

Welcome to St. Bride's & St Anne's & St Thomas'

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th June 2018

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist—Year B

Diocese of Dunkeld Charity Number SC001810

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Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. in St. Bride's

Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Anne's

Mass at 10.45 a.m. in St. Thomas'

Mass at 11.30 a.m. in St. Bride's

Sacrament of Reconciliation—

St. Thomas':

Monday 6.15 to 6.45 p.m.

St. Anne's:

on request before Sunday Mass

St. Bride's:

Saturday 4 to 4.30 p.m.



Monday 18th June

9.30 a.m. in St. Anne's

10.30 a.m. in St. Bride's

7 p.m. in St. Thomas

Tuesday 19th June

9.30 a.m. in St. Anne's

10 a.m. in St. Thomas'

10.30 a.m. in St. Bride's

Wednesday 20th June

9.30 a.m. in St. Anne's

10 a.m. in St. Thomas

6.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Home

Thursday 21st June Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

9.30 a.m. in St. Anne's

10 a.m. in St. Thomas'

10.30 a.m. in St. Bride's

Friday 22nd June

9.30 a.m. in St. Anne's

10 a.m. in St. Thomas'

10.30 a.m. in St. Bride's

Saturday 23rd June

9.30 a.m. in St. Bride's

10 a.m. in St. Thomas'

Please pray for those members of our parishes who are sick or housebound and have asked for our prayers. *Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them!*

We pray also for those who have died recently: Morgan Christie

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Gladys Harper, Roland Kayley, Anna Lyons, Alice Piggot, Brother Bede, Mary Stewart, Ken Ferrie, Jim Carlin, Alice Foggerty, William Milne, John Fraser, Annie Canale, Maureen Hayes, Vi Bowie, David Eric Ireland, Jane Lavery, Mollie Wright, Ina Banks, Rebecca Bruce.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION Could all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in our parishes, please make sure they collect a copy of the letter from Bishop Stephen, inviting them to attend the Day of Reflection on **Saturday 23rd June** in St. John's High School, Dundee.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD Rev. Andrew Marshall will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Robson on **Thursday 28th June at 7 p.m.** in the cathedral. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in the cathedral on **Saturday 30th June at 10 a.m.** **You are invited to both of these diocesan events.** Please pray for Andrew he prepares for this life-changing event.

FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE If any families in our parishes would be interested in hosting the statue for a week, please let me know, and we can arrange a rota until the end of June when the statue will be passed onto another parish in the deanery.

DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS If you perform any ministry in our parishes, or are housebound, have a newsletter delivered, or somebody that I might need to contact, please write out a short note saying that you are happy that the parish may use your personal data for the ministry that you perform or receive. At the moment we are awaiting clarification from the Information Commissioners Office regarding having the names of the sick in the newsletter. The Diocesan Privacy Notice can be viewed on the Diocesan Website:
www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk/privacy-policy

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA REQUEST The crew on the Magellan cruise ship are looking for a couple of guitars in a reasonable condition for their prayer group. Please email jacquelinemcguire@btinternet.com if you have a guitar that you could donate before the 25th June. Thank you for your help.

SCIAF DOOR COLLECTION will take place this weekend in St. Bride's

FINANCE: Many thanks for your continued generosity to our parishes. The offertory collections for last Sunday were: £644 in St. Bride's; £446 in St. Thomas'; £312 in St. Anne's.

CONGRATULATIONS!: This week in St. Bride's two couples celebrate milestone wedding anniversaries. We offer our prayers and best wishes to Harry and Mary Byers who celebrate their Diamond (60th) Anniversary and to Brian and Patricia Duncan who celebrate their Golden (50th) anniversary. *Ad multos annos!*



Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.