

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

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Third Sunday of Lent

20th March 2022

*Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year of Luke (C)*

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

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.

The Easter Triduum — 14 - 17 April 2022

Please **Don't** miss the Triduum;

Please **Don't** minimise the Triduum by skipping any part of it - the Easter Vigil is the climax;

Please **Do** be prepared to reorganise your life around the events of these three days
which are at the centre of our Christian life.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

This Sunday we enter the third week of Lent, and hopefully the *Psalm Response* for this Sunday will resound in our lives during the whole week: **The Lord is compassion and love.** It may help us to remember last Sunday's liturgy, the celebration of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountaintop, and our prayer to the Lord to transform us. We could ask: *What is one way I realise that God has helped me during the week that has passed?*, and to pray in thanksgiving; this is a great way to enter this Sunday's liturgy.

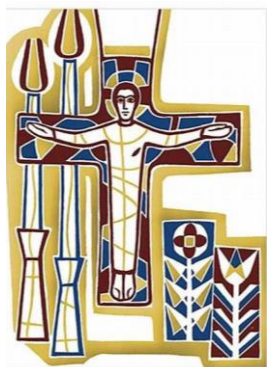
In the light of receiving God's mercy in the Word and Sacrament of the Eucharist, we could further ask ourselves what we can do this coming week to really *spend time* with God and listen to him with our heart. Moses is a model for this. He senses a supernatural presence at the burning bush and he is rewarded with an encounter with God and the instruction to *take off his shoes for he is on holy ground.*



When we gather together as brothers and sisters to celebrate the Liturgy it is the God of Moses who gathers us, calls us and forms us. In humble prayer, like Moses we *cover our face, afraid to look at God.* But God bids us stand up before him, so that he can address us with our mission for the week.

Moses' mission from God was a mighty calling – he was to bring the people from slavery to freedom. Likewise, the God of Moses, made visible in Jesus Christ and enlivening us by the Holy Spirit, has a mission in mind for each one of us during this week. May the Mass we share this Sunday awaken us to that mission for the week and strength us to take up our tasks with renewed faith!

Sunday afternoon Services in Lent



I warmly invite you to **Our Lady of Counsel** this Sunday afternoon at 4pm for a short meditation on the Cross of Christ, its power and light, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please join us to keep the Sundays of Lent holy.



**SCiAF
aid for
Ukraine**

At the time of writing, a total of £3520 has been handed in for the SCiAF Ukrainian appeal from across our parishes. This has been sent off to SCiAF. Thank you so much for this generosity.

SCiAF COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 26 March

**10.30am until 12.30pm in the
Cathedral Hall, Nethergate**

Thanks to all who have already bought a ticket, and to those who have promised us bottles, tablet, and home baking for the Coffee Morning which is THIS Saturday 26th. Please pop in and join us if you can. Items for the coffee morning, prizes etc can be handed in to me at any of the churches during this week. Please be generous. All proceeds to the SCiAF Ukrainian appeal.

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. See also the note on the next page regarding the General Absolution Liturgies.

Stations of the Cross in Lent

Tuesdays and Fridays in Cathedral at 12.30pm;

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.

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday 27 February: £645 in the Cathedral, £500 in Broughty Ferry, and £458 in St Mary's, Forebank.



Your response to the *Practical gifts for the people of Ukraine* exceeded all expectations. Such has been the generosity from people from all over the country that there is a delay in getting all the items on the road to their destination. However, a lot of our food supplies and medicines, toiletries etc have gone. We still have many items in storage at St Mary's, Forebank though, and hopefully these will be on their way as soon as possible. I have been in touch with Father Vasyl Kren, the Ukrainian priest based in Edinburgh and have assured him of our prayers. At the time of writing, he has a Church full of goods to be forwarded on to help the refugees and we can only hope and pray they get moving soon. **Please note that we cannot take any more items at present.**



This Monday 21 March. the Universities' Students CatSoc invites all students for Mass at St Joseph's, Wilkies Lane, at

7pm followed by Emmett Dooley giving a talk on Contraception and the Catholic Church.

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

Our Prayers for the sick: Ray Conchie, 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;

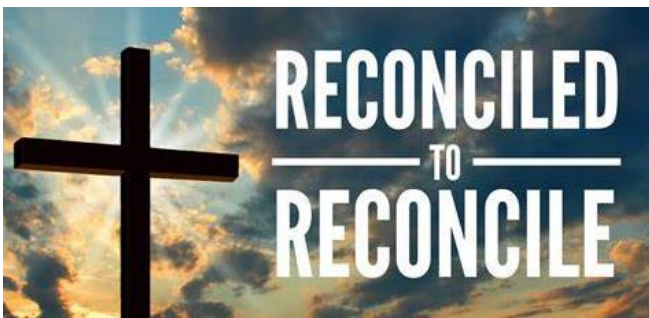
for those who have died recently: Eddie Folan, May Wallace, Paul McNally, Norma Murphy, Paul Rooney;

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary McCrorie, Ian Culross, Rose Finnigan, Marion Myles, Veronica Ann van der Kuyl, Raymond McCluskey, Helen Binnie, James Cairns, Henry McAuley, Graeme Wallace, Peter Grimes Senior, Baby William Mudie, William Tait, Tom McBride, James Crighton, Isabella Dillon, Michael Duffy, Julia Rice, Diana Andrews, Maureen Kidd.

Synod
2021
2023

I look forward to meeting on Monday evening with the representatives from our parishes who attended the Synod planning event for the listening sessions at St Mary's, Forebank a few weeks back.

We will discuss how best to put into action the next stage of the synod plan, which is the facilitation of the listening sessions in each of the parishes. You will be invited next Sunday to come along to one of these events. I am hopeful they will take place in our parishes during the Fifth week of Lent.



I am delighted to announce that once more during this Lent we will be allowed to have

Lenten Liturgies of Reconciliation with a General Absolution

in our parishes.

These will take place as follows

Thursday 31 March at 7pm

in Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday 3 April

in St Mary's, Forebank at 4pm

Monday 11 April

at 7pm in St Andrew's Cathedral.

Cathie Norman was a great parishioner at Our Lady of Good Counsel, who died on 5 February this year. Cathie had been housebound during the time of the pandemic but it was a privilege to visit her regularly with Holy Communion. She spent the last few months of her life with her daughter and family in Blantyre, and her funeral took place there. Her family have sent me some memorial cards and copies of the order of service. I have left these at the back of the Church in Broughty Ferry. Please feel free to take one as a memento.

A word of Thanks

Eilish Young would like to thank Canon Kevin and the kind people who came to help her when she had a fall outside the Church in Broughty Ferry a couple of Sundays back. Thank you all.

**Preparing for the Easter Triduum
An Evening of Reflection
at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church,
Westfield Road, Broughty Ferry
on Monday 28 March at 7pm.**

All are welcome

from across the parishes

***Come and deepen your understanding of these
three great days of our Passover with Christ***



**YOUTH
RETREAT**

On Sunday 15 May in St Mary's, Forebank Hall, the Catholic youth ministry *Net Ministries* will lead a retreat for young people of secondary school age from about 10.30 am until 6 pm. I look forward to hosting this in St Mary's, which is now our Diocesan Pastoral Centre, along with Canon Tom Shields. The young people will join us for the 11.15am Mass.

If you or a young person you know would like to attend, please let me know. I'm sure it will be a great experience for those who take part.

For more information on Net Ministries, please see <https://netscotland.org/>

They have a proven track record in providing great Catholic experiences for our young people.

The Ministry of the Reader in the Liturgy

I hope to soon have in place a rota of readers for the 11am Sunday Mass in the Cathedral, the 11.15am Mass in St Mary's, and both the Vigil and Morning Masses in Our Lady of Good Counsel. If you would like to be included in the Saturday/Sunday readers' rota, please let me know by email or by a written note, letting me know which Mass you prefer to be scheduled for.

As it is a long time since we have had any ongoing formation sessions for readers of the Word – such an important ministry in the Liturgy - there will be an opportunity to take part in one soon. Meantime, I invite readers from across the parishes to come to Our Lady of Good Counsel on Monday 28 March at 7pm for the Triduum preparation evening. In order to properly proclaim the Word, we must continually immerse ourselves in Christ, The Word.



“And he snatched us away from our foes...”

You'll be familiar with Christians being called an “Easter People”. The Lenten scriptures teach us that we are also a “Exodus People”. If we listen carefully to St. Paul today we find that he interprets the Exodus event as pointing forward to Christ, and shows us that all Christians share a common ancestry (“our fathers”) referring to the Exodus pattern, with words like the 'cloud' and the 'sea'. “Moving through the sea”, is a beacon towards Baptism. Being “covered by the cloud” means experiencing a sign of God's presence - an anticipation the presence of the Holy Spirit. “Into Moses” is Paul's parallel form of the Christian expression, “baptised into Christ”.

The drama of God's people, inaugurated with the call of Abraham, reaches a watershed moment in the Book of Exodus this Sunday, with the call of Moses. The continuity of the story of salvation history begun in Abraham is evident here - God identifies himself to Moses as “I am”..... “I am the God of your fathers....Abraham, Isaac and Jacob....”

For the whole story, read the **Book of Exodus**, especially chapters 1-15 for the well-known story of Israel's escape from Egypt. Date-wise it is probably around about 1250 BC, and around 1230 BC the entry into the Promised Land...but these are pretty round figures!

We encounter Moses' call as one to deliver the Israelites from slavery. Exodus describes the remarkable encounter between Moses and this mysterious God called Yahweh - the great *I am*. Moses is sent to Egypt by this Yahweh, to confront the Pharaoh, the king who thought he was God - to demand the release of the poor slaves, so they could worship their God. After intimidating Pharaoh with the plagues, which the people read as being Yahweh's way of demonstrating his power over the gods of Egypt, Moses leads the people away.

We all know from the Easter Vigil the epic chase-scene, ending with the Egyptian chariots being bogged down in the waters and Israel going free. The story telling tradition, and the sheer love of their freedom and faith, both of which were denied them in the later exile makes the Israelites tell their story of the Exodus (and write it down) with great joy and confidence. This epic story, with its highpoint of the Red Sea scene, demonstrates: *this is who our God is because this is what our God does*. He saves. Moses, who was called at the burning bush, and who said at first “Who am I to go to Pharaoh?” now sings with Miriam his sister: “I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph”. At the Easter Vigil, their song becomes ours!

The Exodus drama is essentially the story of a people being saved: it is a story of rescue. It is the foundational story for the Israel. For us as the Church, it is the Israelite equivalent of the passion-death-resurrection event of Jesus. For the original *Chosen People*, it is the definitive moment in their history, when they cease being wanderers and begin to be God's own community. They are clear and steadfast in their belief: **God** is the one who saved them; **God** passed over them; **God** lead them over that Red Sea; **God** saved them from their captors.

When eventually Moses received the Law at Sinai it would be not the law of a harsh, angry God who wants only to limit and prohibit his people. The Law given at Sinai is the gift of a most benevolent God, rooted in the graciousness of Yahweh who forms Israel for himself, who loves Israel and wants to give to Israel the framework of living she needs in order to be faithful. Obedience to the law - far from being something that restricted the people and limited their choices, actually became a response of human love to what God has done for a people who were lost, so lost, in slavery in Egypt.

Lent and the Easter Triduum
hold out similar gifts and a similar freedom to us. Please be with us as we celebrate these days this year.