

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:

9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel

11am [Solemn Mass] & 6pm in Cathedral

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

First Sunday of Lent

22 February 2026

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

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

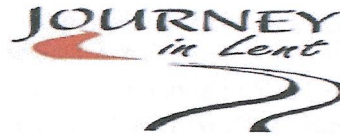
Ash Wednesday was a day of great grace for us, without doubt. Our Churches were busy at the Masses for the Liturgy of Ashes, and the enthusiastic singing was a powerful symbol of everyone's desire to enter into the spirit of the Lenten season and begin the journey to Easter *with mind and heart renewed*,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

I was especially glad to welcome with all the boys and girls from Our Lady's Primary School for the Liturgy of Ashes at St Mary's, Forebank.

Now, the long journey towards the Passover Feast of Easter has begun and we are invited to make the most of it.

All young people are invited to join us for a Young People's Mass this Sunday at 6pm in St Andrew's Cathedral.

Father Michael Ngobili, Diocesan Youth Chaplain, will be the celebrant and preacher. Afterwards, the Dunkeld Youth Association invites us to a pancake get-together and social time in the Cathedral Hall and a talk on the faith from Paul Allaker.



This week's Daily Masses

St Andrew's Cathedral:

Monday – Friday at 1pm

Saturday Mass at 10am (with Novena)

St Mary's, Forebank:

Monday & Tuesday at 11.30am

Thursday at 11.30am

No Mass on Tuesday or Friday this week

St Patrick's

Monday at 9.45am & Thursday at 9.30am

Our Lady of Good Counsel:

Monday at **10.30am** Tuesday at 10am

Wednesday at 10am: Funeral of Pat Hermiston RIP

Thursday at **10.30am**

Friday at 10am: Funeral of Brian McCaffrey RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

On request as far as is possible.

Saturdays after 10am Mass in the Cathedral.

Sunday Afternoon Services in Lent

On the Sundays of Lent there will be an afternoon Service and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in one of our Churches. See the details on the next page But please do, if you can, join us this Sunday at 3pm in the Cathedral for the.....



The **Rite of Election** is when those to be received into the Church at Easter are presented to the Bishop, the chief shepherd of the local church, the diocese; those to be initiated then declare their intention to join the Church, and the Church makes its "election" of those present to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

In the presence of the Bishop, they write their names in the *Book of the Elect*. With the rest of the church they now begin this period of *Purification and Enlightenment* — the intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. Over the next weeks they are challenged to prepare by prayer and reflection. This period concludes with the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please come this afternoon and join us if you can. Refreshments in the hall for everyone afterwards.