

Dear Friends,

Last week at the Tri-Parish Council, I intimated some changes I would like to make to our celebration of Sunday and weekday Mass. The liturgical documents of the Church give us instructions on the way that our liturgies should be celebrated and the various vessels that should be used. These instructions tell us: *“Among the requisites for the celebration of Mass, the sacred vessels are held in special honour, and among these especially the chalice and paten, in which the bread and wine are offered and consecrated and from which they are consumed.”* (General Instruction on the Roman Missal 327)

*“Sacred vessels for containing the Body and Blood of the Lord must be made in strict conformity with the norms of tradition and of the liturgical books...Reprobated, therefore, is any practice of using for the celebration of Mass common vessels, or others lacking in quality, or devoid of all artistic merit or which are mere containers, as also **other vessels made from glass, earthenware, clay, or other materials that break easily.**”* (Redemptionis Sacramentum 117)

To this end, the various ceramic/pottery chalices and patens which are currently used in the three churches will no longer be used. When I was in Lourdes over the summer, I purchased for the three churches new patens, as my personal gift, to mark my appointment as administrator. I will bless these for use over the next three Sundays.

Another change I would like to make is regards the purification of the vessels. The instructions tell us: *“The sacred vessels are purified by the Priest, the Deacon, or an instituted acolyte after Communion or after Mass, as far as possible at the credence table. (GIRM 279). In future this means that after Communion, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will bring the paten and chalices to the altar, and the priest will purify them there. At our Sunday Masses, the Communion Thanksgiving Hymn will be sung during this, so as not to prolong Mass.*

**These changes will take effect from the weekend 25th/26th November.**

I would like to record my thanks to the sacristans and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in our three parishes, who carry out their ministries with quiet dedication, both on the altar and taking Holy Communion to our sick/housebound parishioners too. Your generosity and commitment to your ministries is greatly appreciated.

One final minor change is to the *General Intercession or Prayer of the Faithful*. In future the person reading the intercessions will say the *“Lord hear us”* or *“Lord in your goodness”* after each intercession and the priest will pray the concluding prayer on behalf of everyone. **This change will take effect from this weekend.**

Thank-you in advance for your understanding and co-operation in these matters.

God bless

Fr. Michael

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—**

**5th November 2017**

*Next Sunday—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Year A – Matthew**

Welcome to the Coastal Parishes of

St. Thomas', Arbroath;

St. Anne's, Carnoustie

and St. Bride's, Monifieth

*Diocese of Dunkeld Charity Number SC001810*

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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**



**St. Anne's Coffee Morning**  
will take place on **Saturday 11 November**

**at 10am in the Hall.**

**Any donations would be greatly appreciated as will your presence and support on the day.**

**Annual Mass for the Deceased Bishops,  
Priests and Deacons of the Diocese**

**Thursday 9th November at 12 noon**

**St. Andrew's Cathedral.**

## SERVICES IN THE COASTAL PARISHES

### Monday 6th November

**St. Anne's:** Mass at 9.30 a.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 7th 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. followed by novena to St. Antony.

### Wednesday 8th November *Memorial of Blessed John Duns Scotus, Priest*

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

### Thursday 9th November *Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

**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 10th November *Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

**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 11th November *Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*

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

**those who have died recently:** Fr. Christopher Neill, Joseph McMenemy, Mary Thompson, Daniel McKay.

**and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Emilio Becci, Peter Brady, Bob Wilson, Helen Cairnie, Paul Gardner, Mary O'Shea, Ettore Vinci, James Cunningham, Molly Scanlan, Leo Brennan, David Black, Mary Angela Kerr, William Brown, Roger Pouldin, Christopher Murray, William Rhynd, Bernard Donnelly, Alan Hilton, John Bowie, May and Vincent Harvey.

**Finance Matters** Many thanks for your continued generosity in the parishes. The offertory collections for last Sunday were: St. Bride's: £734; St. Anne's: £451 and St. Thomas': £396

**SCIAF** Last week's SCIAF door collection at St. Bride's raised £240.

**Indian School Project** The Race and craft charity event in aid of the Indian schools project at St. Bride's was a great success enjoyed by everyone. The amount raised was **£517.55** and we also received donations totalling **£1,658**. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event such a success. The final total for the project is an amazing **£9,538**. **This is almost double what we set out to raise, so a big thank-you to all in coastal parishes, cathedral, and St. Thomas' Primary who organised, helped at or attended any of the fundraising events.**

**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 and a chance to see cheerio to Fr. Peter.

**St. Bride's Altar Servers** There will be a meeting of the altar servers from St. Bride's on Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. in the hall.

**St. Bride's Ladies Christmas Meal** This will take place on Wednesday 13th December. List in the foyer to sign up and choose your meal. Deposits of £10 to Mary Chirnside asap.

**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.

**Rosary** A reminder that the rosary is recited in St. Bride's every Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. and every Saturday after morning Mass

**Finance Update** Later this month the three parishes will be audited by the Diocesan Finance Team. They will be checking to make sure that our finance and Gift Aid records are up-to-date and accurate. To prepare for this audit, I would like to meet the collection counters from each of the parishes to pass on some important changes we need to make to the way we record the collections etc. It would be 5-10 minutes at most!

**Could I meet with the St. Anne's collection counters today after Mass; St. Thomas' counters on Sunday 12th November after Mass, and St. Bride's counters on Sunday 19th November after Mass.**

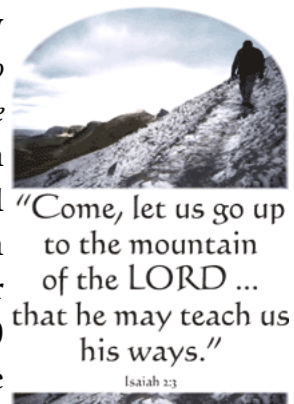
**Sacramental Preparation Meeting for P4 of St. Thomas' Primary** will take place on **Tuesday 7th November at 6 p.m.**, in St. Thomas' Church.

**Preparing for the Year of Mark** Canon Kevin will be presenting two evenings of reflection and prayer at the Pastoral Centre, Lawside Road, Dundee on **Wednesdays 8th & 15th November at 7.30pm**. Leaflets in each of the churches with more info. **Mass in St. Anne's for these two Wednesdays will be at 9.30am, to allow people to attend these talks.**

### **Advent Retreat Day**

*"Come Let Us Go Up To The Mountain Of The Lord"* Led by Canon

Kevin at the Pastoral Centre, Dundee on **Saturday 2nd December from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.** See leaflets in the churches for more info.



*"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD ... that he may teach us his ways."*

Isaiah 2:3