

Many of us observed Good Friday with some combination of quiet prayer, reverence, reflection, and attendance at the traditional Good Friday service where we venerated the cross, prayed the Intercessions, and received the Holy Eucharist. Some attended the peaceful Night Prayer around the cross. Elsewhere in the world, however, there were occurrences of violence, great suffering and evil. St Thomas' parishioner Alex Holmes sent the following account of his experience of Good Friday in Calais. He is a volunteer aid worker for 6 weeks at a time, living in the Catholic Worker House for refugees and migrants in that city.

In the early morning quiet of the chapel, a hobbling step. Abel falls prostrate before the image of the Trinity. Back once more on his feet, he limps from icon to icon, touching each of them, kissing each of them: the Trinity, Mary and the Child Jesus, Jesus Divine Mercy, the angel Mikael. His feet are bare, his ankle swollen from the beating he received on Holy Thursday from the riot police; the same ankle that had barely recovered from a beating two weeks previously.

Mikael and Hailab came into the house on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Their friend Sumara had been killed earlier that day on the motorway jumping from a lorry.

Friday, Sylvan from Auberge des Migrants has made arrangements for them to see Sumara's body in the Lille mortuary, 130 kilometres away. Mikael will come and another friend Bini and at the last moment, an older man, Josef.

Lille mortuary. We ring the bell. No one appears, so we push open the door, enter the reception area and wait. The reception area is undergoing a make-over; there's a pungent smell of paint, protective plastic has been taped to the floor. We stand silently and a little awkwardly. A grey-bearded medic in a white coat eventually emerges from a door. We say why we are here and are asked to sit in the waiting room.

A teenage boy is on his phone outside the main entrance, his chat audible through the thick glass of the door. A younger girl appears from somewhere behind the waiting room, joins the boy, speaks on her phone then comes back in, disappearing into the place from which she had not long emerged. It is only when we are led to Mortuary Room Two where Sumara lies that it becomes clear that the two children are visiting someone in Mortuary Room One.

Our silent vigil continues in the waiting room until the grey bearded medic appears once more and ushers us into Mortuary Room Two closing the door behind us. We stand, the five of us, Sylvan, Bini, Josef, Mikael and myself, looking at Sumara's corpse. A white sheet covers him from foot to neck. His dark young head looks disproportionately small set within the spread of whiteness. Bar a dressing taped to the skin above the left eye, his face is unmarked from the accident. Josef asks if they can look at his body. Perhaps because his facial features are as they last saw him, they don't believe he is dead. I go back out and ask the medic who says it is not a good idea. He explains that because there has been an autopsy, the body will be in state that would shock. I tell this to the three guys, adding that Sylvan and I will leave them to be alone with Sumara. If they wish to peel back the white sheet, it is their choice. They stay on for five minutes with their friend; we leave.

*Prayer time.* The doorbell. Could we take an underage boy, Yonas. The two who have brought him to the door apologise saying they have tried to find him other accommodation, that he feels very frightened and they can find no place for him. We welcome him. As an Eritrean, we tell him, he will be at home here: we only have Eritreans in the house at the moment. He comes to night prayer and speaks afterwards in good English of how he was the only Christian amongst Afghan Muslims in the underage centre where he had been placed. They bullied him mercilessly. "I don't mind if people are Christian or Muslim or whatever; it is no problem for me. For them, big, big problem that I am Christian". His is grazed the length of his nose and across his chin. The silver stud in his left ear glints like a night star, a hint of Easter.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

29th April 2018

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to the Parishes of  
St. Thomas of Canterbury, Arbroath;  
St. Anne, Carnoustie  
and St. Bride, 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—6.45 p.m.

St. Anne's: on request before Sunday Mass

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

### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### Monday 30th April

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

St. Thomas': 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday 1st May *St. Joseph the Worker*

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

St. Bride's: 10.30 a.m.

#### Wednesday 2nd May *St. Athanasius*

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

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

#### Thursday 3rd May *Ss. Philip and James*

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

St. Bride's: 10.30 a.m.

#### Friday 4th May

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

St. Bride's: 10.30 a.m.

#### Saturday 5th May

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



### ROSARY ON THE COAST

This afternoon in St. Thomas'  
Garden, Arbroath

2.00-2.30pm: Gather at St. Thomas' garden

2.45pm: Invocation of the Holy Spirit and  
Prayers of Protection

2.50pm: Act of Contrition; Scripture Readings

3.00pm: Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy  
Rosary

3.30pm: Litany of Our Lady

3.40pm: Prayer invoking St. Joseph

3.50pm: Litany invoking Saints of the British  
Isles

Please come along be part of this worthwhile event!

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Bishop Vincent Logan, Jane Higgins, George Hill, Eddie Lebida, Jessie Low, Alison Oakes, Debbie McArthur, 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, Rea 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 McCruden, Father Andrew Clark, Carine Hill, Bernard Colvin, Sister Marie Claver LSP, Brian Duncan, Mgr. Kenneth McBride, Baby Emily Irvine, Richard Fish, Tony Sequitin Osorio

**those who have died recently:**

**and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Canon Michael Milton, Kenneth McLeod, Ron Gimson, Margaret Brown, William Conway, John Dowie, Francis Cooper, Angelo Olive, Mabel Campbell, Gordon Caird, Jean Phipps, John Chalmers, Alice Ross, Grace Farrell, Mary Helen Rae, Marjorie Bain, Walter Crawford, Winnie McElwee, Mairi Cameron, Agnes Somers, Joan Lithgow, James Cairnie, James Gorrie, Andrew Gray, Gordon Robertson, Gerry Hughes, Douglas Cargill, Maria Gordon,

### ***FORTHCOMING EVENTS***

**Thursday 10th May: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation**

**Tuesday 22nd May:** "The Claim", a film about Bl. Oscar Romero shown in St. Bride's Hall

**Saturday 26th May at 11 a.m.:** First Holy Communions in St. Bride's

**Sunday 27th May at 10.45 a.m.:** First Holy Communions in St. Thomas'

**Thursday 31st May at 7 p.m.:** In Praise of Our Lady—An evening of hymns and reflections in honour of Our Lady.

**Sunday 3rd June at 3 p.m.:** Diocesan Blessed Sacrament Procession, Lawside Convent Chapel.

**Thursday 7th June at 7 p.m.:** Annual Education Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee.

**Thursday 28th June at 7 p.m.:** Ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Andrew Marshall, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee.

**Friday 29th June: Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Saturday 30th June at 10 a.m.:** Mass of Thanksgiving offered by newly ordained Fr. Andrew Marshall in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

Many thanks for your continued generosity in the parishes. The offertory collections last Sunday were: £697 in Monifieth, £425 in Carnoustie and £464 in Arbroath.

**SCIAF Wee Boxes** Many thanks for your generosity to this year's appeal. Thanks also to those who took on the task of counting the contents of the boxes! This week I hope to send off to SCIAF cheques from the three parishes for the following amounts: **£600 in St. Bride's; £2,264 in St. Anne's and £623 in St. Thomas'.**

**I acknowledge with thanks the recent donation from the Sunday evening group who use St. Anne's Hall.**

**St. Anne's Curry Night:** Tri parish Social Curry night in St Anne's on **Friday 18th May at 7pm.** Tickets £5, children free, all welcome. Tickets on sale at the back of the church or phone Margaret McKinlay (07729504820 or 01241 852002) or phone Sheena Barnett 07938922717. Raffle prizes for this event will be much appreciated.

**SCOTTISH FEDERATION OF ORGANISTS** The annual Conference of the Scottish Federation of Organists (SFO) (of which Sheriff Kevin Veal is the Scottish President) will be held in Dundee on 4 and 5 May 2018. There are 2 public concerts, both of which will be of the highest calibre, and to which you are very warmly invited.

**Friday 4 May 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

in St Mary Magdalene's Episcopal Church, Dundee. Organ and brass recital with Gordon Stewart (organ) and the Alba Brass Consort. Tickets £7 payable at door. Accompanied children (with adult) do not pay and attend free.

**Saturday 5 May 2018 at 2.30 p.m.**

in the Caird Hall, Dundee. Celebrity organ recital by Martin Baker, Organist and Master of the Music at Westminster Cathedral, and President of the Royal College of Organists. Tickets are available from the Caird Hall Box Office and are also priced at £7. Accompanied children (with adult) do not pay and attend free.

**Contact the Elderly:** Is a charity in Angus, which provides free afternoon teas on one Sunday a month from 2.00-4.00pm for lonely older people. At the moment there are several groups in the Angus area, with one in the Carnoustie/Monifieth area. At the moment they are looking for volunteers to help with hosting afternoon tea in their home or another suitable location. For more information contact Jean Malcolm on 01356 660238 or visit [www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk](http://www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk)

**A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat** for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Tuesday 8th - Thursday, 10th May, 2018. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call Sister Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Marene via the enquiry form on the website [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

**HOLY HOUR OF DEVOTION TO MARY, MOTHER AND QUEEN OF FAMILIES** will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, on **Sunday, 13th May, at 2.30 p.m.**

**St. Anne's Prayer Group:** We have a small group of ladies who meet on the first Tuesday of every month to pray for our children and families. This is held after morning Mass and lasts about forty minutes. If you are interested please contact Wendy Stewart either in person or just turn up. You will be most welcome.