

Church of God, Elect and Holy

It was a joy and privilege last Sunday to celebrate the **Rite of Election** with some of those who will be Baptised and brought into full communion with the Catholic Church this coming Easter. In a simple ceremony, they were welcomed into the community, affirmed by their sponsors, given the assurance of prayer by the congregation, and then they each wrote their name in the Book of the Elect.

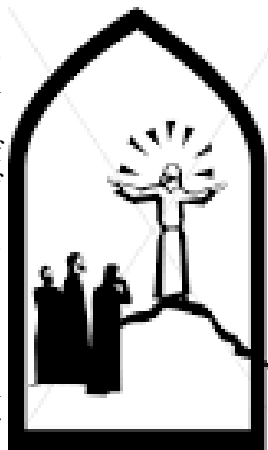
We hear further names in the liturgy this Sunday: we hear of Abram, who becomes Abraham, and then we hear of Peter, James and John as Jesus takes them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves, and their in the presence he was transfigured.

Add your own name to the list of these Apostles this Sunday! For every celebration of the Eucharist, and in a special way every Sunday Mass [each Sunday being a “little Easter”] is a *climbing up* of the mountain of the Lord, a glimpse of his glory, a pledge of our future, a little taste of heaven on earth. These three, Peter, James and John, as we hear from St Matthew this Second Sunday of Lent, were privileged to go up the mountain with Jesus to *behold his splendour*, as we sing. The Transfiguration is a glorious moment, without doubt, when *all the stops are pulled out*, so to speak.

The past (Moses and Elijah), the present (Jesus), and future (the anticipation of the glory of heaven) are all there.

The three who witness this divine revelation are the same ones who would later see Jesus in his agony in the garden of Gethsemane. Peter, James, and John seem to have formed an inner-circle within the Twelve. Earlier, at the raising of Jairus’ daughter it is the same three who were singled out to be eyewitnesses to that miracle.

At the Transfiguration scene, about a week after Peter made his confession of faith, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up on a high mountain and there he is transfigured before them. For a brief moment, the three of them experience the proof of Peter’s confession of faith – that Jesus is indeed the divine Christ. He is also revealed at the Transfiguration as the Son of the Divine Father and they see Jesus’ in his radiant glory of divinity. Later in the Garden of Gethsemane, they would see the humanity of Jesus in his sorrow and agony. It was during this time that Jesus gained strength for the coming trial. The memory of the transfiguration would in turn strengthen the three apostles for the trials they would also face.



It seems that that the purpose of the Transfiguration as well as giving a glimpse of divinity it also to make the disciples listen. *Listen to him!* the Father’s voice resounds. Lent, as well as a time of “doing” must surely also be for us a time of renewed “listening” to the word of God, accessing the scriptures afresh and making them our rule of life.



Our Sacramental life and our liturgical year gives us access to the glory of God in which we both see and hear his mystery unfold.

In a way it is like marriage: God wedded himself to the people of Israel, Jesus Christ has become the Bridegroom of the Church, and we, the Church’s members, are his Bride. The Eucharist [our “little Easter” every Sunday] is the wedding feast of the Church. The journey of Lent leads us ultimately to the Easter Vigil, the Church’s Wedding Night!

That great Vigil is a unique experience.

That night, the Bridegroom eagerly anticipates the presence of the Bride (the Church and her members new and old).



The Vigil moves swiftly: fire in darkness > Proclamation of the Story > Baptismal Promises > Baptism at the font > Confirmation > the Celebration of the Easter Eucharist.

From the Easter Eucharist, the whole body—new members included—are propelled out to the world to bring the presence of the very food and drink of the Risen Lord with which we have been nourishment to those in need of it. The Church, the Bride of Christ—those who participate in the sacrifice—are to return to the world with strength and vigour. The journey and observance of Lent leads us to the Easter Vigil, to the renewal of our Baptismal Covenant and to the outpouring of the blessings of the Risen Lord.

Please try not to miss the Easter Vigil this year.

The times & venues of our Easter Triduum Liturgies will be published next Sunday.

Welcome to St Andrew’s Cathedral St Mary’s, Forebank, St Patrick’s, & Our Lady of Good Counsel,

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Our Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass: 5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel

Day Masses:

9.30am in St Patrick’s

9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel

11am [Solemn Mass] & 6pm in Cathedral

11.30am [Solemn Mass] in St Mary’s, Forebank

Second Sunday of Lent

1 March 2026

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
Year of Matthew (A)

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

On this Transfiguration Sunday, I invite you to begin a little Eucharistic Pilgrimage with me. The Second Sunday of Lent was always traditionally the opening of the Forty Hours’ adoration at St Mary’s, Forebank, so we shall begin there with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today at 1.15 pm and silent adoration until a devotional Holy Hour at 4pm.



Our Eucharistic Pilgrimage will continue with an adoration afternoon in Our Lady of Good Counsel on Sunday 15 March and St Patrick’s on Sunday 22 March.

This week’s Daily Masses

St Andrew’s Cathedral:

Monday – Friday at 1pm

Saturday Mass at 10am (with Novena)

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St Mary’s, Forebank:

No Mass on Monday

Tuesday & Wednesday at 11.30am

Thursday at 10am - Funeral Mass for Jim Thow RIP

Friday at 11.30am

St Patrick’s

Monday at 9.45am

No Mass on Thursday this week

Mass on Friday at 9.30am

Our Lady of Good Counsel:

Monday at 10.45am

Tuesday & Wednesday at 10am

Thursday at 5.50pm (before the Lenten Reflection)

Friday at 10.30am.

On Friday evening past I drove Fr Johnpaul to Alloa, where he will cover the parish for Lent and the Easter Triduum. Fr Emmanuel is now appointed as assistant priest at St Peter and St Paul, so it is unfair for me to be calling on his help too often. Because of this, some of our weekday Mass times need to be adjusted. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

Saturday after 10am Mass in the Cathedral

On request as far as is possible.

Stations of the Cross this week

St Andrew’s Cathedral:

Tuesday & Friday at 12.30pm

St Patrick’s: Monday after 9.45am Mass

(& next Sunday at 4pm with Benediction)

St Mary’s, Forebank: Friday 11am

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Friday 6pm & Benediction

Catechism Class in preparation for Confirmation for young people to be Confirmed in Broughty Ferry this Eastertime takes place on Monday at 3.45pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The priests of the Diocese of Dunkeld meet from 12.30pm this Thursday at St Mary’s, Forebank Hall, for a session on the theology and practical implications of loneliness, given by Doctor Liam Waldron.

The **Wedding Mass** for Rania and Francisco will take place in St Andrew’s Cathedral on Saturday 7 March at 3.30pm. We offer them our prayers as they begin the journey of married life together.

Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Amara and Augustus Ugwoke. We ask God’s continued blessings on them and on their family.

Thirsting for Light and Life

3 Lenten sessions of reflection and sharing, drawing on the "Initiation and Encounter/Purification and Enlightenment" Gospels proclaimed in the liturgy on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. Come and be enriched through the scriptures of Saint John.



Thursday 5 March:

Give me a drink! The Samaritan woman at the well.

Thursday 12 March

Lord, that I may see! The man born blind.

Thursday 19 March

Lazarus, Come out! The final "sign" of Jesus in John?

All at 6.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel, Westfield Road, Broughty Ferry. All are welcome, and an invitation to share these sessions has been given to the other Churches in Broughty Ferry.

Road to Milan 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz Night in St. Patrick's Church Hall on 20th February; with cash contributions, auction items and raffle prize donations. The evening was a huge success.

Thanks to those who braved a wet Friday evening to participate.

The final total raised was £1,362; an amazing effort from everyone involved and is a great stepping stone towards attaining our target of £40,000 for the Celtic FC Foundation Recovery Café.

A special thank you to quizmaster Mark Dolan who "curated a quite sublime quiz" according to one of the attendees on the night.

Many thanks.

Kenny McKeown

John's Big Lent Walk



You can still sponsor John Quinn who is walking 240 kilometers over the 40 days to raise funds for SCIAF.

There are sponsorship forms at the back of each of the 4 churches in our Cluster. Please consider sponsoring John.

The SCIAF "wee boxes" for Lent 2026 are available at the back of each Church this Sunday.

Please take one away with you for your house or workplace, and please spread the news of the great work SCIAF does. By our giving this Lent, we support the work of SCIAF and help to continue to build a just world.



Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

The president of the Bishops Conference in Scotland, Bishop John Keenan, has urged Catholics 'to renew their commitment to opposing assisted suicide'. He reminds us that, 'there is no such thing as a useless life (and that) the Church will never abandon the poorest and most vulnerable'.

Any assisted dying law legitimises the premature ending of life. It is very different from palliative care which helps those dying to live their last days with minimum pain or distress. That is why a large majority of those working in palliative care professions are opposed to the Bill.

Palliative care in Scotland is already widely recognised as underfunded and unavailable to many people with terminal illness. Its reach is patchy, especially in rural areas. Hospices receive only 30% of their funding from government and have had to reduce the number of beds due to a lack of resources. This means that there is no real choice available for those in need of palliative care or even adequate social care until we first address the issue of adequate palliative care in Scotland.

This Bill puts the most vulnerable in our society at risk, especially the elderly, disabled and vulnerable, who may easily feel coerced into assisted suicide, for one reason or another. We have an opportunity to protect them from this threat on their lives.



Please keep praying for this bill to be defeated.

Also, at the back of the church today there are sample letters which you can send to Shona Robison.

The annual **Cardinal Winning Lecture**: on 'Why the Way of Beauty Matters in Catholic Education' will be given by Dr Jem Sullivan of the Catholic University of America this coming Saturday 7 March at the University of Glasgow, beginning with Mass at 9.30am. It promises to be a very enriching event and I'm sorry I heard about it so late.

Thanks for your generosity last Sunday:

£874 in the Cathedral, £613 in St Mary's Forebank, £329 in St Patrick's and £748 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The Ecclesiastical Students' Special Collection is taken this Sunday in Cathedral, Forebank & the Ferry.

Lenten Liturgies of Reconciliation with a General Absolution



These will take place as follows

Monday 9 March at 6pm

in Our Lady of Good Counsel;

Monday 16 March

at 6pm in St Andrew's Cathedral.

Sunday 22 March

in St Patrick's at 4pm during the Holy Hour;

All are welcome.

Join us for a Lenten Retreat Experience

Saturday 14 March 10.15am until 2.15pm

at the Pastoral Centre,

St Mary's, Forebank Church Hall, Forebank Road



"Will he come to the festival or not?"

Approaching Easter with the Gospel of John"

10.15am: Morning Prayer and Praise

10.45am: Tea and coffee

11am: Talk: **"Come to the Feast"**

11.40am: Small group sharing or quiet time

12.30pm Lunch break

(Please bring a packed lunch)

1.15pm Preparation for Mass

1.30pm Celebration of Mass after which we depart.

A Lenten day of mercy and grace - All are welcome



**Wednesdays at 7pm
in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre,
St Mary's Church Hall
Forebank Road, Dundee**

I especially invite our Readers and Cantors who will exercise their ministry during the Lenten season and during the Easter Triduum to join us for the Wednesday sessions at this time. It would be great if you came to support those who will be joined to the Church at Easter.

Wednesday 4 March:

An invitation to Encounter:

– **The woman of Samaria in John 4.**

Or join us on three Thursdays in Broughty Ferry.

Annual World Day of Prayer



This year the Women of Nigeria have prepared the occasion, and the service for Dundee will take place on Friday 6 March at **2pm** (not 2.30pm) in Dundee Westgait Church, Roseangle, and the Broughty Ferry service will take place in St Mary's Episcopal Church at 2pm.

Hospitality events

Please come and join us this Sunday 1 March for tea and toast after Mass in St Mary's Forebank, in the Church Hall. Hopefully we shall establish this as a regular offering of hospitality.

Refreshments every Wednesday after Morning Mass in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The Mad Hatters continue their Wednesday Afternoon Teas in the Cathedral Hall. Everyone welcome to come along after 1pm Mass.

Cathedral Easter Raffle, to be drawn on March 29th, with prizes including a large Easter Egg, Easter Bunny and bottles of wine.

Our prayers for the sick: Baby Lyn de Guzman, George Forbes, Margaret Malcolm, Catherine Nolan, Jim McArtney, Pamela Griffiths, Sharmalie Nandadasa, Steve Hackney, Jenny Wilson, Russell Walker, Ray Ritchie, Dr Frank Zwolinski, Tommie Feeney, Anneke Anderson, Cole Farningham, Ivy Denis, John Charkow, Heather Moffit, Susan McKay, Ray Conchie, Marie Manunga, Karen Dammer, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Marian Jackson;

Our prayers for those who have died recently:

Jim Thow, Phyllis Devlin, Jean Chalmers, May Tully, Donald Weiss, Margaret Molloy, John Dundas;

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Patrick Barry, Felim Dougherty, George Reid, Nan Fordyce, Bernard Cooper, Alexander Fordyce, Josephine Wogan, David Wogan; Monica Easson, Baby Andrew de Alwis, Margherita Baillie, John Loftus, Louise Hood, Stephen Hood, Corriene Roncone, Maria Gowans, James Crossan; Josef Kobylarski, Alexina Kelly, Frank Chaplain, Sandy Berry; Teresa McGregor; Joseph McGarry, Teresa Coyle, Charlotte McGinness, David Stewart, Katherine Whyte, Letitia Lebonnois, Jacqueline Paine, Teresa Haughey, Catherine McAulay, David Pullen.

Dunkeld Diocesan Choir rehearsals continue this Tuesday in the Cathedral at 7pm. If you can sing in tune and would like to join the choir, please come along.

Holy Hour at 6pm and Mass at 7pm to **Pray for Vocations** and for our priests on Tuesday 10 March St Mary's, Lochee. All welcome.