

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfilment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfilment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

List of the Special Collections for 2018

The African Missions

28th January:- 4th Sunday of the Year

Catholic Education Service

11th February:- 6th Sunday of the Year

The Sick & Retired Priests Fund

18th February:- 1st Sunday of Lent

Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF)

11th March:- 4th Sunday of Lent

Holy Places 30th March:- Good Friday

The Apostolate of Communications

13th May:- 7th Sunday of Easter

The Day for Life 20th May:- Pentecost

Peter's Pence

1st July:- 13th Sunday of the Year

The Apostleship of the Sea

8th July:- 14th Sunday of the Year

Mensal Fund

5th August:- 18th Sunday of the Year

The Ecclesiastical Students Fund

16th September:- 24th Sunday of the Year

Mission Sunday

21st October:- 29th Sunday of the Year

Poor Mission Fund

2nd December:- 1st Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday in Ordinary time

21st January 2018

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Year B

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Welcome to the Coastal Parishes of

St. Thomas', Arbroath;

St. Anne's, Carnoustie

and St. Bride's, Monifieth

Sunday Masses

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation—this week

St. Thomas': Monday 6.15 to 6.45 p.m.

St. Anne's: On request

St. Bride's: Saturday 4 to 4.30 p.m.

MASSES THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE WEEKDAY MASS IN ST. BRIDE'S WILL BE AT 10.30 A.M. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

Monday 22nd January

St. Anne's: 9.30 a.m.; St. Bride's: 10.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': 7 p.m.

Tuesday 23rd January

St. Anne's: 9.30 a.m. St. Thomas': 10 a.m.;

St. Bride's: 9.30 a.m. (Funeral Mass for Mary Muckersie)

Wednesday 24th January Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. Anne's: 9.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': 10 a.m.; St. Mary's Home: 6.30 p.m.

Thursday 25th January Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

St. Anne's: 9.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': 10 a.m.; St. Bride's: 10.30 a.m.

Friday 26th January Memorial of Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

St. Anne's: 9.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': 10 a.m.; St. Bride's: 10.30 a.m.

Saturday 27th January

St. Bride's: 9.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': 10 a.m.



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, 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, Frances Toshney, Isabel Carroll, Peggy McGhee, Wendy Wilcox, Marjorie Robson (Bishop Stephen's mother), Vera Swifte, Craig and Kerry McFadyen, Father Jim McCrudden, Father Andrew Clark, Carine Hill, Charlie Sharkey, Bernard Colvin

those who have died recently: Mary Muckersie, Ann Lauraites,

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Father John Connolly, Allan Brown, Sheila Gardner, Jo Nicol, Patrick McGovern, Sandy Grossi, Anthony Jones, Roy Walker, Emilio Zaccarini, John Scanlan, Jim Bolland, Margaret Gethins, Mary Ann McCabe, John McCabe, William Scott, Robert and Ellen Beeny, Margaret Rae, Anthony Van der Kuyl, Bridget Cosgrove, Henry Carrie, Alfred Farrell, Hilda Primrose, Ronald Sutherland, Rose Anne Forsyth, Brian Forsyth, Craig Stephen, Bernard McGeoghegan, Francis McGeoghegan, Helen Docherty, Christopher Ward.



The next Nightfever
will hopefully take
place in the cathedral
on **Saturday 3rd**
February.



St Patrick's Night
Advance notice of a St. Patrick's
Night Party in St. Bride's Hall on
Saturday 17th March.
More details soon!

Many thanks for your continued generosity in the parishes. The collections last Sunday were: £785 in Monifieth, £371 in Carnoustie and £416 in Arbroath. The special collection for Justice and Peace raised were: £390 in Monifieth; £109 in Carnoustie and £96 in Arbroath.

There will be a special collection for the African Missions next weekend.

Education Sunday Next Sunday is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. During this Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect on how we are "Serving the Common Good" in our homes, schools and parishes. If you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools, please contact the Scottish Catholic Education Service: mail@scses.uk.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th—25th January. Our annual joint service with the Arbroath West Kirk, will take place in St. Thomas' **this afternoon at 2 p.m.** Please come along and support this event.

Ministries: *A reminder that if you are performing a ministry in any of the three parishes, please make sure that you arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass begins.*

Sacraments Meeting for the parents/carers of children in C4 of St. Bride's Catechism will take place on **Tuesday 30 January at 6.30 p.m.** in the hall.

Thank-You: As mentioned previously, I would like to invite all who perform a ministry in any of our three parishes to a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a buffet reception. This will take place on **Wednesday 7th February at 7pm** in St. Anne's.

Bishop's Pastoral Visit: Bishop Stephen will be making his annual pastoral visit to the coastal parishes at the beginning of February. On Sunday 4th February he will celebrate the 10am Mass in St. Anne's and 11.30am Mass in St. Bride's. The following weekend on Saturday 10th February, he will celebrate the Vigil Mass in St. Bride's and on Sunday 11th February, he will celebrate the 10.45am Mass in St. Thomas'.

St. Anne's PPC will meet on Monday evening at 6pm in the hall.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 13-20 July 2018. This year is the 160th anniversary of Our Lady appearing to St. Bernadette. To book online please go to www.joewalstours.co.uk Booking forms will be available in the parishes soon.

Fr. Jim Walls writes: *"A Mass of Thanksgiving for Cathie Walls' 90th birthday & Fr. Greg Murphy's 60th birthday will be held in Our Lady of Sorrows, Dundee on Friday 16th February at 6pm with refreshments to follow. All most welcome."*

Journey of Faith: Canon Kevin will be leading sessions of this in the Pastoral Centre, Lawside Road, Dundee on Wednesdays from 7.30—9 p.m. See poster in churches for more details.

Altar Servers: We are recruiting new servers for St. Thomas'. If any of our young boys or girls in P5 upwards and who have made their First Communion, would be interested in training to serve on the altar, there will be a meeting after Mass in the church next Sunday.

Tea/coffee A reminder that tea and coffee is served in the hall at St. Thomas' after Mass every Sunday. Come along for a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners.

St. Bride's Finance Teams Could I possible meet with the finance teams from St. Bride's after Mass next Sunday.

Adoration: There will be Eucharistic Adoration in St. Thomas' next Friday from after Mass until 3.45 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world." Pope Saint John Paul II