

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. So, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem, John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

### **First Confession**

In St. Bride's, the catechism children in Primary 4 will make their First Confession on **Thursday 8th March at 4 p.m.**

The Primary 4 children from St. Thomas' Primary will make their First Confession in St. Thomas' Church on **Tuesday 13th March at 6 p.m.**



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## **Third Sunday of Lent**

**25th February 2018**

*Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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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 to 6.30 p.m.**

**St. Anne's: on request before Sunday Mass**

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

### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday 5th March**

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

#### **Tuesday 6th March**

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

#### **Wednesday 7th March**

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

#### **Thursday 8th March**

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

#### **Friday 9th March**

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

#### **Saturday 10th March** *Feast of St. John Ogilvie, Priest and Martyr*

**St. Bride's: 9.30 a.m.; St. Anne's: 12.15 p.m. during retreat day.**

#### **Stations of the Cross**

**St. Bride's: Friday at 5.30 p.m.; St. Anne's on Sunday at 4 p.m.; St. Thomas': 30 mins before each weekday Mass.**

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Bishop Vincent Logan, Jane Higgins, George Hill, Eddie Levida, Jessie Low, 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, 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 and Brian Duncan, Cardinal Keith O'Brien, Mgr. Kenneth McBride, Baby Emily Irvine.

**those who have died recently:** Frank Gilligan, Kathleen Stewart, Humphrey Lingane, Susan Chalmers

**and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** James Gray, Ron Mitchell, Janet Millar, Jacqueline Paine, Annie McGhee, Cornelius McFee, Stephen Yuille, Catherine McAuley, John Field, James Bridges, Len Cavin, Joe Nolan, Jemima Donnelly, Teresa King, Teresa Haughey, John Sarson, Robert Donnachie, Cecilia Paterson, Bazyl Bubalo.

### 40 Hours Adoration at St. Thomas'

#### Sunday 18th March:

Solemn Exposition begins after 10.45a.m. Mass.

Holy Hour for Vocations at 4 p.m.

Night Prayer at 8 p.m. (adoration ends)

#### Monday 19th March:

Exposition begins with Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 8.30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 11.30 a.m.

Mass at 12 noon

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m.

Holy Hour and Healing Service at 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday 20th March:

Exposition begins with Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 8.30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 11.30 a.m.

Mass at 12 noon

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m.

Closing Holy Hour at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments in the church hall.

**“We adore you O Christ and we praise You!”**

#### **The Gift of the Holy Eucharist**

Lenten Retreat Day will take place on **Saturday 10th March in St. Anne's from 10.15am to 3.15pm**

More details on posters on noticeboard. If you are interested in attending please sign up on the sheets in the church.

### The Easter Triduum

29 March—1 April

*The greatest mysteries of the redemption are celebrated yearly by the Church beginning with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and ending with Vespers of Easter Sunday. This time is called "the Triduum of the crucified, buried and risen". Please plan now to participate as best you can in the Triduum. Next Sunday you will receive the schedule of services for Holy Week and the Triduum.*

**St. Bride's Fairtrade Pancake Breakfast** takes place **this Sunday after 11.30am Mass** in the hall. *COME ON IN* is the theme for this year's Fairtrade fortnight. This year we are supporting the farmers and workers who grow our food, and all proceeds will go to SCIAF. Fairtrade has the power to change the world every day. It opens doors and helps people grow too.

**SCIAF Hunger Lunch** Many thanks to all those who supported this last Sunday. £200 was raised!

**Lenten Soup and Rolls** in St. Anne's on the Sundays of Lent after 10 a.m. Mass. Funds raised will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Many thanks for your continued generosity in the parishes. The offertory collections last Sunday were: £673 in Monifieth, £380 in Carnoustie and £377 in Arbroath. The special collection for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund raised: £340 in Monifieth, £192 in Carnoustie and £139 in Arbroath.

*Next Sunday there will be a special collection for the Papal and Episcopal Charities which includes SCIAF*

#### **St Patrick's Night—Saturday 17th March**

Tickets are now on sale for this exciting social evening. Entertainment from the St. Bride's Folk Group. Tickets cost £7 (including buffet) and are available from Eddie Mahoney 01382 532007 or any member of the St. Bride's Social Group.

**An Evening with the Swizzle Sisters** Advance notice of the return of the always popular 'Evening with the Swizzle Sisters' at St Thomas' Hall on **Saturday 21st April**. Last year's special guest Kenny Martin will be returning too. Ticket sales to follow, but meantime please save the date!

**40 Days for Life** will take place this Lent in Dundee at the East side pavement of the roundabout on Ninewells Avenue outside the entrance to the hospital. This is a peaceful prayer vigil praying for an end to abortion. The hours for the vigil are Monday to Sunday 12-2. If you would like to sign up for a regular hour or just to let the organisers know you're coming please email: 40daysdundee@gmail.com

**SPUC Coffee Morning** in St. Bride's Church Hall on **Saturday 10th March from 10 a.m. to 12noon**. All the usual stalls, and an Easter Cake raffle.

**CHOIR FOR EASTER TRIDUUM: Misia Paul writes:** "Rehearsals will take place on **Mondays 12th, 19th and 26th March at 7pm in St Anne's**. Please bring music folders and I will give you any changes and new music at the rehearsal. Musicians, if you could make the last rehearsal that would be great. If not, feel free to attend any of the others. Looking forward to working with you all."

*Cathie Walls, and Fr. Greg Murphy, wish to thank all those who turned up to celebrate their birthdays in Our Lady of Sorrows. Your friendship, prayers, support and generosity are very much appreciated. The final sum raised for the HCPT was £615.*

**St. Thomas' Hall:** Some time ago it was suggested that recognition be given to the importance of St Thomas' church hall. From 1878 until 1965 this building was the town's Catholic School. It was planned/hoped to record these years with a "memories" booklet and perhaps a plaque in the hall. Response to requests for memories by pupils up to 1965 have been very scarce. Surely everyone has school day memories, serious, scary or often humorous, not story proportions, but a few snippets or events would be interesting. Further information from Mary Taylor or Anita Walker who will be glad to have a good selection to go ahead with a booklet.

**Adoration:** There will be adoration in St. Thomas' on **Friday 9th March** from after Mass until 3.30 p.m.

**St. Anne's Curry Night** Following on from the success of the last one, it is proposed to hold another Curry Night in St. Anne's on 13 May. More details soon!

***Happy Birthday to Fr. Joseph who celebrates his 40th Birthday today!!***