

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



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

12 June 2022
Year of Luke (C)

Next Sunday: Corpus Christi

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

I am so glad to be back among you this weekend to share the Eucharist with you all, after my Covid confinement. My symptoms were very mild, compared to what many people have suffered and am glad to say that I have tested negative for the past few days, as the Bishop has too. The general advice from those who have experienced Covid is not to return to things “full pelt” but to go gradually: so I shall try to take this advice!

I was particularly sad to have missed the Pentecost celebrations across the parishes (and indeed the Annuals Schools' Mass) but am very grateful to everyone in the parishes who have helped in any way over the past week or so, and in particular the priests who have celebrated the Masses: Canon Mark Cassidy, Father Jean Gové, Canon Andrew Clark, Father Greg Murphy, Canon Tom Shields and Father Paul Capaldi. Please welcome to the Cathedral 11am Mass this Sunday Father Jim Walls. Jim has recently returned from the Scots' College in Rome where he has been the Spiritual Director.

After Last Sunday's Pentecost feast, this Sunday we find that at the heart of the Christian faith is a further precious truth: that there are relationships “within” this One God of ours, relationships between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, relationships into which we are invited! “Father”, “Son” and “Holy Spirit” are sometimes depicted as two male-like figures and a dove. We cannot do without images, but we need to know they *are* pictures, that no one of them can show everything, and that none of our pictures can ever capture God's mystery. Think of it: human parents have parents of their own; we all have childhood in common; many of us have parenthood in common. God the Father is no one's child; his Son is not a parent. As Father and Son, they are “persons”, as we say. As God, they have the one indivisible Divine Being “in common”.

In terms of “character”, a human parent and child resemble each other in some ways. Jesus is God's Son as the Father's *perfect* expression of himself. What he is as a human being shows us the one who sent him. “Anyone who has seen me has seen *the Father*”, says Jesus. Saint Paul speaks of Jesus as the *Image* of God the Father.

This Sunday - having left behind the Old Testament for the fifty days of Easter - we return to the practice of hearing a piece of the Hebrew Scriptures as the First Reading at Sunday Mass. We are taken by the Church, in contemplating the mystery of this feast, to the wisdom literature of the later Old Testament period and to the Book of Wisdom. Wisdom, whom God “created when his purpose first unfolded”, is at God's side as *master craftsman*. (I was reading that the Hebrew can also mean here “beloved child”). So we can picture Jesus as God's Wisdom: the Father is like an artist who plans beforehand what he will craft, then puts his wisdom into action. Jesus took on the human nature he had crafted, and by his resurrection from the dead “put the finishing touches” to this masterpiece.

This Wisdom speaks to us out of love, to express love, to invite love. We were reminded on the day of Pentecost last Sunday how the Divine Spirit of Wisdom comes to us: like the *wind*, that is, like the air that keeps us alive all the time, and now and then gives us a push! As *Living Water* that refreshes us; as *Anointing* and the *Fire* that make us radiant; like a *Dove* that brings peace, and as an *Advocate*, a *Friend* to stand by us and speak for us; as the *Spirit of Truth* who opens our hearts to welcome Jesus, the Father's Word and as the Love who makes us one.

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Do this in memory of me

Next Sunday **19 June**, to mark the
**Solemnity of the
Body and Blood of the Lord**
there will be a Liturgy of Sung Evening Prayer and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Cathedral at 3pm
Please come and join us if you can.



Bishop Stephen Robson
and the **Diocesan Synod
Core Group** invite us to
come to the
**Pastoral Centre at
St Mary's, Forebank Hall
on Saturday 25th June**

when the Bishop will share with us a report from the collation of more than 10,000 written responses to the Synodal Questionnaires, Listening Group Sessions and Coffee Conversations held throughout the diocese. Core group members have now been entrusted with the task of writing the synthesis to ensure it is a true reflection of the joys and concerns of the people of the Diocese of Dunkeld.

The event will begin at 10.30am (but please come for Coffee beforehand from 10am) and will conclude with Mass at 1pm.

The collated Diocesan report will have implications/invitations/challenges for all our parishes. I think especially of the need to re-introduce opportunities for parish reflection and Parish Pastoral Councils and planning. **Your thoughts on all of these will be most welcome.**

Our Prayers for the sick: Leona McDonnell, Ray Conchie, Sheena Barnett, Ross Murray, Janet Isherwood, Theresa Kay, Dawn Wood, Heather Moffit, Steven Hackney, John McCarry, Margaret McMenemy, Tony Beck, Isobel Blackmore, Karen Dammer, Allison Matthew, Jackey Forrest-Moore, Catherine Gallacher, Thinley Chodron, Natalia Lucka, Benedict Stephens, Steven Kennedy, Aubrey McMullan, Sonya Rostan, Alexander McNeil, Sheila McCallum, Marie Manunga;

for those who have died recently: Rose Scott, Ina Robson, Kitty Berry, Cathie O'Fee, John Ogg;

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Hermonie Graham, Alexina Stevens, Lawrence McGoldrick, Hanna Baradhi, Beatrice Herbert, Helen Methven, Chris Smith, Raymond Millington, Neil McDade, Canon Kevin Smyth, Father John Nolan, Deacon David King, Agnes Walker, Charlie Mullen, Emilia Zanré, Christine Martin, Molly Murray, Brother Bede, Mary Saunders, Thomas McPherson, James Connelly, Arthur Orr, Alice Foggarty, Mary McNally, Hugh Macpherson.



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
11.15am [Solemn Mass] in St Mary's, Forebank

This week's Daily Masses

St Andrew's Cathedral:

Monday - Friday at 1pm
Saturday Mass and Novena at 10am.

St Mary's, Forebank:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 11.30am;
Tuesday at 10am—please note.

Our Lady of Good Counsel:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 10am
Tuesday at 9am—please note.

A Funeral Service for Cathie O'Fee RIP will take place in Our Lady of Good Counsel on Tuesday at 11.15am and thereafter to Barnhill Cemetery.

There will be a **Broughty Ferry Gala Week Song of Praise** at the New Kirk in the Ferry at 6.30pm on Sunday 10 July. You are invited to nominate a favourite hymn, which you would be prepared to nominate for inclusion in the service July, with an explanation of why it is meaningful to you. Please email Cathy Brodie (CBrodie@churchofscotland.org.uk) with your nomination or fill in one of the forms at the back of the Church at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Tea and Coffee will be served after Mass in St Mary's, Forebank this Tuesday after the 10am Mass. Please come and join us if you can.

The **Diocesan Choir** will resume rehearsals on Tuesday 14 June at 7pm in the Cathedral in preparation for the Ordination to the Priesthood of Malcolm Hutchison.

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday of £373 in St Mary's Forebank, £434 in Our Lady of Good Counsel and £705 in the Cathedral.

Day for Life: This Sunday 12 June, we take the annual special collection at the end of Mass for the Church's pro-life work.

The **Cathedral 200 Club winners** for June are Heather Fairley (£50), Katy Dundas (£30) and Christine Halliday (£20). Thanks to all who continue to support the 200 Club and to Sandra and Linda for administering it.