

**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 14th September 2008***

***THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS [ A ]***



### **SUNDAY MASS**

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

SUNDAY : 9.30am and 11.30 a.m.

*Monday: Mass at 9.00 a.m.*  
*Tuesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*  
*Wednesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*  
*Vocations Mass at 7.00 p.m.*  
*Thursday: No Mass*  
*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

Please note Mass on Monday is at 9.00 a.m. as I have funeral in Forebank at 10.00 as Fr Mulholland is away at the moment.

**The Collection for Sunday 31st August was £1050.08** Many Thanks. Next Sunday there is a Second Collection for the ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS FUND.

Please pray for: **Babs Chivers, Cathie Flynn, Mary Beattie, Winnie Reid & Jeffrey Selina** recently deceased; for **Elizabeth Chaplain, Margaret Macgregor, John Lynch, Kirsty Mulford, Jessie Heffell, Helen Morrison, Donald Gregory & Mary Gallagher** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We also will remember all those who are sick at home or in hospital. [Sam McGregor, Fr Bernard O'Connor, Gloria Thomson & Ruth Armstrong]

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#### **The Ministry of Healing**

Prayer Ministry for healing will be offered after Masses each Sunday. 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 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.

**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 TODAY 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 Mass**

#### **DUNDEE OPEN DOORS DAY**

**Saturday 20th September 2008**

Our Church will be open next Saturday from 10.00—4.00 as part of the National Open Doors Days.

Designed by Reginald Fairlie in 1929 this Romanesque Style Building by this important Edinburgh Architect has recently been re-ordered by James F Stephen of Glamis for the Year of St Paul.

The Stations of the Cross are by Meredith Williams.

There are leaflets of all the buildings in Dundee that are open to view next weekend, including St Patrick's Church, and St Mary's, Our lady of Victories

**THIS IS VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK.**

*Please pray for Vocations to the priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life*

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.

**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:

"Christianophobia" is a growing menace around the world says Vatican  
Jack McConnell attacks Alec Salmond for not doing enough about sectarianism  
Lorraine Kelly attacks Catholic Schools  
Part 2 of Fr. Ian Stevenson series on being an army chaplain in Afghanistan

**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.**

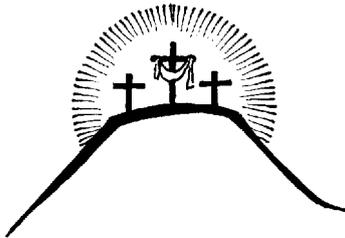
**followed by refreshments in the Hall**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Mass on Tuesday will be a REQUIEM MASS at 9..30 for Mary Beattie [Sandeman Street, Dundee] and Mass on Monday this week will be at 9.00 a.m., as we are covering for Fr Mulholland and there is a Requiem mass in St Mary's, Forebank, at 10.00 a.m.

## LORD, BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION

The feast of the Triumph of the Cross commemorates the finding of the True Cross in the year 325. Tradition tells that Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine I, found the cross during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The story goes that she found three crosses but was unsure which belonged to Jesus. To find out, the three crosses were held over a sick woman. When the true cross was held near her, accompanied by deep prayer, the disease left her.



Whatever about the veracity of the story, we do know that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built on that site and that from its earliest days a relic of the true cross was venerated there.

In the First Reading, we hear of the bronze serpent made by Moses in order to save the people. He lifted it high so that the people could look upon it and live. In a sense, they venerated it. Veneration is not, and should not be, escapism. Moses required the people to look upon a cause of their suffering and see their God moving through it and ultimately saving them from it.

To venerate the cross of Jesus is to do the same. It is to see a cause of suffering for Jesus and by association to see our own cross, our own suffering. By looking upon it, we do not run away. Instead, we come to see the dynamic of God's salvation. It moves in two ways, as explained to Nicodemus and the church in Philippi. Firstly, by God's own gracious initiative, God moves out towards humanity in an act of love and humility, culminating in the death of Jesus. And then in communion with Jesus, all are lifted up or brought intimately close to God. To venerate the cross is an act of communion: it links our suffering with that of Jesus and so to get caught up in that movement of salvation.

If Jesus had been hanged instead of crucified would we be celebrating the Triumph of the Rope? No irreverence is intended here. It is a serious question. The symbolism of hanging from a rope would not be as strong, nor did the image as powerful, as that of an outstretched man, naked, in agony to a cross. Yet redemption would just as surely have been achieved. The means of death was not important. The fact of death was.

While today's feast focuses on the symbol, the external sign, we cannot be blind to what really counted: Jesus' love for his Father. Concentrating on, and glorifying, the cross can be dangerous, even unchristian. It can give the impression that the pain is all-important, not the love that overcomes the pain.

Had Jesus not had to die for what he said and did would he still be Saviour? An unqualified yes to that! If it was his love that brought salvation, then the suffering was tragically unnecessary. But because of our sorry state, it was inevitable.

That's why today's Gospel reading (John 3:13-17) tells us that the Father sent the Son into this world, not to condemn it but to save it. That mission is what triumphed, not the cross. Without the love in his heart Jesus would not have had his cross to bear. He would not have had to face the enemy to the bitter end — and he would not have been a man to take seriously.