

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



Pentecost Day

The coming of the Spirit and the birth of the Church

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This Week's Masses

Sunday 23 May—Pentecost Day

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 & 6pm in Cathedral 11.15am in St Mary's

Monday 24 May *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church* **No booking needed**

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

Tuesday 25 May **No booking needed**

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

Wednesday 26 May *Memorial of St Philip Neri* **No booking needed**

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

Thursday 27 May **No booking needed**

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel - Funeral Mass for Margaret (Rita) Tennyson—Parishioners welcome.
(No Morning Prayer today)

12.15pm in St Mary's, Forebank — please note time. Church will open at **12.05pm**—please note.

1pm in the Cathedral

Friday 28 May **No booking needed**

9am in Our Lady of Good Counsel—Please note time. Funeral Mass for Margaret Ferrie RIP in St Patrick's at 10am

12.15pm in St Mary's, Forebank — please note time. 1pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 29 May **No booking needed**

Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral

Pentecost Day — Sunday 23 May - For Masses in the Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel, please book a place by Eventbrite or 'phone—details overleaf. **No booking needed for St Mary's, Forebank.**

Vigil Mass of Sunday at 4pm in the Cathedral & 5.30pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

9.45am in Our Lady of Good Counsel, 11am & 6pm in Cathedral, 11.15am in St Mary's, Forebank

Our Prayers

for the sick: Jane Budge, Alan McKenzie, Joyce Scott, John McCarry, Margaret McMenemy, Tony Beck, Isobel Blackmore, Karen Dammer, Bridie Mossey, Katie Shephard, Mel Caullay, Allison Matthew, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Baby Ben Welsh, Thinley Chodron, Sharon McNally, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Gillian Steedman, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Lily Jane Douglas, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

those who have died recently: Kenny Sharp, Bridget Potter, Margaret Ferrie, Margaret Tennyson, May Dewar;

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Pauline Veal, Frances Abernethy, Luke Devlin, Clifford Heywood, Morag Anderson, Isabel Gallacher, Dorothy Bailey, Mary Duffy, Peter Cain, Derek Knight, James Smith, Eveline McNeil Patrick Gethins, Mary McGoldrick, Dennis Myra, Sadie Cunningham, Catherine Roberts, Sarah Donoghue.

Ordinations: At 2pm this Sunday in the Cathedral, Bishop Stephen Robson will ordain to the Permanent Diaconate Jim Leary of the Parish of St Peter and St Paul, and Bert Miller of the Parish of Forfar and Kirriemuir. Please remember the two ordinands in your prayers this Sunday. Because of the numbers still being restricted, attendance is by the ordinands' invitation only.

There is a **Children's Liturgy of the Word** for this Sunday on the Cathedral Facebook page. Our grateful thanks to the Cathedral Liturgy team for this.

Gift aid envelopes in Our Lady of Good Counsel:

Some of those who use the gift aid envelopes have now been allocated a different envelope number than used previously. This is because more people are paying by standing order and we no longer need such a quantity of envelopes. You don't have to do anything about the number change yourself. Thank you for all your gift aid contributions.

The gift of Sundays

Each Sunday evening as I leave the Cathedral after the 6pm Mass I get into the car to drive home: and each Sunday I think to myself, *Wow! the weekend has been a bit of a marathon....*but it is always a good and fruitful marathon! At home on Sunday night past, I poured a wee glass of vino when cooking some supper of pasta and mushrooms, and I rehearsed in my mind the events of the weekend: the celebration of the Masses in the different churches, the Ascension hymns sung again by the Cantor, the scriptures proclaimed, the faith declared at the Eucharistic Prayer and reverence shown in the distribution and reception of the Holy Eucharist; also the joy of the wedding of Charlotte and Paddy's wedding at St James' Church in St Andrews' on Saturday; along with visits to the housebound and a care home and a bereaved family. I recalled the peace of the Liturgy of Sunday Vespers, (and thinking how I always long for more people to come and experience the beauty of Vespers and Benediction!)but most of all I thought of the people I'd encountered, who allow me to be a priest for them week in and week out: the requests made for prayers, the chat, the hopes, the connections made between us, despite the restrictions.

The physical tiredness of Sunday evenings always gives way to great feeling of thankfulness, to what Mary Plumstead calls in her beautiful song, "*a grateful heart*". No matter where I have been or what I have been faced with during the week, Sunday always brings home to me a profound truth: that the risen Christ is indeed at work, at work in his People, at work in his Liturgy. He continues to sit us down at his Eucharistic table, giving us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet; he continues to announce his good news to us in his scripture, and continues to affirm us, build up, smile on us and call his own. The Liturgy itself never tires of calling us – and unapologetically – "brothers and sisters", for that is surely what we are in Him.

This Sunday, Pentecost, the feast of the coming of the Spirit, sometimes referred to as "the birthday of the Church", marks a defining moment in the emergence of the Christian community: they come out from the Upper Room, empowered by the Spirit of the Risen One. It falls to Luke to narrate the details of this seminal event so vividly described in the Acts of the Apostles: wind, fire, charismatic speaking, and then "out to the nations", fifty days after the resurrection of Christ.

On the other hand, John, *The Beloved*, translates the Pentecost event to Easter Sunday evening, with Jesus *breathing the Spirit* over the Upper Room community and empowering them there and then with his enlivening Spirit. The two accounts of the giving of the Paraclete are not in conflict but are complimentary and the Church bids us proclaim them both and love them both on this Sunday.

Pentecost concludes the Paschal season: it seems a long time since Ash Wednesday, more than ninety days in fact, but on that day we began the climb toward the feast of the Passover of the Lord which we kept with solemnity and dignity (and this year with a certain level of simplicity) in the Easter Triduum, and then in the light of the Easter Candle lit at The Vigil, we opened out into fifty days of *Alleluias*, rejoicing in his risen presence. Each day of the Easter season, the Church has opened the Book of the Acts of the Apostles and we have been taught again how to be actually *be* the Church: how to live in harmony under the influence of the Spirit; we have been shown how to be discerning disciples, and encouraged to stay together, and know one another as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

After this glorious feastday, the red vesture will be put aside, the Easter Candle will be extinguished and Ordinary Time will resume, though for the next two Sundays the festal atmosphere is still powerfully present as we honour the Blessed Trinity next Sunday and the Body and Blood of the Lord the following Sunday. After those Sundays of white festal vesture, the colour green will return on Sundays, green denoting new life and growth, as we return to a systematic reading of the Gospel of Mark, which will lead us deeper into the mystery of Christ. The Risen One will continue to reveal his face to us Sunday by Sunday as the pages of the gospel are turned. We will also see him prefigured in the prophetic texts of the Old Testament, and gradually yet steadily, the body of Christ is built up in love, strengthened in faith, and made expectant in hope. As they say, *Bring it on!*

Booking for Mass

Bookings continue to be made on Eventbrite and on the dedicated phone number for Mass at St Andrew's Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel. With the increase in capacity, worshippers have been able to book and attend the Mass of their choice. Numbers arriving without booking have begun to increase, but until such time we see a further relaxation of the social distancing guidance, I would encourage you all to continue to book in advance.

If you've not booked online before, you can follow these easy steps:

Click the link for the Church you wish to book at:

Cathedral: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-good-friday-liturgy-at-st-andrews-cathedral-dundee-tickets-112091962076>

Our Lady of Good Counsel: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-mass-at-our-lady-of-good-counsel-rc-church-broughty-ferry-tickets-112956403644>

Alternatively, use your search engine to search for 'Eventbrite Mass at St Andrew's Cathedral' or 'Eventbrite Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry'.

Then for the Cathedral:

Click the 'Select a date' button;

Choose the date of the Mass you wish to book for by clicking the 'Tickets' button;

Choose the number of seats from the following categories:

Downstairs seating (for 1 or 2);

Upstairs seating (for 1 or 2);

Downstairs family/bubble seating (for 3 or 4 in a group). [Numbers in the group are recorded in the next section – just choose 1 ticket;](#)

Upstairs family/bubble seating (for 3 – 6 in a group). Numbers in the group are recorded in the next section – just choose 1 ticket;

Click the 'Register' button;

Fill in your details, including the number in your group if booking a family/bubble ticket. If your booking for yourself or a couple, just record 1 or 2.

Click the 'Register' button.

You will then receive an email from Eventbrite confirming your booking. It may take an hour or so to come through. And if you're booking for the first time it might end up in your junk or spam box so please check there too.

A number of cathedral parishioners have been kind enough not to book for Sunday Mass every week, but only every two weeks. Thank you, but now we invite you—because of increased numbers allowed—to book for each week if you wish.

Seat booking arrangements for our Lady of Good Counsel are unchanged.

Phone Bookings: Phone bookings continue to be available for those with NO access to the internet. For the Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel, please call 07561 699557. You should leave a message stating your name, the date and time of the Mass, the church you wish to attend and number of households. If you don't hear back from my booking team, your booking has been successful.

Booking Deadlines: A reminder that bookings for Sunday Masses close online and on the phone at 5pm on Friday – calls to book Mass for that weekend made after this time will not be registered. You can however still call to cancel a booking. This is so the booking team have sufficient time to prepare the attendance lists for each of the churches.

Forthcoming Bookings

My booking team will release Mass bookings in future weeks for the Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel as follows:

Weekends of 29/30 May and 5/6 June: Monday 24 May from 6pm

Weekends of 12/13 and 19/20 June: Monday 7 June from 6pm

Weekends of 26/27 June and 3/4 July: Monday 21 June from 6pm

