

Please pray for those who are sick:

Father John Mundackal, Marian Jackson, Baby Joshua Hopkins, Katie Carpenter, 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: Sean Doogan, Jean Young, Sheila Dolan, John Scott, Jean Doak;

for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Tom McBride, James and Meg Marr, Lexi Campbell, James Crighton, Maureen Quinn, Alex Kiddie, Elizabeth Stanford, Ann Crawford, Peter Crawford, Mary Crawford, Arthur Walker, John Macpherson, Catherine Barnett, Michael Branney, Teresa Smith, Pat Moran Marie Reglinski, William Tait, Cecilia Wallace, Jenny Robertson, Brig Moore, Canon McKearney, Monsignor Hugh McNally, Blair Brady.

Cat-Soc News: The Universities' Catholic Society now winds down as it is exam time and the end of the academic year draws closer. However, the new Cat-Soc Committee for the next session has been elected and the office bearers are as follows:

President: Jamie Stewart;
Vice President: Michael Black;
Secretary: Julia Rameckers;
Treasurer: Ben Waller;
Social media: Jacintha Achevba.
Congratulations to all those elected.

The **Day by Day** booklets for the Easter Season are now available at the back of the church for those who subscribe to them.

Hospital Chaplaincy The contact number for the duty chaplain is 078821 624124; or the chaplain can be contacted by pager through the hospital switchboard on 01382 660111. It is important to know that no one receives an automatic visit even if you have declared yourself RC on the admission form.

Cathedral Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers' lists are now ready for collection from the Sacristy, along with copies of the readings for the Holy Week liturgies. Please collect this Sunday. Thanks.

Last Sunday's collections came to £788 in the Cathedral, £554 in Our Lady of Good Counsel and in £389 in St Mary's, Forebank. Thank you.

The Special Collections for **SCIAF & the Papal and Episcopal Charities** came to £589 in the Cathedral, £682 in Our Lady of Good Counsel and in £242 in St Mary's, Forebank.

The **SCIAF Coffee Morning** in the Cathedral hall last raised a wonderful £850 which I have sent off to SCIAF. A huge thank you to those who organised the Coffee morning, and event which has taken place on the SCIAF/Mother's Day weekend in the Cathedral Hall most years for more than thirty years, as I remember. We are grateful to all the helpers from across the parishes and to all who took part or donated in any way.

The **Wee Boxes for SCIAF** can be returned at Easter.

Broughty Ferry Churches Group Annual Coffee Morning for Christian Aid takes place on Saturday May 13th in the New Kirk Hall. Volunteers are needed to work with the volunteers from the other churches to put this on. Baking, serving and washing up. Please give your details to Kevin or Georgia at the Vigil Mass or put in an envelope to be picked up on Monday morning.

The **Mad Hatters** invite you to the Cathedral Hall for tea and coffee, sandwiches and cake after the 1pm Mass this coming Wednesday, until 3pm.

Anniversary Masses

The Cathedral 1pm Mass on Thursday 30 March will be offered as an anniversary Mass for Monsignor Hugh McNally RIP and the St Mary's, Forebank 11.30am Mass on Friday 31 March will be offered as an anniversary Mass for Canon McKearney RIP. Both were great men who made such significant contributions to the Church in the diocese of Dunkeld.

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



St Andrew's Cathedral (1836)



St Mary, Our Lady of Victories (1851)



Our Lady of Good Counsel (1904)

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
26 March 2023**

[Liturgy of the Hours Week 1]

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion in the Year of Matthew



Our Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel; morning Masses at 9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel, 11am in the Cathedral and 11.15am in St Mary's, Forebank. Evening Mass in the Cathedral at 6pm.

Monday 27 March

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's 1pm in the Cathedral

Tuesday 28 March

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 10am in St Mary's—Funeral of Sean Doogan RIP
1pm in the Cathedral—**Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm**

Wednesday 29 March

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel 11.30am in St Mary's 1pm in the Cathedral

Thursday 30 March

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel **10am in St Mary's** 1pm in the Cathedral

Friday 31 March

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel — Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
11.30am in St Mary's - Stations of the Cross at 11.10am 1pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 1 April

Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral

Lazarus, here, Come out!

Unfortunately, the short excerpt which makes up this Sunday's first reading represents only the final verses of Ezekiel's famous vision. I encourage you to read the story of his vision—the hopelessness, the chaos and depression in Ezekiel Chapter 37: verses 1-14. The similarities of that people with our situation today are striking.



They were exiled in Babylon, and far from the land that was their home and their identity. They thought themselves to be a people without a purpose, with no hope or foothold in the future. They had no leaders to inspire them. They were just “dry bones”, strewn in a field, parched by spiritual dryness, by pride and haunted by their infidelity to their God. Hanging over them was the looming likelihood that Babylon would be the grave of God's people, that they would exist no more, and all their lives, their hopes and future had been destroyed. In a word, they believed it was the death of a people.

For the Christian today, remembering our origins in God, the faith in which we were nurtured, the faith of our forebears, it is easy to recognise that Babylon has overtaken our Christian culture. We are often laid low by the dry emptiness of materialism; indifference to the Christian roots of our country's value system; the marginalisation of the religious voice, an apathy towards the role of the Church in society and the mockery of the gospel as a valid path to follow. In the experience of feeling laid low, it is tempting to feel, *Is this all we have? Is this our resting place?* The exiles of Ezekiel's time were poorly disposed to understand their situation as retribution they had brought on themselves. In fact they accused God of abandoning them. Ezekiel (in Chapter 18) replied to their complaining, that they were responsible and culpable for sin and its consequences. In our own day we can validly interpret much of the society in which we live and move as being desert-like, which looks for life and meaning in drugs, consumerism, and eternal entertainment. Like the Israelites, at times we want God to do things, to intervene....but maybe Lent is trying to teach us that God already has begun to intervene, by giving us strength, vision and energy through his abiding presence among us. Where is this abiding presence? Quite simply, it is guaranteed in the Liturgy and in the Sacraments. This is where we *live*, this is where our inner power house is found, this is the antidote to that feeling of helplessness, of being like the *dry bones*.

I say this to you all - young and old - fervent or faltering—the celebration of the Easter Triduum which lies ahead has the power to strengthen and transform— **please don't underestimate its personal effect for your life.** Above all, don't stay away from the community on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. And, above all else in the year, **try not to miss The Easter Vigil**, which - as I have said in the Holy Week Schedule is “*light for those in darkness.....mercy for those who are sinners...strength for those who are weak.....direction for those who are lost....inspiration for those who are struggling..... warmth for those who have grown cold....and love, acceptance and joy for all who desire to be with the Risen Lord*”.



The Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is not just *yet another incident* in the ministry of Jesus. It definitively reveals him as one who carries the power of God. He not only opens the eyes of the blind, he also raises the dead! He brings back life to dead dry bones. In marvelling at what he did for Lazarus, let us not fail to realise that we too often in our life are in exile—sometimes because of personal sin, often because of the struggle we experience in living the Gospel in a culture which increasingly seeks to compromise the Gospel or jeer at it. The *dry bones* of the exiled people in the time of Ezekiel were challenged to “**Hear the word of the Lord**”. In the *Living Water* of the Easter Three Days—*The Triduum*, and especially at the Easter Vigil, that change comes to us. It is a *once a year* experience; it is not to be missed: it is a fountain of new life. Truly, it is restoration to life.

The future of Israel depended on hearing the word of the Lord and heeding it. Jesus who **is** the Word of the Lord, is the Lord of Life. He calls each of us by name - inviting us to be with him.

“Here, Come out”, he cries, “Come into the light!”

Jesus was outraged by death. He loved life. The Easter Liturgy puts it this way: Jesus challenged death to a duel and he triumphed not for his own sake, since as God he was not subject to death, but for our sake and for our salvation he conquered death and invited us into life. Is it possible that we can live the life of God? Only by the power of his word. **Like Lazarus, let us listen for his voice, summoning us and respond in the Holy Week which now fast approaches.**



Don't miss.....the final opportunity for a **Liturgy of Reconciliation with a General Absolution of sins** that will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral this Thursday 30 March at 7pm.

Lenten Stations of the Cross this week:

Tuesday 28 March at **12.30pm**
in St Andrew's Cathedral;
Friday 31 March at 11.10am in St Mary's;
Friday 31 March at 6pm in Broughty Ferry.

Cleaners and Welcomers at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Would you be willing to be a welcomer/passkeeper at the Vigil Mass in Broughty Ferry? The Church is cleaned usually on Fridays after morning Mass (or sometimes on Thursdays). Any help with this - even if not every week - would be very much appreciated. Please let us know if you can help.

Sunday Afternoon Services for Lent

Please note that as we have the St Mary's Forebank Parish Lunch this Sunday, there will be **no** 4pm Service today. Next Sunday, we celebrate Sung Vespers and Benediction for Palm Sunday in the Cathedral at 4pm.

Looking forward to

HOLY WEEK AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM

This is our Annual Passover feast and it is swiftly approaching. I hope you'll be able to do everything you can to *walk with us* during that week through the Easter Liturgies. There is a handout with all the times at the back of the Church. Please take it home and mark the days and gatherings in your diary/ calendar.

“Come to the Feast” approaching and preparing for the Easter Triduum.

Our Triduum Preparation Evening takes place at Our Lady of Good Counsel on **Monday 27 March** from 6.30pm until 8pm. Please come along and prepare spiritually and practically for the great feast of Easter which unfolds in the Triduum.