

**Diocese of Dunkeld**  
Scottish Charity No SC001810

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The Charity Shop and Repository within the parish centre are open from 10.30 - 2.00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays

## ***The Year of St Paul***

***Sunday 7th September 2008***

***TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [ A ]***



### **SUNDAY MASS**

SATURDAY [anticipated Mass of Sunday] : 6.00 p.m.

SUNDAY : 9.30am and 11.30 a.m.

*Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*

*Tuesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*

*Wednesday: No Mass*

*Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*

*Friday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*

*Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*

**Weekday Morning Mass,  
will now be at 9.30 a.m.,  
unless announced.**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

on Saturday after Morning Mass

5.30 - 5.45 p.m. on Saturday and after Evening Mass  
on request at any other time

***Welcome to some of the children in Primary 1 from St Peter & Paul's School who will join us for 11.30 a.m. Mass and receive their Prayer Cards as they begin school.***

**The Collection for Sunday 31st August was £838.12 Many Thanks**

Please pray for: **Gordon Hume, Monica Connor, Isobel Burns & Pat Lyon**, recently deceased; for **Stan Boath, Kevin Boyle, Lydia Shearer, John & Mary Walsh, Moira Brodie, Joseph Boyle, Margaret Grady, Jack Kilrooley & George Harris** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We also will remember all those who are sick at home or in hospital. [Sam McGregor, Winnie Reid, Gloria Thomson, Nan Grant, David Donnet & Fr Bernard O'Connor.]

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### **The Ministry of Healing**

Prayer Ministry for healing will be offered after Masses starting on the first Sunday in September. This will take place in the little chapel and parishioners should just come to the chapel and someone will be there to greet them. An explanatory leaflet is available today about this Ministry.

### **PARKING**

You are requested not to park on the double yellow lines in Byron Street, even on a Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

### **SVDP MASS**

The St Vincent de Paul society will have a Novena Mass in this Church on Tuesday 23rd. September at 7.00 p.m.



### **WELCOME**

We welcome some of the Primary 1 pupils to 11.30 a.m. Mass this morning as they receive their Prayer Cards at the start of their school lives

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY ON SATURDAYS**  
after Morning Mass on Saturdays.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration continues on Wednesdays from after Mass at 9.30 a.m., until 4.00 p.m.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*The Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin next Sunday at 11.30 a.m. Mass. It is for children who have reached their 3rd birthday and have not yet received their First Holy Communion. The mind of the Church is that children who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist do not take part in the Children's Liturgy. They remain in Church with the rest of the Community as they are now fully initiated to the Christian Community. We are grateful to the members of the 'Little Church' who each week prepare the Liturgy for our young people and prepare them, along with the school and their families, for full initiation into the Church family.*

*Teas, Coffee and refreshments are available in the Church Hall after 11.30 a.m. Mass*

The **DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS** will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral, on Wednesday 17th September, at 7.00 p.m. Please mark that date in your diary and come and join Bishop Vincent and the priest of the Diocese in praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life..

Bishop Logan will lead a **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS IN** St Andrew's Cathedral, on Sunday 21st September, from 3.00 - 4.00. You are invited to attend.

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

Some 4 people have requested to join the **JOURNEY OF FAITH** on Thursday evenings. Please let me know if you would wish to be involved and we will make arrangements for Thursdays as soon as is practicable.

### **CATHOLIC PAPERS**

There is a selection of Catholic Papers available at the back of the Church. The Scottish Catholic Observer keep us in touch with the church in Scotland.

In this week's issue of the SCO:

Talk a woman out of an abortion and face two years in jail – proposed amendment to HFE Bill

New secular group launched to end faith schools

Controversial new stamp honouring Marie Stropes

Feature – Fr. Ian Stevenson Scots army chaplain serving in Afghanistan

Pope calls for immigration reform after 70 drown off Malta coast

### **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to families recently on the birth of children. If you wish to arrange a Baptism in the parish, please have a word with Mary Margaret Wilson who will make the necessary arrangements.

### **MARRIAGES IN THE DIOCESE OF DUNKELD**

Six months notice is required for a marriage to celebrated in a church in the Diocese. Please make sure that you speak to the parish before booking any venues for Receptions.



**The young people who attended World Youth Day will offer  
their reflections and thoughts on the experience**

**in**

**St Peter and St Paul's Church**

**on**

**Friday 19th September 2008**

**at**

**7.00 p.m.**

**followed by refreshments in the Hall**

## AM I MY BROTHER'S [OR SISTERS] KEEPER ?

I am sure that most of us could name people who influenced us for the better in the course of our lives. Many of us will think of our parents or, perhaps, some teacher or a good friend. These are people who helped to bring the best out in us. They took an interest in us; they encouraged us when we needed encouragement, and challenged us when we were losing the run of ourselves. Their challenging word was probably more difficult to hear than their encouraging word, but deep down we knew that both sets of words were coming from the same source, from a heart that cared and was interested.

In the story of Cain and Abel in the book of Genesis, after Cain killed Abel, the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother?' and Cain replied, 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?' That question of Cain has echoed down through the ages, 'Am I my brother's or sister's keeper?' 'Am I responsible for others?' The message of the gospel is very clear. In a very fundamental way, we are responsible for each other. We need, in a sense, to be looking out for each other. That strong gospel value is evident in the gospel reading today. A clear procedure is offered there for dealing with a member of the church, a fellow traveller in faith, who has gone off the rails. It is taken for granted that if someone is on a self-destructive course, it is the responsibility of everyone in the community to somehow bring that person to his or her senses. The particular procedure for doing that, which the gospel reading suggests, is not necessarily one that we



might be inclined to adopt today. However, what remains valid for us today is that, as fellow pilgrims, we are, to some extent, responsible for each other. None of us journeys to God alone. We travel that journey together, and we are dependant on each other to travel it well. As believers, we need the encouragement and the challenge that only other believers can provide.

It is sobering to realise that we are called to bring each other to the Lord. The Lord works through each of us to touch the lives of others, to draw others to him. In a sense, the Lord has made

himself dependent on us. Yet, we are aware that as well as leading each other to the Lord, we can also block each other from making deeper contact with the Lord. Any one of us can become a stumbling stone for another, or for several others. We can bring each other to the Lord or lead each other away from him. That is the awesome influence and responsibility that we have. In the gospels, Jesus is quite severe on those who prove a stumbling stone to others: 'If any of you put a stumbling stone before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.'

We need to be mindful of the influence that we have on each other's relationship with the Lord — an influence that can be for good or for bad. In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel was appointed as a sentry to the House of Israel. A sentry stood on the walls of the city, ready to warn the citizens of any approaching danger. It was a responsible job, because the welfare of others was dependent on his doing it well. There is a sense in which we are all called to be sentries, people who look out for each other's well being — and not just each other's physical well being, but each other's moral and spiritual well being as well. The first step in attending to each other's well being, in this broad sense, is to attend to our own well being. When I respond generously to the Lord's call in my own life, I am building up the faith of those around me. When I turn away from the Lord's call, I am undermining their faith. When I fail to live the values of the gospel, I am making it more difficult for others to do so. When I strive to live the values of the gospel, I am helping others to do the same, even if my living of the gospel appears to be bearing little fruit in others. Sometimes it is not given to us to see the fruit of our own efforts. Yet, we can be confident that to the extent that we allow Christ to live in us, we will also be creating a space for him to live in others.