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A glorious summer of priestly celebrations in our diocese

Dunkeld's newest priest "nurtured in the faith"



Dunkeld Diocese welcomed a new priest as they celebrated the ordination of Fr Andrew Marshall. On Thursday June 29, a packed St Andrew's Cathedral in Dundee, saw hundreds gathered in prayer and thanksgiving for Fr Marshall, one of the country's newest and youngest priests.

Fr Andrew, a seminarian at St Mary's College in Oscott, Birmingham, was ordained by Bishop Stephen Robson on the feast of Ss Peter and Paul, with many of his family, friends, and fellow clergy in attend-

ance. Fr Andrew was also invited to preach at Dunkeld's Annual Vocation's Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral, earlier this month.

Fr Andrew recalled his emotions on his ordination day, "It was extremely uplifting not just to receive the precious gift of ordination, that I'd dreamed of receiving my whole life, but also to celebrate that with all my closest friends and family, and to have everybody together under one roof supporting me and praying for me."

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Mgr McBride retires after 56 years service

The parish priest at St Ninian's, Dundee, Mgr Ken McBride, has retired after 56 years of service in Dunkeld Diocese, but looks forward to helping out his fellow priests around the diocese for many years to come.

Bishop Stephen led the tributes to Mgr Ken, for his great service to the diocese. "I know he will be sorely missed by his people. We thank him for the great priestly example he has always given and for his genial spirit which will be missed among the priests and his people. We wish him a very happy retirement."



Mgr Ken looks back on his long and rewarding ministry:

"I have had a marvellous life as a priest and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the people of God in Dunkeld. I have met wonderful people throughout this diocese, in all the parishes in which I have served. Their witness to their faith in their daily lives has been an inspiration. As a priest, I have been able to share in their lives, in sad times, in happy times, and that has been a great privilege for which I shall always be grateful."

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Diamond Jubilarian

**A founding editor of Dunkeld News,
and celebrated communicator,
marks 60 years in the priesthood...**

Broughty Ferry's joy rings out.

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Pope Francis' letter To the People of God

Pope Francis calls on the Church to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such "atrocities"

Pope Francis writes, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and non-believers alike.

Bishop Stephen's call for prayer

Bishop Stephen says, "I am sure that we are all appalled at the extent of the sexual abuse revealed by the Grand Jury Report from the six dioceses in Pennsylvania. Over 1000 persons were abused and some 350 priests seem to have been the perpetrators."

"Arguably worse than the abuse, however, were the cover-ups by some of the bishops and cardinals of the region. The Church in the US is now in grave shock and we must pray for the victims and for the good priests and laity who are also branded by the abandonment, by so many priests, of the commitment to celibate chastity. Let us keep the Catholics of the US and the abused young men, children and women - who are victims of this appalling tragedy - in our prayers.

"The fact that most of these cases were historical does not detract in any way from the seriousness of the problem either."

Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

If one member suffers...

In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands. Mary's song is not mistaken and continues quietly to echo throughout history. For the Lord remembers the promise he made to our fathers: "he has scattered the proud in their conceit; he has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty" (Lk 1:51-53). We feel shame when we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite.

With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger when, during the

Way of the Cross composed for Good Friday 2005, he identified with the cry of pain of so many victims and exclaimed: "How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to [Christ]! How much pride, how much self-complacency! Christ's betrayal by his disciples, their unworthy reception of his body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces his heart. We can only call to him from the depths of our hearts: Kyrie eleison - Lord, save us! (cf. Mt 8:25)" (Ninth Station).

...all suffer together with it

The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way. While it is important and necessary on every journey of conversion to acknowledge the truth of what has happened, in itself this is not enough. Today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit. If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. And this in an environment where conflicts, tensions and above all the victims of every type of abuse can encounter an outstretched hand to protect them and rescue them from their pain (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 228). Such solidarity demands that we in turn condemn whatever endangers the integrity of any person. A solidarity that summons us to fight all forms of corruption, especially spiritual corruption. The latter is "a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centredness, for 'even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light' (2 Cor 11:14)" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 165). Saint Paul's exhortation to suffer with those who suffer is the best antidote against all our attempts to repeat the words of Cain: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9).

I am conscious of the effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and

ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable. We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.

Together with those efforts, every one of the baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does. For as Saint John Paul II liked to say: “If we have truly started out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he wished to be identified” (Novo Millennio Ineunte, 49). To see things as the Lord does, to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help. I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting, following the Lord’s command. This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says “never again” to every form of abuse.

It is impossible to think of a conversion of our activity as a Church that does not include the active participation of all the members of God’s People. Indeed, whenever we have tried to replace, or silence, or ignore, or reduce the People of God to small elites, we end up creating communities, projects, theological approaches, spiritualities and structures without roots, without memory, without faces, without bodies and ultimately, without lives. This is clearly seen in a peculiar way of understanding the Church’s authority, one common in many communities where sexual abuse and the abuse of power and conscience have occurred. Such is the case with clericalism, an approach that “not only nullifies the character of Christians, but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed in the heart of our people”.[3] Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say “no” to abuse is to say an emphatic “no” to all forms of clericalism.

It is always helpful to remember that “in salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in the



human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people” (Gaudete et Exsultate, 6). Consequently, the only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God. This awareness of being part of a people and a shared history will enable us to acknowledge our past sins and mistakes with a penitential openness that can allow us to be renewed from within. Without the active participation of all the Church’s members, everything being done to uproot the culture of abuse in our communities will not be successful in generating the necessary dynamics for sound and realistic change. The penitential dimension of fasting and prayer will help us as God’s People to come before the Lord and our wounded brothers and sisters as sinners imploring forgiveness and the grace of shame and conversion. In this way, we will come up with actions that can generate resources attuned to the Gospel. For “whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today’s world” (Evangelii Gaudium, 11).

It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion.

Likewise, penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other

people’s sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary. A fasting that shakes us up and leads us to be committed in truth and charity with all men and women of good will, and with society in general, to combatting all forms of the abuse of power, sexual abuse and the abuse of conscience.

In this way, we can show clearly our calling to be “a sign and instrument of communion with God and of the unity of the entire human race” (Lumen Gentium, 1).

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it”, said Saint Paul. By an attitude of prayer and penance, we will become attuned as individuals and as a community to this exhortation, so that we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation. Mary chose to stand at the foot of her Son’s cross. She did so unhesitatingly, standing firmly by Jesus’ side. In this way, she reveals the way she lived her entire life. When we experience the desolation caused by these ecclesial wounds, we will do well, with Mary, “to insist more upon prayer”, seeking to grow all the more in love and fidelity to the Church (Ignatius, Spiritual Exercises, 319). She, the first of the disciples, teaches all of us as disciples how we are to halt before the sufferings of the innocent, without excuses or cowardice. To look to Mary is to discover the model of a true follower of Christ.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them.

God called two of the most unlikely people, Peter and Paul, “It’s the most special thing



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“It was such a special occasion and something that will be indelibly etched in my memory, but most importantly in my heart. It was just so beautiful.”

Fr Marshall said his journey to the priesthood was inspired by his grandmother. “She passed on the gift of Faith to me and took me to church,” he said. “I think God used her as an aid, and to give me my vocation, and she nurtured that vocation over the years.

“She had a sense that I was called to be a priest, so she would always give me lots of advice when I was growing up on how to be a good priest, so I always had a sense of it since I was a really young lad.

“It was actually through her death, it’s quite a sad story but in a sense happy as well, because when she was dying in hospital, I ministered to her in a priestly way: praying with her, comforting her. As soon as she passed away it struck me that I was wasting my life doing what I was planning to do, and that I should be giving my life to God as a priest.”

“I taught in Korea before I went to seminary. I also taught in Germany and France, and then when I was in seminary I became a missionary for one year. I was discerning a missionary call, and I went to Uganda to work in a parish to discern my vocation, but also to teach English in a philosophy institute.”

Fr Andrew said his ordination was the “most special thing this side of Heaven.”

“A priest friend said to me it’s the most powerful thing that exists this side of Heaven, the power that the priest channels from God to the people. It’s such a wonderful, fulfilling and rewarding life, to be able to help people in the many priestly ways and to bring Christ to God’s people and to bring God’s people to Christ. There’s nothing more special than that. I think it is the most special thing this side of Heaven, to be able to be used by Christ as an instrument in those wonderful ways.”

Among those at Fr Andrew Marshall’s ordination was a faithful busload of parish-



Fr Andrew gives a blessing a friend, Corrie, after the ordination Mass



The sanctuary was filled to capacity to welcome Fr Andrew to the priesthood

to be his apostles, and look what happened to them! ng this side of heaven...”



Dunkeld's Vocations Director, Fr Michael Carrie vests the newly ordained priest

ioners from St Joseph's Church in Burntisland, along with the parish priest Fr James Tracey, as well as other parishioners who made their own way up to the cathedral for the 'lovely' ordination Mass.

It was in St Joseph's Church, Fr Tracey noted, that Fr Andrew described himself as having received 'the gift of Faith' at the church 'where his vocation was fostered,' serving as an altar server.

Also at the packed cathedral on Thursday, which saw an incredible number of around 50 priests concelebrating Mass together on the altar, was Fr Michael Carrie, who is the Vocations Director for Dunkeld Diocese, and spent time in seminary with Fr Marshall during his time in Rome.

"The cathedral was full; there were lots of priests there," Fr Carrie said. "It was nice to see the full sanctuary with priests both from the diocese and from further afield.

"I've known Andrew for a while because we were students together in Rome, and then Andrew decided to take some time out and went off to do work as a missionary, and then went to Korea to teach English before he started back at Oscott to finish his studies. So it was nice to see all that hard work culminating in his ordination."

He added that "the bishop was always pleased to welcome a new priest to the diocese, and that it's nice for the people as well to see there's someone giving their life to God, to serve the Church as a priest."

As Vocations Director for Dunkeld Diocese, Fr Michael also encouraged any men who are considering to the priesthood to 'continue to pray about it, to continue to discern.

"God calls people from all sorts of backgrounds," he said, drawing on Ss Peter and Paul, whose feast days were celebrated on the day of Fr Andrew's ordination, as an example. God called two of the most unlikely people, Peter and Paul, to be his apostles, and look what happened to them."

"It doesn't mean one day you might end up as Pope, but God calls us and we might not feel that we are ready to serve Him, but as part of the discernment process God prepares us and makes us as good a people as we can be, and good priests. If people do feel called to be a priest, just to get in touch with their vocations director or in touch with their parish priest just to chat about it with them, and continue to pray for vocations, that more young men will hear the call of God to serve Him in the Church."

Following the joyful occasion of his ordination, the new priest made a warm return to Burntisland for his First Mass, followed by continued celebrations in the church hall and outside afterwards. Fr Marshall returned once again to St Andrew's Cathedral in Dundee to celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass, as many came to join the new clergyman in praising God for this new shepherd for Dunkeld, and indeed Scotland's wider Catholic community.



St Joseph's, Burntisland - Fr Andrew's First Mass - Photograph courtesy of Eddie Mahoney



Bishop Stephen, Fr Tony McCarthy and Mgr Basil O'Sullivan

Fr Anthony McCarthy celebrates 60 years with a Papal Blessing and an invitation from Pope Francis

Bishop Stephen Robson and priests from throughout Dunkeld Diocese, and beyond, attended Mass (on Friday 22nd June) at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Broughty Ferry in honour of the Fr Anthony McCarthy's 60th Anniversary as a priest.

Fr Tony was born in Cork and studied for the priesthood at All Hallows College, Dublin. He was ordained priest for Dunkeld on 22nd June 1958 by Archbishop Patrick Skinner CMI of Newfoundland.

Mgr Hugh McNally gave the homily during which he recall Fr Tony's faithful years of service in Dunkeld Diocese.

"Since his ordination he has served in the following parishes: curate at St Serf's, High-valleyfield 1958-1962; curate at St Patrick's, Dundee 1962-1964; curate at St John's, Perth 1964-1971; parish priest of Holy Cross, Strathtay 1971-1973; parish priest of St Bride's, Pitlochry 1973-1977 and parish priest of St Fillan's, Crieff 1977-1984."

Fr Tony has served the last 34 years as parish priest in the Ferry. And, as the mid-summer's evening sun lit up the beauty of the tapestries and stained glass that have been added to the glory of the church over these years, they shone out as a testimony to his great work in the parish.

Indeed, rather than accepting a gift for himself, Fr Tony asked that parishioners

might contribute to the installation of a new melody on Our Lady's carillon in the bell tower.

Bishop Stephen described Fr Tony's achievement as "a wonderful milestone! I, along with all our priests, deacons, religious and parishioners, would like to congratulate Fr Tony on achieving this great milestone. When the Lord calls, he always promises to supply the graces necessary to follow and serve him well. Fr Tony is the third of our triumvirate of Diamond Jubiliarians still in active priestly service in our diocese."

"Together with fellow jubilarian, Mon-

signor Basil O'Sullivan (Dunblane), Fr Tony was trained at the great All Hallows's Seminary, Maynooth, in his native Ireland. Within a few days, Dundee born Monsignor Charles Hendry (Perth) will celebrate his 63rd anniversary. When the Lord calls, he always promises to supply the graces necessary to follow and serve him well."

Fr Tony received a Papal Blessing, arranged for him by Fr Mark Cassidy who is returning to the diocese from Scot's College in Rome. Fr Tony also is especially excited by an invitation to Rome, on St Andrew's Day, to which, together with other great jubiliarians, he has been invited to celebrate Mass with Pope Francis.



Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry - (QR code link to Mgr McNally's Homily)

“I thank God every day that He called me to be a priest”

That's the view of Mgr Ken McBride as he retires after 56 years of active ministry in our diocese

Faith and the Church were central to the McBride family. Mgr Ken's father Tom was a most gifted musician, and was organist at St Andrew's Cathedral in Dundee for many years. His mother Bella, who sang in the Cathedral Choir, was President of the Diocesan UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) and also National President of the organisation.

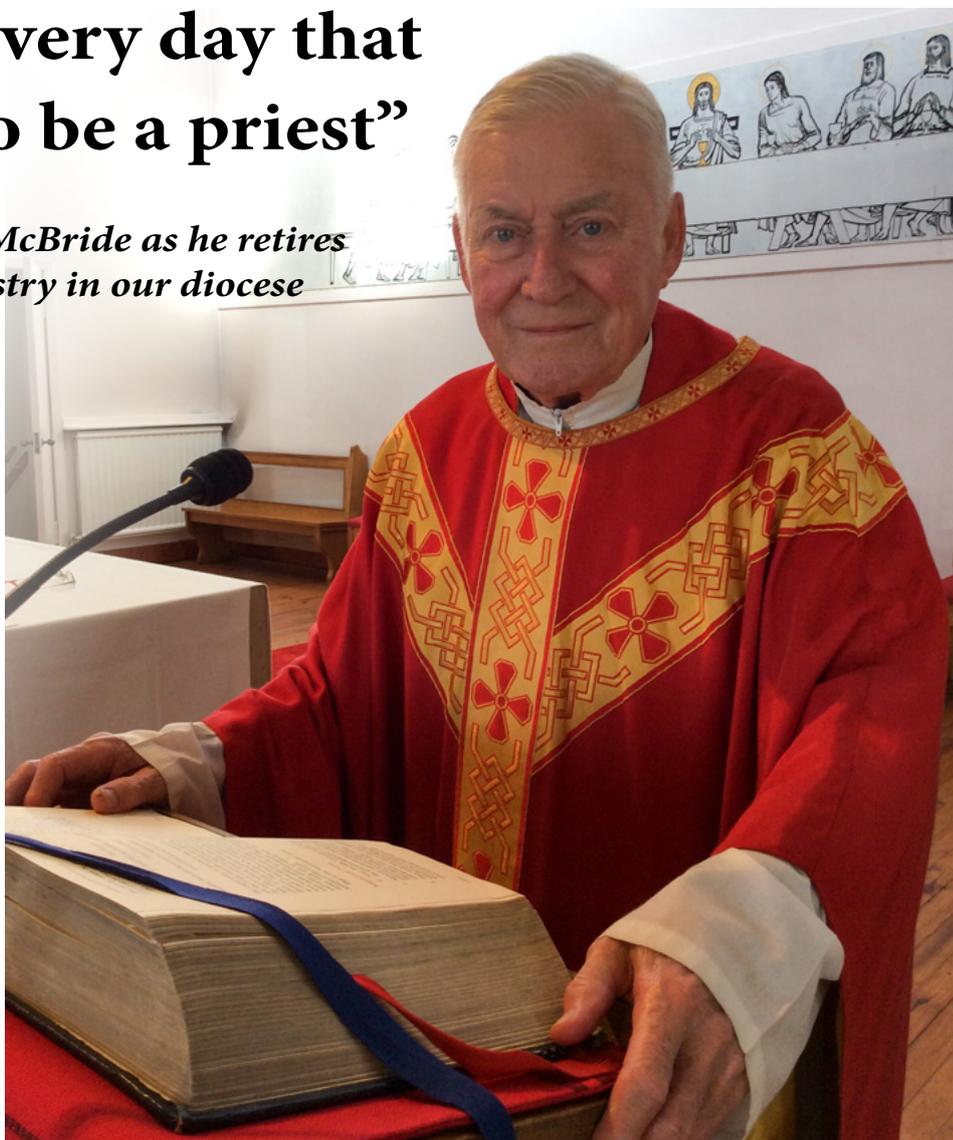
Tom and Bella had four children, Sheila, Kenneth, Michael and Andrew. All four inherited their parents musical talent, though Mgr Ken admits that Sheila and Michael were outstanding. Michael, who died three years ago, followed in his father's footsteps and was for many years organist in the Cathedral.

Mgr Ken was educated at Lawside Academy before going to the National Junior Seminary, Blairs College. He continued his studies for the Priesthood at the Royal Scots College in Valladolid, Spain. Among his classmates were three other Dunkeld priests, Charlie Adamson, Hugh Sreenan and David Ward. Too young to be ordained, he was sent to Rome to study for two years.

Mgr Ken was ordained by Bishop William Andrew Hart in St Andrew's Cathedral in 1962. His first appointment was as curate to Mgr John Coogan in St John's, Perth. His time in the Fair City saw him serve as prison chaplain and chaplain to young offenders. He also served in Newport and Tayport, a great joy for him as it meant he could be close to his beloved boat which was berthed in Tayport Harbour.

During that time he was Chaplain to RAF Leuchars. A gifted photographer, Mgr Ken's time in Tayport brought him into contact with one of Scotland's greatest photographers, Joe Mackenzie, and the two became firm friends.

In the 50s, the McBride family had been one of the first to be housed in one of Dundee's new schemes, Douglas and Angus, and they became very involved in the new parish of St Pius' X. Mgr McBride was delighted to be appointed parish priest of his home parish in 1981, the appointment giving him a chance to renew friendships



with many families with whom he grew up.

Bishop Vincent Logan appointed Mgr Ken as the Cathedral Administrator. He also became a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter, latterly serving as Provost. He was also Catholic Chaplain to Dundee University, a role he loved. 172 Perth Road, which housed the Chaplaincy, was home to many students over the years, all of whom enjoyed Mgr's wise counsel and generous hospitality, especially Mike McBride's cooking! Many of those who were students during his time as Chaplain have remained friends and often return to Dundee to visit him.

He says, "I was very lucky to be part of an excellent ecumenical team at the Chaplaincy, all of whom worked together to do their best for the students."

When the Chaplaincy moved to St Joseph's in Wilkie's Lane, Mgr Ken, along with the students and many of their friends, transformed the basement there into a beautiful chapel.

"I have marvellous memories of that time. The students and many parishioners

who were friends of the chaplaincy, worked so hard to create a beautiful place of worship. It was a joy to say Mass there."

Seventeen years ago, Mgr Ken was appointed to St Ninian's in the Menzieshill area of Dundee. He says he has loved his time there and has particularly enjoyed being Chaplain to the school. School Masses were always a highlight and he just loved the children's singing.

During that time, he celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination and to mark the occasion Bishop Vincent had him appointed a Prelate of Honour to the Holy Father, giving him the title of Monsignor.

Mgr Ken says, "I will miss being a parish priest, but I know this is the right time to step down. However, I hope to continue my ministry by supplying for my brother priests if needed."

"I have been very blessed throughout my Priesthood, in the Bishops I have served, in my fellow priests and in the parishioners I have known. I would do it all again tomorrow. I have had a great life as God's priest."

NEWS AND PICTURES FROM



Trinity Sunday saw the celebration of First Holy Communion for children from St Bride's, Monifieth (below) and St Thomas', Arbroath (above) with Fr Michael Carrie



Members of Perth's Italian Circle with Mgr Hendry and Mgr Aldo (left) after Mass at the Italian Chapel



Deacon Ron Wylie and Fr Leszek Wiececzek SAC with Bishop Stephen for Confirmations at St Joseph's, Dundee



St Anne's Carnoustie, St Bride's Monifieth, and St Thomas Arbroath, took part in a sponsored walk from Carnoustie to Arbroath raising over £2000 for refugee charities.



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Headteacher, Mr John Neeson, and Diocesan Primary RE Advisor Mrs Mary O'Duffin, with pupils from St Andrew's Primary School, Dundee, and the Icon marking 100 years of Catholic Education in Scotland at the Annual School Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral



Members the Society, Men and their invited speaker w

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(right)
el, Orkney.



Pat McGoldrick received the Papal Award, Benemerenti, in recognition of many years of service at St Mary's Forebank, as an active member of the parish's Society of St Vincent de Paul as well as for her role on the Diocesan Lourdes Committee.



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Fr Martin Pletts with parishioners at St James', Kinross, welcoming members of the Legion of Mary on their week-long mission to the parish.



Martin Drysdale and Fr Bogdan Palka SDS, with staff of St John's Academy, Perth, the children on their First Communion Day at St John the Baptist's Church, Perth.



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour parishioners, John and Sheila Cullivan celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary in Auchterarder. Photo by Sheila Perera



of St Joseph International, went to Arbroath on retreat. Around 70 men took part was Fr Michał Legan from Częstochowa. The theme was 'Jesus - New Face of Man'.

Mary O'Duffin



Journeying in the Eucharist: First Communions and beyond...

One of the delightful sights in the late Spring and early summer across our Diocese is the wonderful sight of our children across parishes and schools seen in their fine clothes, eagerly anticipating their first full celebration of the Eucharist. The beginning of a lifelong journey of Faith.

I recently had the opportunity to listen for Fr Nick King SJ converse about the Gospel of St Luke. What I heard surprised and enchanted me. He talked of how St Luke described the unfolding discovery of the life of Jesus in his Gospel. This is the wondrous account of how God comes close to us in a way that we can understand – fully human, compassionate and personal. Listening, conversing; teaching and healing; accompanying all manner of people in the midst of their everyday lives – and proclaiming the Kingdom of God and the love of the Father. In this journeying together, we rejoice with Jesus in his ministry; stand beside him in his mission, even when that mission provokes the criticism and disapproval of others. We see his love and devotion to us lead him to suffering and death – and in the midst of our near – despair we are brought to a new and deeper understanding of his closeness to us in the presence of the Risen Jesus.

It is a closer look at one such experience of the Risen Jesus that I invite you consider – speaking to you now – as a model of our own journey through everyday life and how the life of faith and Jesus, our Risen Lord, meets us where we are – and invites us to be transformed and strengthened in a life of freedom and joy.

Fr Nick described the familiar narrative of the Disciples on the Road to Emmaus, found in the Gospel of Luke Chapter 14, in verses 13-35.

The two disciples had heard tell of the Resurrection, but troubled and afraid they

were walking in the opposite direction of all the clamour and surprise. They were anxious and fearful, walking towards Emmaus. This is like us, even as we gather to celebrate The Eucharist. We know the truth of the presence and care of God – but somehow we remain full of confusion and upset.

We know our weaknesses but we cannot imagine our strengths. Just as the Disciples on the road to Emmaus, we come before the Lord, whom we hardly recognise and pour out our troubles, doubts, failings and fears. We are listened to sympathetically and however fragile and frail our hearts, we are met with loving forgiveness. This part of the account reminds us of the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass when we cry out, “Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have Mercy!”

As the two disciples walk companionably along the road, The Risen Jesus, as yet unrecognised, walks beside them, accompanying them and patiently explaining the scriptures to them; accepting their doubts and lack of courage – but drawing them, attracting them to the realisation of the truth, mercy and comfort of God’s plans for them. We are these fearful and often uncertain disciples, as we listen to the Word of God in the readings of Mass; opening our hearts and minds to the gentle and persistent call of God to a new way of living, loving and believing.

Like the disciples, we need the company and warmth of relationship. The familiarity of a meal shared together. Like them we ask The Risen Lord to remain with us, and generous and compassionate friend that he is, he always remains with us, abides with us, making his presence felt especially when we call on him and yearn for a sign of his presence...

Preparations are made for a shared meal. Humble offerings of earthly things; bread

and wine; our humble hearts full of longing and desire.

The Risen Jesus breaks the bread and in that graced moment, the two Disciples recognise him in the breaking of bread. He seems to vanish from sight but they reflect on the pattern of his presence with them – forgiveness, teaching through the scriptures and the gift of his very self in the form of The Eucharist.

It is in gratitude and remembrance that they are strengthened to deeper faith. This is true for all of us when we open our hearts to the mystery and grace of The Eucharist. Like them, our hearts burn within us. We remember times of the Risen Lord’s presence to us: through the parents and grandparents who loved us and cherished us: who cared enough for us to share with us this beautiful treasure of Faith; this gift that is not diminished by being shared but strengthened and made brave in the sharing. Let us cherish the great gift of this Blessed Communion; this glimpse of heaven on earth; this ancient beauty ever new.

May we rejoice as these two disciples rejoiced – share that joy with our young people by accompanying them in faith and especially in supporting them on their life’s journey, fed and strengthened for the journey of life by the Bread of Eternal life. May all of our hearts burn within us in this joyful and wondrous season of First Communion and may we move from uncertainty and fearfulness to the true joy and freedom of being children of God, accompanied and in conversation with the Risen Jesus, The Lord of Life.

Thanks to Fr Nick King SJ who so inspired me in seeing the Eucharist more clearly through praying with The Road to Emmaus at Glasgow Living Theology, May 2018



Fr Tobias Okoro celebrates the gift of priesthood at **Silver Jubilee Mass in Forfar**

Fr Tobias Okoro celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at St Fergus', Forfar, on Sunday 29th July.

Bishop Stephen Robson led the many warm tributes to Fr Tobias whose ministry spans so many communities. Ordained in his home diocese of Okigwe, in Nigeria. Fr Tobias worked in Germany while he was studying at Leuven in Belgium, before settling in Scotland where he served as parish priest at St Bride's, Pitlochry, Our Lady of Mercy, Aberfeldy and St Columba's, Birnam, before taking up his present appointments at St Fergus', Forfar and St Anthony's, Kirriemuir.

Fr Tobias was amazed at the attendance at the Mass which he described as a powerful indication of the great number who have been touched by his priestly ministry. In a homily during the Mass with priests from across Dunkeld Diocese and beyond. His colleague, Fr Gregory Umunna, parish priest at Blairgowrie, described Fr Tobias not only as an inspiring priest, but also as a man who draws inspiration from the commitment of others."

A hallmark of Fr Tobias' priesthood has been his support for the needy, especially witnessed in the many projects he has engaged in, raising funds, to build classrooms and digging a borehole serving water to communities in his native land.

It was a great sadness that Fr Tobias' parents could not be granted a UK visa in time to attend the celebrations, but his sister, Joan Ndidi Egemonu and his brother Chima Emmanuel Okoro received a warm welcome among the many other guests that packed the church.

Members of Nzuko Ndi Igbo Dundee and the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary lit up the celebration with traditional song and dance, including for the Creed and the Offertory – moments that drew spontaneous and prolonged applause from a delighted congregation.

Former parishioners from the German parishes of St Peter's, Teterow, and the Holy Family, Matgendorf, added their voices to the entertainment which followed the Mass. A great banquet, with food from many traditions, had been prepared after-



wards in the church hall. For the gastronomists, Forfar Bridies were also available.

Fr Tobias paid tribute to all who had helped organise the celebration and for the joy of his priestly service. "I cannot thank God enough for the gift of my priesthood and the wonderful people from whose generosity I have benefited all these 25 years of service to the people of God. As I look forward to the future, I pray for God's grace to sustain me in the priesthood to the end, and blessings on all who have helped and supported me in any way in my priestly ministry."



dunkeld youth service - in the netherlands

During the summer, the Dunkeld Youth Service facilitated a group of young people to take part in a Life Teen Summer Camp in the Netherlands.

Alongside teens from several other countries, including Germany, America, the Netherlands, and Spain, the group had a busy week filled with group activities, messy games and theological lessons, centred on the theme 'Heart of God'. The teens, aged between 14 and 19, explored their faith and their relationship with God and each other. The week was intense, emotionally and physically, and very educational. The following are a few short summaries from the group, detailing their own personal experiences:

To start, I would say that it was one of the most wonderful weeks of my life, and one of the best experiences I have had in my entire life. I've made a lot of friends and I've really learned what makes a 'real' friend. To be honest some of the friends I have known for about three or four years would miss me less than the friends I've made for only a week on this camp. I've also developed a deeper relationship with Jesus. For me, the best moments I had in this camp were the talent show, where we had a lot of fun and the small group times which were basically

reflections on some questions about us and Jesus. One of the hard times I had in this week was the confession night, because after confessing we had some time to think about our life or just giving this time to Jesus and it was by far one of the deepest reflections I have experienced in my life. Another hard time I had during this week was when everybody left because it was so sad and we wanted to stay for even longer. I would definitely go back next year and look forward to giving myself to Jesus and all my friends.
- Jordan Simonet, 15

I was so excited about returning to Life Teen as I felt so at home the last time. However, nothing could have prepared me for the joy that I felt this year and the sadness about leaving my friends at the end of the week. My best moment was in adoration when we were singing a song that is especially close to my heart. I deepened my friendships from last year and managed to create new ones. I would strongly urge any young person to go to Life Teen as it is so enriching and such a special place. I can't wait to go back again. - Lauren Quinn, 18

"It was great. Even better than last year. I became a lot closer to people this year and had a much better experience. My best moments were meeting new people and hav-



ing fun with all my new friends, doing all the activities together and just hanging out. The worst moments were the heat and the mosquito bites, but I didn't think about them too much as I was too busy enjoying the camp. I would DEFINITELY go back next year, and I look forward to meeting up with my friends from this year."

- Arianne McCrosson, 15

"It was a blessing to see the growth of the participants across the week. I felt that the confession and adoration session on the Tuesday evening was the breaking point of trip. I know that for me personally, and I'm sure for many others, that evening opened my heart to be more receptive to God. After that, each day built on the previous one. New friendships were made and strengthened and we had many more opportunities to experience the Heart of God. The final Mass of the camp was one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. With everyone singing their hearts out in praise and worship. There was such a great sense of unity with God and each other that I was moved to tears all the way through, and I am a particularly unemotional person. I am in no doubt that everyone involved has been brought closer to God." - Joseph Soares, 19

"Life Teen has helped me further my faith and bring me to realisations that I never could have made at home. I made friends from places I never could have." - (Leigh Killorn, 16)



“It was a great experience that expanded my Faith and also made me appreciate friendship and getting to know new people.”
- Declan Cowan, 19

“My experience of the camp this year was very different to what I experienced last year. As a young leader, there were a lot more responsibilities, but also many more opportunities to see how the activities were affecting the teens. I believe everyone experienced God in a different way, and the week was certainly very emotional. There were lots of times for fun, friendship and general silliness, but this was also well balanced with more reflective times. Each day had a different focus, under the over arching theme of “Heart of God”, which allowed the teens to explore their own hearts and their personal relationship with God. I felt a real shift in attitudes as the week progressed, and it was great to see the strong bonds that were made throughout the camp, regardless of age, gender or nationality. Personally, I enjoyed the team activities which

allowed us to get to know those around us, and built trust and teamwork together. The reflective times, such as all-night adoration and the confession session, were very helpful to bring us into a calmer state of mind, so we could really focus on ourselves. There were some difficult moments, where sometimes a session would strike a chord in someone, but it was really heart-warming to see how everyone supported each other and got through even the toughest of moments. I am excited to see what comes next, and look forward to continuing the lessons we have learned this week.”

- Charis McCrosson, 18

Dunkeld’s Youth Director, Fr Samuel adds – “A special thanks to Caroline Laidlaw for acting as group leader and providing support to the group; to Charis McCrosson for the organisation and facilitation of the trip, and her work as youth leader; and to Joseph Soares, for his support and hard work as youth leader and chaperone.”

29th September 2018

Young Adult Day
18-30 years

23rd November 2018

Dunkeld Youth Service
Fundraiser

8th December 2018

Youth Advent Retreat
12-18 years

16th March 2019

Youth Lent Retreat
12-18 years

23rd March 2019

Young Adult Day
18-30 years

17th May 2019

Dunkeld Youth Service
Fundraiser

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- coming events for your diary



Congratulations to Fr Samuel Alabi MSP, Dunkeld’s Youth Director and newly appointed Parish Priest at Our Lady of Sorrows, Fintry, Dundee, on his recent graduation, at Masters level in Catechesis, from the Franciscan University of Steubenville in the United States of America.

Hello dear friends, I am glad to write you again. I hope you have been keeping well. I am enjoying the warmest summer experience since I arrived Scotland. Quite unusual but I like it. I guess you are having your good time too. May I welcome back those who travelled on vacation. I wish those who have resumed school, an eventful academic year. Also to all who have returned to work, may the Lord grant you fulfilment. The following is an update on our past and upcoming activities.

The Diocesan Youth Service has organized her fundraising and Life-teen camp trip. There are some pictures and testimonies in this edition that report on the success of these events. We are grateful to all those who supported us during the planning and especially our family and friends who attended the fundraising. Special appreciation goes to the members of the Diocesan Youth Service team that organized them.

Our next programme is the “Young Adult Retreat” on Saturday 29th September 2018, for those within the ages of 18 and 30 years. Would you like to

mark your diary now? This day is set apart to provide a forum for discussion, interaction, sharing and deepening our faith. We hope the day will be an opportunity for initiatives on how youth ministry can contribute to meeting our basic pastoral needs. Our theme for the day is St Paul’s comforting words, “I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me” Philippians 4:13. We shall have the Holy Mass, Adoration and Confession as well. Those who wish to attend should please register by sending a mail to the youth office. If you play any musical instrument or sing and would like to join the “Diocesan Youth Music Animation Team” on that day, please also send us an email at youth-office@dunkelldiocese.org.uk

I urge you all in the words of Pope Francis, “the Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you.” May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire us to be true disciples of our Lord Jesus now and always.

Fr Samuel Alabi, MSP

Sian Sievwright reports

Lourdes will forever hold a special place in my heart

The 2018 Pilgrimage to Lourdes marks my 6th year as a Youth Volunteer with Dunkeld. My first pilgrimage was when I was the ripe youthful age of 16. I was still in high school about to go into my 6th year. I am now 22, have a degree and I am about to start my career as a History teacher.

I mention this is because Lourdes and Our Lady have played a huge role in who and where I am today. It is as if Lourdes presses my restart button every year. By the end of the pilgrimage, I have always overcome a life hurdle or been given the strength to push through. This year was slightly different for me.

Lourdes is an exceptional place. I make friends with amazing young people who willingly give up their own time to help our friends in the hospital. We all get to share special moments with our friends and this year I found out one of our my fellow pilgrims was distantly related to me. This was a particularly special moment for me this year. Those who come on Pilgrimage



with us become part of the ever expanding Dunkeld family. How amazing is that!! We laugh, smile, cry and reflect with each other which can be a very emotional and overwhelming experience for some, including myself. Yet you never feel alone. You will always have someone to talk to and share special moments with.

This is why this year I was so grateful and content. At some point whilst on pilgrimage I go to the grotto late at night. It is a completely different place at night. You could hear a pin drop it is that quiet. It is the perfect time to reflect. Usually I get very emotional as in the previous years I have asked Our Lady for help and strength to overcome my worries. This year I had a completely different experience.

I had been given a single rose earlier in the evening and I was not sure what to do with it, so I held on to it. Once I got down to the grotto that evening I started saying my prayers and then it came to me. I wanted to say thank you to Our Lady and St Bernadette. With the rose, I said a prayer of thanks, telling Our Lady how grateful I was. Grateful for my job, grateful for all the experiences I have ever had in Lourdes and grateful that she had called me back time and time again. I then went up to the grotto and placed it by the spring of water St Bernadette had dug up 160 years ago.



I slowly walked around the grotto and as I was doing so I was overwhelmed with the feeling of calmness and serenity. I turned to face Our Lady and then this lovely Italian couple started playing a guitar and singing the most beautiful, mellow tune I have ever heard. At that moment I burst into floods of tears, not of sadness, of happiness. In that moment I could not be more grateful for what I had. Lourdes will forever hold a special place in my heart.



More reflections from Dunkeld's Lourdes Pilgrims' Diaries

This year during the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, a different member of the Yellow T-Shirt team wrote a blog every day, as a diary of the pilgrimage. A fuller version, with more photos, is published on the Diocesan website.

"Today was once again an incredible day at Lourdes. It started with a beautiful grotto mass, which is always a highlight. Despite the early morning, it's an energetic and inspiring grotto Mass. Most of today was spent in the grotto, as Mass was followed by a procession through the holy shrine itself. This is always important, not just to the pilgrims but us volunteers, giving us all time to reflect on why Lourdes is such an important place. There was also a great moment at St Margaret's statue, where we were told the story of Margaret's incredible life, and how Scotland has such a significant connection to Lourdes. The rest of the day was spent getting shopping, going for coffee and generally spending time with our friends, the pilgrims, which, as always, is a pleasure."

Ciara Barker, Clackmannanshire



"Today has been another great day in Lourdes and like every other day, Lourdes truly does surprise me and leaves me excited for what the next day will bring. It started with an early rise as we celebrated Mass at Bartrés, a peaceful town that was beautiful, where we experienced different aspects of Mass such as anointing of the sick and venerating the relic of St Bernadette. Afterward we had lunch and ice-cream before heading back to the Accueil to prepare to represent our diocese at the Torchlight procession. The procession was really amazing and I struggle for words to describe it. All I can say is that today has been one of the best days and that really means something to me."

Robbie Carnegie, Dundee

"Another first timer here. Before I tell you about our day, I feel I have to say something about how special the 'Yellow T-Shirts' are. I was welcomed into their group and immediately made to feel part of the family, such is the warmth, love and affection that they exude. The morning started with the International Mass. Although we had previously visited the Basilica of Saint Pius X, I wasn't prepared for the scale of this wonderful celebration of the Eucharist.

"The Basilica holds 25,000 people and it felt like every space was taken. Most of the yellow shirts who had helped get the pil-

grims to Mass couldn't even find a seat for themselves. The Mass itself was a wonderful multilingual celebration of the universal Church, concelebrated by countless Bishops and Priests. It continues to move me when I see young people from all over the world take such care of the old and infirm, ensuring that their pilgrimages are special."

"After lunch, there was an opportunity to visit the baths. Visiting the baths is a truly memorable experience that is difficult to put into words. For some of our pilgrims it was made even more special as Bishop Nicholas, the Bishop of Lourdes was helping to submerge pilgrims in the waters of Lourdes. The day ended with a tremendous party in the Accueil for all our pilgrims."

"The heavy rain did not put people off attending. The talent on display at the party was incredible - singing, music, bagpipes, and Highland Dancing. As usual for the Yellow T-Shirts, the day ended with a beautiful meditation and night prayer under the trees."

"I am so happy to have finally said "yes" to the invitation to come to Lourdes. It has been a truly wonderful experience living up to Lourdes' claim of 160 years of emotion.

John Collins, Dundee

We hope you enjoyed these reflections

If you are interesting in coming to Lourdes in 2019,
please contact dunkeldlourdesservice@yahoo.co.uk



Re-dedication Mass marks culmination of massive effort at St Stephen's, Blairgowrie



Fabric Committee members (l-r) Alan Scott, Jim Graham and Mike Coyle (together with Marion Duffy) were key workers in the reparation project.

Bishop Stephen described St Stephen's Church as "one of the oldest and loveliest churches in the Diocese of Dunkeld."

A creation of E. W. Pugin, a member of the well-known Victorian architectural family, it is listed on the register of significant buildings and was therefore eligible for grant aid, especially from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Bishop Stephen thanked all the grant awarding authorities for their generosity towards the project.

"Thanks to Fr Gregory, your parish priest and his building and fabric committee for their tremendous hard work in raising such a great deal of money for the restoration project. But many parishioners of St Stephen's have been involved in this great

project and must be congratulated and thanked also."

Parish priest, Fr Gregory Umunna, also paid great tribute to the parishioners and to those most closely involved in the project.

"A church building is the House of God and in it, during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the celebration of the sacraments, we anticipate on earth the heavenly kingdom and encounter the presence of the Risen and Crucified Lord. It is vital therefore that our churches are worthy and beautiful as well as safe and maintained: our churches ought to summon us and inspire us to worship."

"Very many congratulations, St Stephen's,



Parishioners from Blairgowrie, Alyth and Coupar Angus at the Mass of Re-dedication in St Stephen's

for pulling together to show what a committed Catholic community can do and for not being daunted by such an enormous project.”

“Years of wear and tear necessitated urgent essential repairs and restoration work to the building, and associated elements, to make the church wind and watertight, improve safety and stop the building falling into further disrepair. I, therefore, salute the courage of parishioners who took up this challenge, volunteered selflessly and generously gave countless hours to this restoration work.”

“I wish to acknowledge and express our warmest gratitude to the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Environment Scotland for assisting us with a substantial grant to embark on the project. Gratitude goes to the Garfield Weston Foundation, All Churches Trust, Scotland Churches Trust, Jimmy Cairncross Trust, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, The Baird Trust, Dalrymple Donaldson Fund and the Diocese of Dunkeld for their generosity and support. With all your support, this major restoration project will help assure St Stephen’s future for many generations to come.”

St Stephen’s Church Blairgowrie will host the inaugural E.W. Pugin Lecture, on Friday 5th October at 3pm, to celebrate the restoration of the church building designed by this famous architect and member of the Pugin Dynasty. Their legacy includes the Houses of Parliament and many famous ecclesiastical buildings.

Dr Gerard Hyland of the Pugin Society will deliver the lecture aimed at students and professionals of architecture, heritage and the built environment, as well as members of civic and other societies. Light refreshments will follow. Free admission but donations will be gratefully accepted.



Bishop Stephen anoints the altar



Incense is burned on the altar to signify that Christ’s sacrifice, thereon perpetuated in mystery, ascends to God as an odour of sweetness, and also to signify that the people’s prayers rise up pleasing and acceptable, reaching the throne of God.

NIGHTFEVER

--- DUNDEE ---



A busy Dundee city centre, teeming with dinner, theatre and pub-goers, all enjoying a Saturday night out. Some folk stop to enquire why the church is open so late, some we approach and start up a conversation. It always ends with an invitation 'Would you like to come in and light a candle?'

St Andrew's Cathedral Dundee. Saturday Night 7-11pm. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar, material representing Divine Mercy rays flows from the Monstrance. The church is lit only by candle light and gentle, live, prayerful music sets the tone for the evening. Priests are available for chat or confession and young volunteers go out into the streets to offer that simple invitation to passers-by: 'Our church is open tonight, would you like to come in and light a candle?'

Many accept the invitation, some are unable. All are prayed for. Those who do accept the invitation do not regret it. No one who enters, leaves the Cathedral untouched. That is the beauty and the power of the transformative love of our Lord.

Our guests are made very welcome at the church doors, which are wide open, and our young volunteers engage with a smile! Once inside, our guests are accompanied to the front of the church where they can light their candle, spend a few moments before the Lord, on a cushion, in a pew, in quiet meditation. They may also wish to write a prayer and take a piece of scripture away with them. Our guests make this precious time their own and marvel at the beauty that surrounds them. We encourage lay and religious faithful from across the diocese to come and pray throughout the evening; for the success of the outreach, their own intentions and those of all we encounter of an evening.

How it all began...

Nightfever itself began in Cologne, Germany, in 2005 and has since spread to every continent and many countries in the world. In the UK, Nightfever happens regularly in Glasgow, London, Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, Blackpool and of course, Dundee, to name but a few.

The premise of Nightfever is very simple: it is an evening of adoration and outreach to those who don't know or have maybe forgotten how much Jesus loves them!!

It is about stepping out in faith and trusting in the power of God's grace. It is about bringing people to Christ who is waiting to shower His love upon them.

Our invitation to you...

If you like to meet people, play an instrument, sing, or enjoy the sound of this beautiful environment and are interested, in one way or another, in being part of our Nightfever Dundee team; or if you are unsure but would simply like to hear a bit more and see a video clip of a Nightfever, please do come along to our short meeting on Sunday 16th September at 3pm in the Cathedral Hall (access through the black gate and stairs to the left of the main door of the Cathedral). You will be made most welcome!!



Our Adult Formation Series - 2018-2019

Why not make this the year you.....

- Discover in more depth the beauty of the Catholic tradition;
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This is a series for those wishing to join the Church; for those who would like to return to the Church and for ALL who wish to learn more about the Church.

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10am-4pm, Saturday 13th October

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We invite all parishes to send about three people who are in some way involved in "missionary" activity either at home or abroad.

Representatives could be from the SCIAF group, MISSIO, Justice & Peace, Society of St Vincent de Paul, Lourdes Group soup kitchen, a specific missionary fundraising group, parish group involved in the neighbourhood, community market garden, hospital visiting.....

We all try to live Jesus' mission in all its diversity

3pm - Closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen

PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY

More details from Fr Mike Freyne MHM - 01259 213274

Bishop Stephen made the following clerical changes with effect from 3rd September 2018

ST FILLAN'S, NEWPORT and OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, TAYPORT

Mgr Martin Drysdale to be Parish priest of St Fillan's Newport-on-Tay and Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Tayport.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PERTH
Canon Steven Mulholland, to be Parish Priest of St John the Baptist, Perth.

MONIFIETH AND CARNOUSTIE
Mgr Aldo Angelosanto to be parish priest of the parishes of St Bride's Monifieth and St Anne's Carnoustie.

ST MARY'S, LOCHEE
Fr Mark Cassidy, lately spiritual director of the Pontifical Scots College, Rome, to be Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception, Lochee.

ST PIUS X, DOUGLAS, DUNDEE
Fr Gregory Murphy OP to be Parish Priest of St Pius X, Dundee.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS, FINTRY, DUNDEE
Fr Samuel Alabi MSP to Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows, Dundee

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES AND ST PATRICK'S, DUNDEE
Fr Michael Carrie to be Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories and St Patrick's, Dundee.

Fr Ninian Doohan to be assistant priest in Our Lady of Victories and St Patrick's, while residing in Our Lady of Victories, also to serve as Chaplain to the Ninewells Hospital, together with Victoria Hospital and Roxburghe House and part-time Chaplain to the Traditional Latin Mass community in Dundee.

ST CLEMENT'S DUNDEE AND ST NINIAN'S DICKSON AVENUE, DUNDEE
Fr Johnny Raphael CST, of St Clement's Dundee, to be Parish Priest also of St Ninian's Dundee in place of Canon McBride who has retired.

ST THOMAS' ARBROATH
Fr Joseph James OFM Cap to be Administrator of the parish.

DUNKELD'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUPS

Celebrating 40 yrs in
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**50th Birthday
Mass
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**7pm, Tuesday
20th November**

Any former pupils or staff who
wishes to attend please contact
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01382 436495

Space in the school hall is limited



Cupar pilgrims visit the Black Madonna of Częstochowa

Canon Pat McNally, parish priest at St Columba's, Cupar, led pilgrims to Krakow, Poland this summer. Addressing them during Mass at the Monastery of Jasna Gora, in Częstochowa, Canon Pat said:

"The Black Madonna housed here in the Jasna Gora Monastery is one of the most revered icons of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Poland. There are many miracles associated with the icon: one of the most famous of these led to her being crowned as the Patroness and Protector of Poland.

"It happened in the winter of 1655 when 4000 Swedish soldiers besieged the Monastery of Jasna Gora, during what has become known as the Second Northern War. For 40 days seventy monks and 180 local volunteers held off the Swedish army, saved the sacred icon and, according to some accounts, changed the whole course of the war.

"The icon has been associated with Poland for the last 600 years. Its history prior to its arrival here is shrouded in various legends. One such legend traces the icon's origin back to St Luke who painted it on a cedar table top from the house of the Holy Family of Nazareth. That same legend tells that the painting was discovered in Jerusalem in 326 by St Helena who brought it back to Constantinople and presented it to her son, Constantine the Great, who had earlier stopped the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire.

"Art historians, however, say that the original painting was a Byzantine icon created between the sixth and the ninth century. They also agree that the icon arrived here at the Monastery of Jasna Gora in the 14th century, when it came into the possession of the Duke of Opole, an advisor to the King of Poland, who presented it to the Monastery. It has remained here ever since.

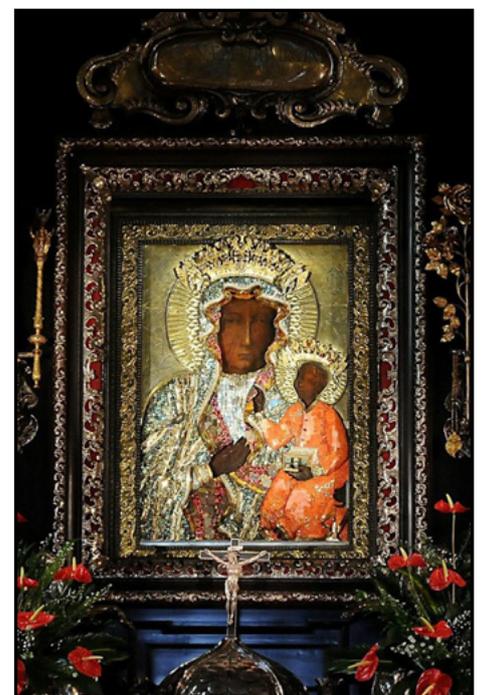
"Whatever the history of the icon, there is no doubt that Jasna Gore is the most popular shrine in Poland, with many Polish Catholics making a pilgrimage here every year.

"The four foot high painting displays the Virgin Mary as the 'One who shows the Way'. The icon depicts the Virgin Mary pointing away from herself, gesturing with her right hand towards Jesus as the source of salvation. In turn, the child Jesus extends his right hand towards the viewer in a sort of blessing, while holding a book of the Gospels in his left hand - seeming to indicate that it is through following the gospel

teaching of Jesus Christ that our eternal salvation is assured.

"Mary is the one who shows us the way. Having accepted God's will to become the Mother of his Son, and all that went with it, including following him along the way to Calvary, and watching him die a painful death on the cross, she teaches us that, if we remain faithful to God's will for us, we too will share with her in the joys of heaven and the eternal glory that Christ has promised us."

Unsurprisingly, after such an experience, next year's parish pilgrimage from St Columba's, Cupar, to Florence, is already fully booked.



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