

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
27th March 2022

Next Sunday: Fifth 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;

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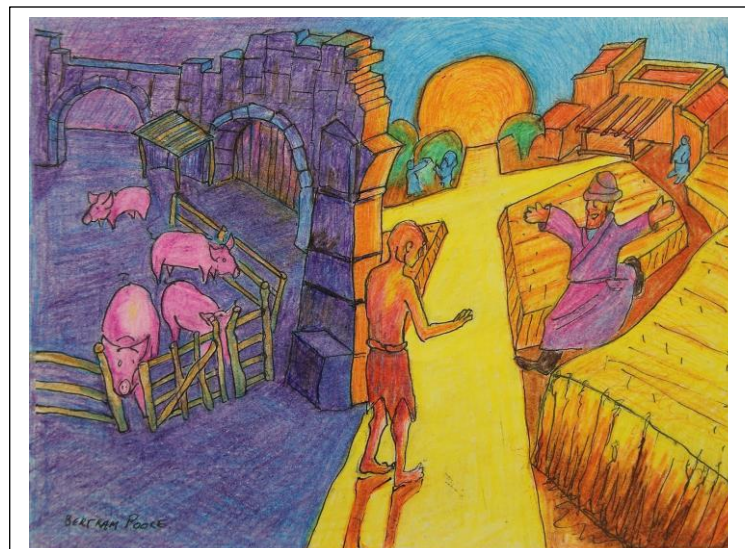
Please **Do** be prepared to reorganise your life around the events of these three days

which are at the centre of our Christian life.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Today is SCIAF Sunday. It is also the Sunday of the prodigal son and merciful father. So the liturgy will be a true feast of divine love and generosity. It can seem somewhat incongruous that we celebrate in joy while our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are enduring such suffering, but they are never far from our minds and our prayers.

This Sunday afternoon at 4pm we shall have the SCIAF Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in St Andrew's Cathedral.



Making the Stations of the Cross together is a very old Lenten practice, and a powerful way to unite ourselves with the suffering of Jesus in his time and with the sufferings of our brothers and sisters at this time.

Please come and join us in the Cathedral if you can this Sunday afternoon.

There will also be Stations of the Cross this Tuesday and Friday in the Cathedral at 12.30pm;

in St Mary's, Forebank on Friday at 11am before the 11.30am Mass; and on Friday in Our Lady of Good Counsel at 6pm, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Synod 2021 2023

The first part of the Synodal Church Journey is now complete – this was the distribution and filling in of the questionnaire on our life in the Church.

Many responses – paper and online have come to the diocesan synod group who are now collating the responses for the Bishop as part of his report to our Holy Father Pope Francis later in the year.

In addition to the views expressed in the questionnaire, each parish is also providing an opportunity for those who wish to join in a *listening group* session, the results of which will also be sent in to the synod group.

Two basic questions will be asked in the group

1. What in your personal experience inspires you about the Catholic Church? *and*
2. What breaks your heart about the Catholic Church?

The listening group will have around 8 participants, with a facilitator and a scribe. The scribe will not be actually taking minutes of everything is said but will record a *flavour* of the sharings so they can be brought back to the diocesan synod group for collation. No names will be mentioned.

The listening group is just that. It is not a discussion group or a problem solving exercise. It is an opportunity to have your voice heard and your sentiments recorded for the work the Holy Father is asking of the Church at this time. Each person will be invited to share their reflections on the questions posed, after a time of prayer and a scriptural reflection. The facilitator in each group will ensure that each person who wishes to speak is heard, and heard without prejudice or contradiction.

The listening group sessions in our parishes will take place during the 5th week of Lent. You will receive an invitation to take part this Sunday and there is the opportunity to sign up at the back of the church for a group. If you don't want to join a group, but do want to write something in addition to the questionnaire, please do so, and return it to me in an envelope, sealed, and it will be included with our listening group responses to the diocesan group.

Our Parishes listening group times and venues are as follows:

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Wednesday 6 April after the morning Mass and on Thursday 7 April at 7pm.

St Mary's, Forebank: Monday 4 April at 2pm in St Mary's Church, and also again in the evening of Monday 4 April at 7pm in the Church.

St Andrew's Cathedral: Tuesday 5 April at 2pm in the Church and Wednesday 6 April at 7pm in the Church.



This being SCiAF Sunday we would usually take the

annual collection for the Papal and Episcopal Charities including SCiAF. Many of you have given very generously in recent times, but there will be buckets at the back of the churches after Mass this Sunday for anyone who wishes to leave a donation in them.

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.

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday 13 March: £666 in the Cathedral, £578 in Broughty Ferry, and £473 in St Mary's, Forebank.



This Monday 28 March. the Universities' Students CatSoc invites all students for Mass at St Joseph's,

Wilkie's Lane, at 7pm after which there will be the CatSoc Annual General Meeting to elect a new committee followed by a synodal discussion meeting afterwards.

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

Father Sebastian Polak

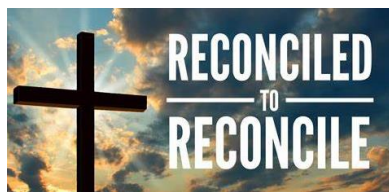
Please can I ask you to remember Father Sebastian in your prayers? Following on from a period of retreat, and after seeking advice, Sebastian has decided to take a period of absence from active ministry in the priesthood to discern his future in ministry.

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: Kathleen Black, Alec Morgan;

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maureen Quinn, Alexander Kiddie, Dorothy Johnstone, Ann Crawford, Peter Crawford, Mary Crawford, Arthur Walker, Catherine Barnett, Michael Branney, Anthony Duffy, Ernest Duffy, Tommy Reilly, Jean McReady, Elizabeth Stirling, Jack Stirling, Cecilia Wallace, Jenny Robertson, Monsignor Hugh McNally, Canon McKearney, Margaret Black, Mary Finlayson, Jean Gallacher, Blair Brady, Ronald Johnston.



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;

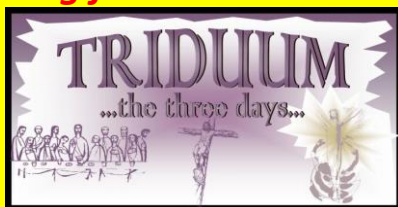
Sunday 3 April

in St Mary's, Forebank at 4pm;

Monday 11 April

at 7pm in St Andrew's Cathedral.

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***

The Mass of Chrism & Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service

will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral on the Wednesday of Holy Week, 13 April at 7pm. The Bishop warmly invites you to share in this annual celebration.



The Easter Triduum in St Andrew's Cathedral

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper 14 April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10am **in the Cathedral.**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm followed by procession to the Altar of Repose and watching until Night Prayer at 9pm

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 15 April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10am **in the Cathedral.**

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm.

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

Holy Saturday at the Lord's Tomb 16 April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10am **in the Cathedral.**

The Easter Vigil at 8.30pm.

The Easter Triduum opens with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and continues until Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Easter Sunday. There will be East Sunday Vespers in the Cathedral at 4pm on Easter day to conclude the Triduum.

On Holy Thursday in St Mary's and in Our Lady of Good Counsel we shall include the washing of feet in the liturgy. Would you be willing to have your feet washed on this evening? Please let me know if you would.

A letter for SCIAF Sunday from Bishop Joseph Toal of Motherwell, Bishop President of SCIAF

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I write on behalf of the Bishops of Scotland on this fourth Sunday of Lent to thank you for caring for others, and for the compassion you have shown to those around the world who are so dreadfully in need. Your generous and prayerful support has meant that our relief and development agency, SCIAF – the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund – has been able to support people to build brighter futures.

The faith and compassion of the Catholic peoples of Scotland reaches out with love far beyond its borders, to care for our sisters and brothers in the poorest parts of the world. As the development charity for the Church in Scotland, SCIAF harnesses that love and turns that faith into action. The work that is achieved by our friends and partners overseas is the living embodiment of the light of Jesus Christ that shines from every Parish, every Diocese and from every Catholic across Scotland. As Catholics, we are called to follow His example, to recognise that we are sisters and brothers in Christ, and to reach out to the poorest with love. This is why, during Lent, we ask you to give generously to support the vital work of SCIAF through their Wee Box, Big Change appeal. Across the world, the Climate Emergency and extreme weather events are flooding homes, destroying crops and leaving people with little or no food to eat. More than 800 million people go hungry each day. Families don't know how much food they will harvest, how much money they will make, or whether their children will even go to school. They do not know when the next storm might hit. For our sisters and brothers caught in the eye of the storm, fear and uncertainty are ever present. Every day they live in hunger. Every day they live on the edge. And every day they are losing hope. While climate change is global and threatens our Common Home, the most devastating effects are taking

place now in places like Malawi. Here, extreme weather events, cyclones, floods and droughts are wreaking havoc with people's lives. Families cannot harvest enough crops or catch enough fish. Feeding the family has become a desperate challenge.



Dry spells mean the community will struggle to access water because most boreholes dry up, and crops simply can't grow. When rains come, they are either too much or too little. Water moves with speed during rainy seasons, washing crops and topsoil away. In January, this reality was clearer than ever as Cyclone Ana hit Malawi and caused widespread devastation, affecting more than 995,000 people with 46 deaths. Crops and animals were washed away in an instant, destroying livelihoods.

With climate change accelerating and extreme weather events becoming more common, communities in Malawi are scared of what tomorrow might bring. But, by Acting in Hope and putting money in the special Lenten collection and filling your Wee Box, you can provide a lifeline to families living on the front line of the Climate Emergency, lifting them from their hunger. In Malawi, SCIAF is providing local solutions to prevent hunger and tackle climate change. Your gifts will help people grow more food, protect local environments, and provide more secure incomes. Your gifts will teach organic farming techniques, provide more resilient and varied seed varieties, and offer access to money to pay for essentials such as school fees and healthcare. Your support will not only change lives today, but it will give families the tools and training to survive the worst impacts of a changing climate tomorrow. As Lent continues, and we look forward to the celebration of Christ's resurrection, please remember SCIAF and everyone they work with in your prayers. Thank you for your continued generosity; know that it goes towards good work. May God bless you and your families during the Holy Season of Lent and throughout the year.

