

A DIOCESAN ADVENT RETREAT DAY
SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 2017 - DIOCESAN CENTRE
Led by Canon Kevin Golden
"Come Let Us Go Up To The Mountain Of The Lord"

Proposed Programme:

- 10.15 a.m.** Morning Prayer and Praise
10.45 a.m. Tea and Coffee
11.00 a.m. Talk: "Come, let us go up"... followed by reflections/comments
12 noon Mass
1.00 p.m. Lunch: please bring a packed lunch - coffee and tea provided.
1.45 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament then choice of:
Silent prayer in the chapel; opportunity for confession; take part in a faith sharing group.
3.00 p.m. Closing prayer and Benediction

To register please call 01382 225453 or email: kevinjamesgolden@hotmail.com

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—
19th November 2017
Next Sunday—Solemnity of Christ the King
Year A – Matthew

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

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Sunday Masses in the Coastal Parishes

Vigil Mass on Saturday 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



This Sunday is the first 'World Day of the Poor'. Pope Francis has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel". In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: "It is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance." Please consider how you can create moments of encounter and friendship today.

Please pray for those who are sick: Bishop Vincent Logan, 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, 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, , Marion Jones, David Allardice, Adam Rennie, Margaret Spink, Tom Tait, Ina Stuart, Teresa Ritchie, Kim Scott, Gerard Lukas, Baby Oliver Glancy, Frances Toshney, Isabel Carroll, Peggy McGhee, Thomas Branney, Wendy Wilcox, Andy Butcher.

those who have died recently: Janina Buslowicz. William McCandlish.

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Margaret Collins, Margaret Tait, Luigi Barbieri, William Grabham, Francis Mylles, Catherine Seed, Sister Mechtilde McLaughlin, Noel McGregor, Chris Mudie, Marie Grace Mahoney, Margaret Boyle, Dermot Gorman, James and Mary Gorman, Raymond Martin, John Markie, Catherine Dunn McKinlay, Mrs Simpson, Barbara Reilly, George Banton, William McGrory, May Appolinari, Guiseppe Zaccarini, Jessie Kane, William McKinlay, Mary McCandlish, Nicola Vinci, Pierino Vinci, Catherine McHugh, David Esplin, Chris Curran.

Farewell for Fr. Peter As you know Fr. Peter will be leaving us to return home to India on 28th November. To mark his departure and show our gratitude to him for the three years he has ministered among us, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Wednesday 22nd November at 7 p.m., in St. Anne's**. After Mass there will be refreshments in the hall.

Month of the Holy Souls During this month of November, Mass in each of our churches will be offered for all deceased parishioners and priests of our parishes and all whose names are on the November Lists you have handed in.

HCPT As some of you might know, Lorraine Glancy from St. Bride's is a group leader with HCPT. She writes: *"The Children's Pilgrimage Trust is an organisation that takes disabled children to spend time in Lourdes with Our Lady. To allow us to do this we depend totally on donations and fund raising events."* Several of our parishioners have gone to Lourdes as helpers with HCPT and the late Deacon David Forsyth was a big supporter of the trust. **This weekend in our parishes there will be a retiring door collection for the work of HCPT.**

Newsletter Delivery The delivery of the weekly bulletins offers invaluable outreach to our larger parish community in Arbroath. Are there any parishioners willing to deliver bulletins in their local area on a weekly basis or to provide cover from time to time when the usual distributors are away? If you're able to help (and it doesn't take that much time each week!), please get in touch with myself or contact Chris Boyle on 07923 065119 or by email at chrisboyle1965@gmail.com.

St. Anne's Coffee Morning The recent Coffee Morning raised £900. Many thanks to the faithful few who supported this event.

Rite of Enrolment Next Sunday we welcome to the 10.45 a.m. Mass in St. Thomas', the boys and girls of Primary 4, who will formally begin their preparations for receiving the sacraments next year.

SERVICES IN THE COASTAL PARISHES

Monday 20th November

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30a.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 21st November *Memorial of the Presentation 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. followed by novena to St. Antony.

Wednesday 22nd November *Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; **St. Mary's Home:** Mass at 6.30 p.m.; **St. Anne's:** Mass at 7 p.m.

Thursday 23rd November

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 24th November *Memorial of St. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions, Martyrs*

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 25th November

St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; **St. Bride's:** Mass at 9.30 a.m.; Confessions from 4 to 4.30 p.m.

Carnoustie Churches Christmas Leaflet As you may know the Carnoustie Churches organise a leaflet each year with details of the various churches Christmas Services. St. Anne's is proud to be part of the venture. Volunteers are needed to help deliver the leaflet to the various houses around the town. St. Anne's have been allocated the following streets: **Victoria St; The Maltings Flats on Victoria St; Wards Ave; McBride Dr; Thomas St (up to Westfield St); Anderson St; Thomas Court; Thomas Ave; James St (up to Taymouth Tce); Taymouth Tce; Gibson St; Westfield St; Westfield Pl; Greenlaw Pl; Greenside Pl; Ravensby Rd; Tiger Beech Drive; Silport Pl; James St (up to Taymouth Tce).** If you would like to help please let me know.

Money Counters In both St. Anne's and St. Thomas' we are looking for new members to join the team who count the weekly collections. Would you like to help out? If so, please let me know.

Next weekend, the various changes to our celebration of Mass take effect. With regards the purification of the vessels, a few clarifications:

On Sundays, the ministers place the vessels on the altar after Communion. The priest will purify them there and then the servers will take them to the credence table. After Mass, the servers will bring the vessels into the sacristy for the ministers to wash. At weekday Mass, the minister will bring the vessels in after Mass. Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.