

This week's Daily Masses

Monday 29 May *Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church*

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

Tuesday 30 May

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Wednesday 31 May *Feast of the Visitation of Our lady*

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

Thursday 1 June *Feast of St Justin*

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

Annual Schools' Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral

Friday 2 June

10am in Our Lady of Good Counsel **12.15pm in St Mary's, Forebank** 1pm in the Cathedral

[The Funeral Service for Margaret Mitchell RIP takes place in St Mary's, Forebank at 11am]

Saturday 3 June Novena and Mass at 10am in the Cathedral. Confessions after Mass.

Our **Congratulations and Prayers** for the young people who were confirmed in St Mary's, Forebank last Sunday. May the Lord continue to bless them and their families.

Rosary and May Devotions in honour of Our Lady:

This week on Tuesday 30th at **12.30pm** there will be the recitation of the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady in the Cathedral.

The Missionary Appeal at the Cathedral last Sunday for the 'Missionaries of Africa' (The White Fathers) raised £848.

Thank you for your generosity and for your welcome to Father Willie Crombie.

Father Crombie will return to make a Mission appeal in St Mary's, Forebank and Our Lady of Good Counsel on the weekend of 8/9 July.

The **Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child** invite us to take part in a Petition Day over 1-2 July, urging the UK Government to stop forced abortion in China, sterilisation and infanticide on the Uyghur minority. There will be a chance to sign this petition in our Churches.

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £781 in the Cathedral, £508 in St Mary's, Forebank, and £638 in Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Could you *gift aid* your contribution to the Church paying either by standing order or by using the envelope system? If you pay tax, it would help us immensely if you could *gift aid* your offerings, at no extra cost or inconvenient to yourself.

The Diocese is exploring the possibility of making your church contribution by electronic means via a card machine. At first this might seem somewhat surprising to us, used as we are to giving our contributions in the traditional way, but it has been employed with success in some places. It wouldn't be suitable for all parishes but perhaps for places like the Cathedral where we have a lot of visitors and folk who may not generally carry cash but who pay everything via card or phone it might be useful. I shall keep you up to date with developments!

There are still a number of **Cathedral Gift Aid envelopes** to be collected from the back of the Church.

The **Communications Collection** is taken this Sunday in the Cathedral. Apologies for two special collections on consecutive Sundays!

The **Annual Schools Mass** will take place in the Cathedral on Thursday 1 June at 6pm. The children from St Dominic's Primary School in Crieff will lead us in the celebration and their Parish Priest Canon Tom Shields, who is also the Diocesan Vicar for Education, will be the principal celebrant and the preacher.

ECHOES PROGRAMME: The "reunion" meeting for those who took part in this programme and anyone else interested takes place at St Mary's Church Hall, Forebank Road, on Monday 5 June at 7pm.

The **Diocesan Choir** meets this coming Tuesday at 7pm in the Cathedral for rehearsal.

LISTENING

[I'm asked to include this information as it may be helpful and you may not be aware of this facility. Please note that this service is under the auspices of the NHS and not the Church]

Have you ever wanted the opportunity to sit down and talk to someone? To be able to speak confidentially to someone about whatever is troubling you? To be heard – a gift that is not too often available in these hectic times

The **Community Listening Service** could be what you are looking for. Telling your story uninterrupted and judgement free could help you to sort out your emotions. You may then be able to rediscover your strength and find a way forward.

The service provides a fifty minute appointment with a trained volunteer. This can be arranged by contacting your GP practice or by emailing tay.listening@nhs.scot, by calling 01382 423116 or by texting 07967771941.

Those who subscribe to the **Bible Alive & Day by Day** publications can collect the latest editions from the back of the Church.

Unfortunately, not enough copies of the *Day by Day* booklets have arrived. I have sent for more, and hopefully they will arrive in the next few days.