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Seventh Sunday of Year C - 20th February 2022

Next Sunday - 8th Sunday of Year C

Today - Collection for Ecclesiastical Students Fund



This week:

Today: Mass at 9.30 a.m., and 11.00 a.m.
Monday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
Thursday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
Friday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
Saturday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m.
Sunday Eighth Sunday of the Year [Year C - Year of St Luke]
Masses at 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

Rosary

We will continue to pray the rosary at 9.10 each morning.

I shall be away all this week as I will be in the Golden Jubilee Hospital for a small surgical procedure next Wednesday. I have to isolate from Sunday afternoon. Deacon Charles will deal with any urgent requests, and I hope to be back next Saturday for the Vigil Mass

Hospital chaplaincy and visitation

If you or a loved one is in hospital and wish to receive the Sacraments, please make contact with the Duty Hospital Chaplain on 07821 624124. Other priests have been refused entry to wards at this time. The chaplain can be contacted by pager through the hospital switchboard on 01382 660111.

Of your charity, please pray for:

Our recently deceased: Freddy Gray, Lynda Douris & Kathleen Coyne
and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Caroline Rice, Heidi Devlin,
Frances Archibald, John Moncur, John Macgregor, Roderick Johnston & Charles
Gallagher

FINANCE UPDATE

We are grateful for those who have supported us by Gift Aid and those who have put their collection envelopes and donations through the door or made donations through our Bank.

This week we received a cheque from HMRC for £4403.01 for Gift Aid claimed from April 2021 to October 2021

If you can make an offering Our details are;

Royal Bank of Scotland - Dundee Kingsway Circus Branch, 277 Strathmartine Road, DD3 8NS

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Thank you all for your continued support

Grateful thanks for £1050 received through Direct Debit during the month of January

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS FUND WHICH
SUPPORTS OUR SEMINARIANS AND THE UPKEEP OF OUR SEMINARIES**

SOME DIARY DATES FOR 2022

Ash Wednesday - 2 March

First Confessions for P 4 - Thursday 24 March at 2,00 p.m.

P2 Mass - Wednesday 27th April

Confirmations - Wednesday 4 May at 7.00 p.m. [with Bishop Stephen]

26th May - ASCENSION THURSDAY [P3 to lead Mass]

Caritas Ceremony on Wednesday 1st June at SECC

9th June - P1 Mass for Feast of St Columba

First Communions Sunday 19th June [Corpus Christi]

P 4 to 7 Prizes- Tuesday 21st June

P7 Leavers Mass and Presentation of Ties - Wednesday 29th June at 11.00

SACRAMENT CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT ATTEND ST PETER AND PAUL'S SCHOOL

If your child attends Mass here and is not at our school, and you wish them to receive Reconciliation and First Communion or Confirmation, please speak to Fr Ken as soon as possible so that the extra workbooks may be ordered.

Primary 4 for Reconciliation and First Communion and P 7 for Confirmation

With the reintroduction of the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass from the First Sunday in Lent [6th March] an essential part of the preparation for the Sacraments is that children attend Mass each Sunday. Though we will continue to stream some of our Masses this will be for the sick and housebound and those who are vulnerable only.

SYNODALITY - FIRST PHASE - CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE INFORMATION FOR PARISHIONERS

On October 9th 2021, Pope Francis launched a Global Synod: a two year process, unprecedented in the history of the Catholic Church.

A synodal church is a community of equals who walk together, guided by the Holy Spirit, where everyone feels they belong, are listened to, and can offer opinions freely without being judged.

Popes often hold synods to consult their bishops when making important church decisions.

Pope Francis recognises that it is now time to consult us all, so that the Church goes back to the original way of being Church; where all members were consulted about its future.

We must honour what is holy and enduring in our Church, build on the values of what is good and think deeply about what the Church needs to be in our time.

And so, every baptised member of the Catholic Church throughout the world, is being asked take part in a unique opportunity, to have a stake in the future of the Church we love, and to dream about the kind of Church we want to have.

The questionnaire is offered in paper form as you leave the church, today and can be collected from the sacristy., or preferably, it can be accessed and submitted online at: www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk - it can be found in the 'synodality' menu on the task bar on the opening page of the website.

All responses must be submitted online or paper copies returned to the diocese by Sunday 25 February 2022 [Diocese of Dunkeld 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY]

RESTORATION OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored from the First Sunday in Lent, Sunday 6th March. Given the easing of restrictions in every other walk of life, the Church looks forward to welcoming Catholics back to Holy Mass. As always, the obligation does not apply to those who are sick and their carers or **to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus**. May the continuing recovery of our country bring new hope to us all especially those who are ill, those who mourn loved ones, those who are apprehensive and those who have sustained us in so many ways throughout the Pandemic. We, the Bishops of Scotland, take this opportunity to thank our clergy and our parish volunteers for all their efforts. May our Lenten journey this year lead us to a renewed appreciation of our Catholic faith, **of the celebration of the Eucharist** and of the presence of the Risen Christ who is always at our side.

• **Hugh Gilbert,**

Bishop of Aberdeen,

President of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland.

Please note that it is still a legal requirement to wear face coverings in Church, and to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church. You are also asked to continue to receive Holy Communion in the hand. The use of Holy Water is now available again for blessing at the beginning and end of entry to Mass

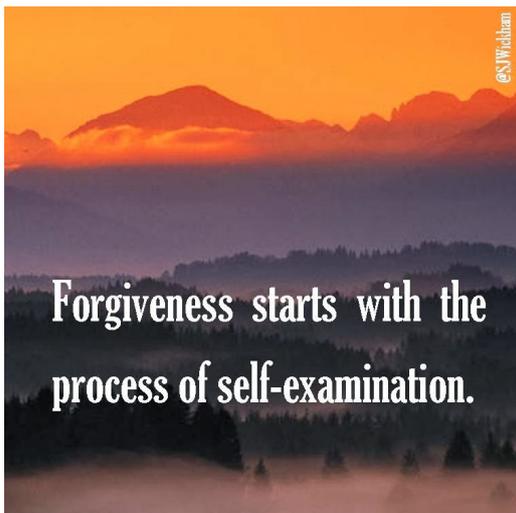
We would hope to re-introduce the Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel on the first Saturday in Lent and to resume Eucharistic Adoration from Ash Wednesday and each successive Wednesday from after Mass until 12 noon.

Able to forgive

Jesus' message was new and shocking for the religious leaders of his day. Their law decreed "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." In other words, they were expected to strike back at those who harmed them in any way. It is in a gospel like that presented to us today that we see just how radical and revolutionary Jesus' teaching must have sounded back then. Indeed, it is still quite revolutionary in today's world, with our dog-eat-dog mentality. The process of salvation which he had come to establish would be based on forgiveness, and, therefore, to be part of, and to belong to that process must put each of us right Out there in the front line of tolerance, forgiveness, and love.



Look in a mirror, reflecting on the failures and sin in your life. Take as much time as you need. You are going to ask God's forgiveness, you are going to offer amendment, to move forward from here. Jesus taught us one simple prayer, which we call the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer. It is a simple prayer, and it is quite short. One of the petitions is where we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We can rattle off this prayer, and fail to realise the bind in which it can place us.



In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us on one condition, which is that we will forgive others in our turn. There is a proven power in forgiveness and love. "Blessed are the meek" says Jesus, "they shall possess the earth." We are impressed by the power of forgiveness shown by characters like Mahatma Ghandi, Martin Luther King, and others who somehow managed to turn the other cheek. The bully cannot deal with the power of the one who won't strike back, but often resorts to violence as the only way to silence their voice of protest. To err is human, to forgive is divine. We would aim to be big-hearted, tolerant and patient. But the ideal Jesus sets for us is, "Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful."



KEEPING THE CHURCH CLEAN

We are grateful to Yvonne, Craig, Louise and Gary who recently cleaned the Church.

Our next 'BIG CLEANS' will be on Wednesday 9th March at 4.00 p.m., and then, in preparation for Easter, on Wednesday 13th April, both times at 4.00 p.m.

Please help us keep our church beautiful by coming along to help. It is more essential more than ever in these pandemic times that we must take all the precautions necessary to keep us safe. Please give of your time to help on the next cleaning days.