egypt, having started small in numbers but becoming great in population. In their creed they are sure of one thing: that it was God who rescued them from their Egyptian oppressors, God, the One with “mighty hand and outstretched arm”. They understood from earliest times their God as a Rescuer, one who could be counted on: a Rock indeed! When we celebrate the great Vigil of Easter, that theme of God as Rescuer will come to the fore again: in Christ we find the One who rescues us even from the clutches of death itself.

In our Old Testament tradition the gift of a land to dwell in is key to the people's identity and security. Their core belief is that God brought them out of Egypt and led them to a land they could call their own. Moses is their great leader, spokesperson, prophet and guide. In his ministry the people saw the original promise to Abraham being fulfilled – a land to dwell in and many descendants. At the verge of the Jordan, before they enter the Promised Land, Moses put a stark choice before the people: life and prosperity or death and disaster. He urged them to “choose life then, for on this depends your long stay in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter”.

Jesus “chooses life” always and urges us to do the same. The promised land he holds out to us is the land of heaven, the true land “flowing with milk and honey”. But as we meet at every Eucharist to have a foretaste of that promised land we cannot but hold deep in our hearts the people who have had to flee their physical homeland in recent days. Our fervent prayer is for them. Please join us if you can for the afternoon prayer for Ukraine and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral this Sunday afternoon at 4pm.

## Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

It has been uncertain whether the Diocese of Dunkeld would be able to make a pilgrimage this year. However, following on from a Lourdes Committee Meeting, it has been decided to seek out what interest there may be in going to Lourdes this summer.

Would you be interested in going to Lourdes this summer? You don't need to make a definite commitment at this point, but once there is an idea of numbers a more definite proposal can be made.

If it goes ahead, the pilgrimage would depart from Edinburgh by air on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July - Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. The approximate cost would be hopefully £800-900 for a nice hotel.

It looks as though the Pilgrimage, if we have sufficient interest, may only be for approximately 80 pilgrims this year. However, it would be a start!

If you are interested in going to Lourdes this year, at the above time and with the approximate cost, would you please telephone the Bishop's secretary, Miss Emily Murphy, on 01382 225453 - or email her with your name and address at: [bishops-secretary@dunkelldiocese.org.uk](mailto:bishops-secretary@dunkelldiocese.org.uk)

### **Invigilators needed!**

St John's RC High School is looking to increase their pool of invigilators for the upcoming SQA exam diet. If you would be interested in supporting the school by fulfilling this key role please email for further information [stjohnsrchighschool@dundeeschools.scot](mailto:stjohnsrchighschool@dundeeschools.scot)

**Thank you** for your generosity last Sunday 27 February: £449 in the Cathedral, £558 in Broughty Ferry, £385 in St Mary's, Forebank and £334 at the Polish Mass.

Thanks too for your generosity in the collection for the Ecclesiastical Students' fund: £235 in the Cathedral, £311 in Broughty Ferry and £227 in St Mary's, Forebank.

Many thanks to all who supported and took part in the **World Day of Prayer** services on Friday past in The Cathedral and Broughty Ferry.

I was present at the Cathedral service and there was a greater turnout of participants than in previous years. A lovely selection of hymns too!

Join us for a

## Lenten Retreat Day

on Saturday 19 March, 10.15am until 2.15pm  
at the Pastoral Centre, St Mary's Church Hall  
Forebank Road, Dundee.

Book your place now by calling 01382 275539 and  
leave a message or email  
[kevinjamesgolden@hotmail.com](mailto:kevinjamesgolden@hotmail.com)

**"Boundary-breaking Good News  
- keeping a Good Lent in the Year of Luke"**

*A Lenten day of mercy and grace -  
All are welcome*

**Our Prayers for the sick:** Ross Murray, Janet Isherwood, Theresa Kay, Dawn Wood, Heather Moffit, Steven Hackney, Alan McKenzie, Joyce Scott, 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:** Ian Davidson, Georgina Usher, Walter Dunn, Betty Cartwright, Alec Taylor, Jane Budge.

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Stephen Hood, Corriene Roncone, Canon Quinn, John McCaig, Veronica Jackson, Robert Blake, Maureen Kidd, Frances O'Rourke, Immaculata Zabowska, James Crossan, Joe McMahan, Jozef Kobylarski, Wilhelm Riegner, Sheila McCartan, Stewart Duncan, Catherine McAulay, David Pullen, Marie Gowans, Sarah Dillon, Elfreda Colvin, Jim Mortali, Tom Rooney, Peter Cabrelli, Ron Dey, Ronald Gabriel Mackie, Allan May, Rose Finnigan, Michael McBride, John Murphy, William Cairnie, Ella Leonard, Elizabeth Pressagh, Michael Healy, Margaret Healy, Maureen Mannion, Sean Healy, Una Gibbs, Chris Healy, Sid Harkar, William Lowrie Junior, Kathleen Walker, John Colvin, James Golden, Ross Fraser, Rose Finnigan, Cardinal Keith O'Brien, Michael Healy, Marecar Dalis, Adoline Hunter, Alex Whyte, Vincent Knight, Edward Noble, James Golden, Maureen Callaghan.

There are some copies of **We are Mission**, the Newsletter of *Missio Scotland* at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take one away with you this Sunday.