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Welcome to the Coastal Parishes of
St. Thomas', Arbroath;
St. Anne's, Carnoustie
and St. Bride's, Monifieth

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—

3rd September 2017

Next Sunday—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A – Matthew

SERVICES THIS WEEK IN THE COASTAL PARISHES

Monday 4th September

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

St. Thomas': Confessions 6.15 to 6.45 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m.

Tuesday 5th September

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Wednesday 6th September

St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; St. Anne's: Confessions 6.15 to 6.45 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m.;

St. Mary's Home: Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Thursday 7th September

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Friday 8th September *The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Saturday 9th September

St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.;

St. Bride's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; Confessions from 4 to 4.30 p.m.; Vigil Mass of Sunday at 5 p.m.

Sunday 10th September *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Anne's: Mass at 10 a.m.; St. Thomas': Mass at 10.45 a.m.; St. Bride's: Mass at 11.30 a.m.

Please pray for those who are sick: Bishop Vincent Logan, Father Tony McCarthy, Jane Higgins, Betty McGinty, George Hill, Eddie Lebida, Jessie Low, Kathleen Taylor, Susan Chalmers, Alison Oakes, Debbie McArthur, Baby Isobel McCaskey, George Kelbie, Cathie McLean, Ailsa McIntosh, James McDonald, Agnes McDonald, John McKee, Laura Bennett, Robert Meikle, Dennis Simpson, Cathie Walls, Duane Joseph, Father Luke Fong, Frank Osborne, Annie McCormack, Marie Fenton, William Docherty, Annie McKenzie, Helen Lukas, Joan and Mick Gartland, Janet Howie, Helen Blyth, Moira Fallone, Irene Burton, Ria Beattie, Norma McAra, Riley Johnston, Janina Buslowicz, Marion Jones, David Allardice, Adam Rennie, Margaret Spink, Tom Tait, Ina Stuart, Teresa Ritchie, Kim Scott, Baby Oliver Glancy.

those who have died recently: Gemma McFarlane

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Mary Charles, David Anderson, Alexander Toshney, Arch Cameron, Jeannie Dora, James Roberts, Margaret Winepress, Derek Henderson, David Thomson, Isobel Cairnie, Mamie Wilson, Bernard and Mary Donnelly, James McKinlay, Martin Chisholm, Andrew Roche, Pat Reilly, Bill Taylor, Mary Ames.

Today's Gospel continues the story that began last week. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Each of us are called through our discipleship with Christ, to be a "rock" to others and to make sacrifices which will enable us to serve as Jesus did.

St. Bride's Ministries Rota Would anyone in St. Bride's be willing to take on the duty of compiling the rota? With my new responsibilities, I don't have time to do this anymore. It is a simple enough task using an Excel spreadsheet. If you would like to help, please let me know.

There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations on **Sunday 10th September from 3 p.m.**, in the Cathedral. Please come along and pray for vocations!

The Annual Diocesan Vocations Mass will take place on **Thursday 21st September at 7 p.m.**, in the Cathedral. Bishop Stephen will lead us as a diocese in praying for vocations.

St. Bride's Adoration Programme In addition to the regular rota there is a sign-up sheet for this week on the notice board in the foyer. Please consider giving an hour to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament..

Finance Matters Many thanks for your continued generosity in the parishes. The offertory collections for last Sunday were: St. Bride's: £722.18; St. Anne's: £277.06 and St. Thomas': £443.58.

We have a dedicated team of holy dusters, who look after the cleaning of our three churches. However the team at St. Anne's are looking for a few more volunteers to help out. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Margaret McKinlay.

Children's Liturgy has resumed once again in our parishes. Children from age 4 through to P5 are welcome to participate. The primary goal is to encourage the children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word—to listen to the Word, give some thought to what they hear and apply it to their own lives. We are in need of some volunteers to become part of the rota of leaders in St. Anne's, to enable this important ministry to go ahead each Sunday. If you can help, please let Fr. Michael know.

Ministry to the Sick and Housebound I know that there is a dedicated team who regularly visit our sick and housebound parishioners with Holy Communion. So I know who visits who and how frequently, could you let me know by either emailing me or leaving a note in one of the sacristies. Many thanks!

English Tuition Available Recently retired English teacher with lots of experience available for tuition. Happy to work with school students working towards SQA exams such as National 5 and Higher or with students reasonably new to the country who wish to improve their English skills. For further information please call Gerry Quinn on 07595320219 or 01382 776574.

Thank-You from Celia Martin: "A big thank-you to all who supported me on the recent Kilt Walk from Tayport to Monifieth. I completed the course of 11 miles in 4 hours and raised over £1000 for the Dundee Samaritans."

Josie Cecil's Strawberry Tea raised **£687**. The money raised will be used to sponsor young people attending the SPUC Youth Conference next year. Thanks to all who came along and to all those who helped.

Our Welcome Mass for the boys and girls who have just joined the Nursery and Primary One at St. Thomas' Primary School will take place next Sunday at 10.45 a.m. in St. Thomas' Church. I look forward to welcoming them with their families.



A Mass to pray for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen in the Cathedral on **Thursday 14th September at 7pm**. Please come along and pray for those who earn their livelihood working at sea.