

Parishes of St Andrew's Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Counsel

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Sunday 28 June 2020 - Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul
Next Sunday: 14th in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

It was a great joy to be able to open the churches on some days this past week for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and see people coming in for prayer.

This coming week's opening times – again for private prayer and adoration only - will be as follows:

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry

Sunday 28 June: 10am until 11am
Monday 29 June: 10am until 11am
Tuesday 30 June: 10am until 11am
Wednesday 1 July: **Church closed today**
Thursday 2 July: 10am until 11am
and 4pm -6pm
Friday 3 July: 10am until 11am
Saturday 4 July: **Church closed today**
Sunday 5 July: 10am until 11am

St Andrew's Cathedral:

Sunday 28 June: 12noon until 2pm
and 5pm until 6pm
Monday 29 June: 12noon until 2pm
Tuesday 30 June: 12noon until 2pm
Wednesday 1 July: **Church closed today.**
Thursday 2 July: 12noon until 2pm
Friday 3 July: 12noon until 2pm
Saturday 4 July: 12noon until 2pm
Sunday 5 July: 12noon until 2pm
and 5pm until 6pm

Any changes to these times will be communicated as swiftly as possible via the website:

(www.standrewscathedraldundee.com),

and the facebook page:

(<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsRCDundee/>);

the times will also be advertised on the church notice boards. During the times the churches are open there will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament but no formal devotions.

Our Lady of Good Counsel parishioners might like to bring their **large print adoration prayer books** when visiting, as, due to restrictions, we are unable to provide prayer books or cards. If you would like to receive one of these adoration books please let me know.

I have some copies of the July edition of the **Sacred Heart Messenger**. If you would like one please let me know - 01382 225228.

When in the Church....

- **Please use the sanitiser on entry and exit;**
- **Wear a scarf, mask or face covering;**
- **Follow the one way system;**
- **Follow the direction of the passkeepers to and from your seat;**
- **Leave swiftly when you have finished your prayers;**
- **Do not congregate in the Church, in the porch or in the immediate vicinity outside.**

Follow the reflections and music during the week on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsRCDundee/>

A Liturgy for Children is on the Facebook page for this Sunday. Grateful thanks to the Liturgy Team.

Live stream Mass: www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk

I hesitate to even mention the transmission of the Sunday livestream Mass last Sunday from Lawside Convent as there was no sound. My apologies to all who contacted me in their frustration with the failure of the livestream yet again.

I will celebrate the **Evening Prayer of the Church** for this Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul at 4pm in the Cathedral today. I'm attaching/enclosing a Word document with the text of the Evening Prayer if you'd like to share in it at home.

Our Prayers for those who have died recently:

Moira Wilkie, Margaret Morgan, Lindsey Kelbie, Jimmy Hawkes, Enos Turnbull, Stella Morrison, Margaret Rose, Tony Robb, Brian McEwan (former Depute Head at St John's High School);

those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Stella Milne, Hugh Macpherson, Dwane De Silva, Jean Rooney, Bill McGinness, Betty Docherty, Anthony Callaghan, Patrick McGhee, Rose Taylor, Lizzie Brown, Mary Saunders;

all those who are sick and in need of our

intercession: Margaret McHattie, Margaret Parke, Monsignor Basil O'Sullivan, Sharon McInally, , Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Gillian Steedman, Steven Kennedy, Sharon Davison, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Lily Jane Douglas, Alexander McNeil, Bridie Mossey, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga, Estelle Fox, Allison Matthew;

Your Offertory Contributions:

Your contributions to the parish during this time are especially appreciated – either through cash, cheque or standing order.

Keeping this Sunday holy with a Home Liturgy



A prayer to begin

Father, the keeping of today's feast allows us to rejoice in your two great apostles - Peter, foremost in confessing the faith and Paul, its fearless preacher; Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, and Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles. Each in his own way gathered together the one family of Christ, and now they are revered throughout the world as they shared one martyr's crown. Let our lives reflect their faith and courage as we seek to serve you daily. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Penitential Litany

We take time to celebrate the power of God's mercy at work in our lives.

Lord Jesus, you are glorified in your saints.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Their glory is the crowning of your gifts.
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

From their place in heaven they guide us still.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Read the Scriptures of the day

The Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

Peter's certainty of faith in the risen Lord.

Psalms 33:

From all my terrors the Lord set me free,

The 2nd letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

I have run the race to the finish

The Gospel of Matthew 16: 13-19

Peter's confession of faith.

For reflection

How can today's solemnity of these two great Apostles confirm us in our own discipleship so that we can follow the example of Peter and Paul?

Firstly, it can confirm us in faith. The Gospel today speaks of the powerful confession of faith made by Peter: "You are Christ, the Son of the living God". Because of this confession, Jesus replies: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church". We are invited to make the same confession of faith, and to put that confession into action in the words we speak and in the actions we do.

Secondly, today's feast can confirm us in love. In the second reading we hear the moving words of Saint Paul: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith". Paul is consumed with love for Christ. His "fight" was one fought not with weapons or with harsh words of judging, backbiting and gossip (which Pope Francis has often condemned). His fight is the fight of martyrdom, of loving faithfulness.

Thirdly, today's feast can confirm us in unity. The Liturgy of the Mass (which we long to share again together) is a Sacrament of unity, not only with one another but with all who from the days of these apostles and martyrs until now have shared our faith in the Eucharistic Lord. We cherish that faith, love and unity today. But our discipleship consists not only in enjoying and celebrating that unity, but, as taught by Christ's example, we are to be servants of unity and workers for unity.

Intercessions:

Take a few moments to bring before the Lord your intentions and conclude with the *Our Father*.

A Prayer to conclude

God of all nations,
your saving plan seeks to embrace all your people,
and you long to gather into one communion
all the children of your earth.

As we praise your grace at work
in the Apostles Peter and Paul,
confirm us in the heritage they handed on.
Make your Church stand firm on the rock of faith,
even as the love of Christ impels us forward
in the freedom of the Spirit.

May the rich diversity of gifts and insights,
that adorn your church in every age,
strengthen the effectiveness of our witness
and bind us together in the unity of faith and love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.