

**Diocese of Dunkeld**  
Scottish Charity No SC001810

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centre are open from 10.30 - 2.00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays

***The Year of St Paul***

***Sunday 31st August 2008***

***TWENTY-SECOND 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: Requiem Mass at 9.00 a.m.*  
*Wednesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*  
*Thursday: No Mass*  
*Friday: No Mass*  
*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 Tuesday [Requiem Mass] will be at 9.00 a.m. There will be No Mass on Thursday or Friday as I will be at the Catholic Head teachers Conference in Peebles***

**The Collection for Sunday 24th August was £907.92 Many Thanks**

Please pray for: **Helen Donnachie {Reception of Remains on Monday at 5.00 p.m. Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 9.00 a.m.} Chris Donoghue, Catherine Kelly & Margaret Wilkie**, recently deceased; for **David Campbell, Margaret & John Palmer, Ella Whyte & Margaret Daily** 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 & Isobel Chalmers]

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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.



*We intend to begin our preparations for the Celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist earlier this year. Children in Primary 4 will start their preparations for these celebrations very soon.*

*It is an essential requirement for the celebration of the Sacraments that children take an active part in the life of their parish by attending Mass on Sundays.*

Some children, now in P 5 did not receive the Sacraments last year. If parents wish their children to take part in the Sacramental Preparations and those children are not presently in Primary 4 in St Peter & St Paul's School, please contact Fr Ken before the end of August.

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

This should start shortly on Sundays at 11.30 a.m. Mass. I shall be meeting today [Sunday after Mass] with those who lead this activity and we will let you have further details as soon as possible.

#### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY ON SATURDAYS**

Following a request to resume the Novena in honour of Our Lady, this will start after Morning Mass on Saturdays.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration will resume from this coming Wednesday 3rd September from after Mass at 9.30 a.m., until 4.00 p.m.

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**

I have had a few requests to reintroduce 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 beginning in early September.

### **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:

Pope warns of the 'tragic consequences' of the rising international tensions

Leader of Irish Church attacks EU

Catholic head teachers respond to last week's front cover story

Richard Purden - second in the series on China

China detains underground Bishop

### **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 be 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**

## RESOLVING CONFLICT

Most of us have to deal with a certain amount of conflict in our lives from time to time. Sometimes the conflict can be over something relatively minor and it gets resolved easily and we move on from it quickly. At other times, the conflict can be about something very important. Fundamental issues can be involved, and the fall out from the conflict can be much more serious.

The gospel reading this morning portrays a moment of real conflict between Jesus and Peter. The one whom Jesus had just declared to be the rock on which he would build his church, he now addresses as a stumbling stone. Simon, to whom Jesus had given the name 'Peter' or 'Rock', is now named 'Satan' or 'adversary'. How quickly a moment of great communion between Jesus and Simon became a moment of very serious conflict. If we reflect on this conflict as outside observers, we can see what was going on easily enough. Jesus spoke a truth that Peter found difficult to accept. Jesus spoke out of a strong sense of reality, whereas Peter responded out of a desire to protect Jesus at all costs, and probably himself as well. What Jesus said was shaped by God's way of thinking, what Peter said was shaped by a very human way of thinking.



Perhaps that is why we can so readily identify with Peter. He thinks and speaks as we tend to think and speak. In today's gospel we can all sympathise with the struggle in Peter to face up to a very painful reality. We all have a tendency to protect ourselves and those we care about from bad news. We hold back from speaking a truth that we know is going to be difficult for someone to hear. We ourselves have a way of not hearing what is painful to hear. Sometimes our inability or unwillingness to hear what we need to hear but do not want to hear can bring us into conflict with others. The person who brings us this painful news can easily become the problem, and we can fail to see that the problem is more within ourselves. Reality can be hard to bear. Jesus' reply to Peter in today's gospel reading — 'the way you think is not God's way but man's' — suggests that God's way is the way that faces up to reality, and that God is always to be found in the truth, however painful that truth might be.

It was God's way, or God's will, that Jesus should remain faithful to his mission of preaching the gospel of God's kingdom, even if this led to Jesus being put to death on a cross. This was the painful reality that Peter found hard to accept and that he reacted so strongly to. It is also God's

will that we ourselves remain faithful followers of his Son, even though this will often mean taking the more difficult path. Jesus declares in today's gospel that following him will sometimes mean renouncing ourselves and taking up our cross, as he had to do. The language Jesus uses of renouncing ourselves if we are to be his followers does not have much of a contemporary ring to it. Self-renunciation is not really in vogue. You could argue that what is more in vogue in today's culture is self-promotion and self-fulfilment. Yet, it is very much the gospel message that it is in giving that we receive, it is in reaching beyond ourselves for the sake of Christ that we ultimately find ourselves. In the words of the gospel reading, 'Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.' A way of putting that in more contemporary terms is that we find happiness, not by looking for happiness directly, but by reaching towards something more fundamental than happiness, namely, the kind of generous service of God and neighbour that Jesus demonstrated by his way of life.

We will often find a resistance within ourselves to this call to reach beyond ourselves for the sake of the Lord, the kind of resistance we find in Peter and in Jeremiah in today's readings. Peter said, 'Lord, this must not happen to you.' Jeremiah said, 'I will not think about him anymore.' Such reactions are very understandable. Yet, both of them overcame their resistances. Jeremiah spoke about a fire burning in his heart which he simply could not ignore. There is something of that fire burning in all of us; it is the fire of God's Spirit, the fire of love urging us to give ourselves to the service of the Lord and his people. The gospel reading today suggests that it is only in attending to this fire and keeping it burning that we will find true happiness.