

Welcome to St Thomas', Arbroath, St. Bride's, Monifieth, St Anne's, Carnoustie

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Fourth Sunday of the Year

5 February 2012

Year of Mark (B)

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of the Year

Weekday Mass this coming week

Monday 6 February	9.30am in St Anne's	10.30am in St Bride's	11.30am in St Thomas'
Tuesday 7 January	9.30am in St Anne's	10am in St Thomas'	10.30am in St Bride's
Wednesday 8 February	9am in St Bride's	10am in St Thomas'	6pm in St Mary's 7pm in St. Anne's
Thursday 9 February	9.30am in St Anne's	10am in St Thomas'	10.30am in St Bride's
Friday 10 February	9.30am in St Anne's	10am in St Thomas'	10.30am in St Bride's
Saturday 11 February	9.30am in St Bride's	10am in St Thomas'	

Confessions this week: After Saturday morning Mass in St. Thomas'; Wednesday at 6.40pm in St Anne's; Saturday 4.30pm until 5pm in St Bride's.

World Youth Day 2013

This will take place in Rio de Janeiro and our Diocese needs to know if young people from the parishes are interested in going. Cost is likely to be upwards of £2000. There will be no diocesan funding available, so its all down to fundraising. Please let me know asap if you are interested.

The new people's Sunday Missals have arrived. You will find yours with an invoice at the back of the church.

Strictly Come Pudding Success

The fundraising night was a great success in every way. We raised a good amount (£900) for the re-wiring of St Thomas' Church and had a fabulous night of music, dancing, singing and fellowship enjoyed by all, young and not-so-young alike. Grateful thanks to those who: baked desserts and puddings; donated money, raffle prizes and bottles for the bar; decorated, performed or helped in any way. And thanks to all parishioners who came along on the night and supported this event. The total fundraising and donations to the Building Fund now stands at £3050.22.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

For **new volunteers** there are **Awareness Sessions** at the Diocesan Centre on Thursday 16th February and Tuesday 28th February from 7pm - 8.30pm.

For those who are still to fill in the necessary paperwork we hope to have an evening at St Bride's soon to do this.

Catch up sessions for **existing volunteers** are on at the Diocesan Centre on Thursdays 15th March and 27 March from 7pm - 8.30pm. The Church asks that each volunteer takes part in a catch up session each year.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP

The next meeting for the Mothers' Prayers Group will be held on Tuesday next after 9.30am morning Mass in St. Anne's Church. Please feel free to come and join us.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 10 February from 10.30am until 3.45pm in St. Thomas'. Please spend an hour with the Lord.

Parents' Meetings for parents of Children at Primary four stage who will receive the sacraments this year:

- 6.30pm on Monday 6 February in St Thomas' School
- 7.30pm on Monday 13 February in St Bride's Church

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Please support the RAFFLE of a large hamper of Chocolates and goodies, which will be raffled over the next 4 Sundays. Tickets on sale after Mass at St Anne's.

ST THOMAS' BAKE SALE

**for the Building Fund, in the Church hall
on Sunday 12 February after 11am Mass.**

Could you help with some home made cakes, traybakes, tablet and sweets? If so, please put your name on the list at the back of St. Thomas' Church. St Anne's and St Bride's parishioners who are able to provide something for the sale can contact Carys & Robbie on 01241 876436. Items can be collected by them from your home on Saturday 11th in readiness for the sale.

St Thomas' Burns Supper

Saturday 18 February in the Church Hall.

Can you help by boiling potatoes (supplied and peeled) and boiling turnips, all to be taken to the hall on the Saturday. If you can help please contact Don on 872797. Tickets on sale for this event at £8.

HCPT BINGO on Monday 6 February at 7.30pm in St. Bride's hall. Prizes (and all) welcome!

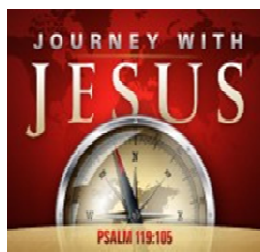
RECYCLE & HELP THE BUILDING FUND

The 'recycle4charity' initiative allows us to raise money by recycling used ink cartridges and mobile phones.

Recycle4charity will give £1 to the St Thomas' Building Fund for each the following types of used ink cartridges:

Canon Dell HP Lexmark Brother Samsung Sharp Xerox
Any type of **mobile phone in any condition** will be recycled and the Building Fund credited.

Envelopes in which you can send ink cartridges and mobiles for recycling are at the back of each church. Please support.



The Gospel of Saint John - *Life in abundance*

By the time you read this we will have had two *Journey of faith* sessions reflecting on the Gospel of Saint John, the fourth Gospel. We are reading it on Wednesday evenings not primarily to analyse it or learn the history of how it came to be, but to encounter, with the evangelist who wrote it, the face of Jesus Christ, and his *power-for-life* which sustains disciples, and the Church, in faith. John's Gospel is unique. Written later than the other three, it takes much of the content of the other Gospels for granted, and rather than give us many incidents and parables from the life of Jesus, it skilfully concentrates on a few incidents and shows how the characters in them come to faith. Much of John's

Gospel material is unique to him - for instance, the lengthy Lenten stories of the Samaritan women at the well, and the man born blind who is cured by Jesus and comes to faith, are only found in John. It is only John who tells us of the washing of feet on Holy Thursday, and only he who at great length describes Jesus as the Good Shepherd. His is a carefully crafted, poetic, and prayerful proclamation of the *Word-made-Flesh* whom he praises in a lengthy poem in his prologue. No wonder he can give us such an in-depth portrait of our Lord, for he is *The disciple Jesus loved*, he is the one who reclined on the breast of Jesus at the Last Supper and in doing so heard the very *heartbeat* of God.

We have a number of weeks still to dwell on this beautiful Gospel text. Why don't you come and join us? It is for us all, it is a gift. I invite you to come and share our reflection this coming Wednesday. John's Gospel is *power-for-life* indeed. At its very centre, in Chapter Ten, Verse Ten, Jesus proclaims: *I have come that they might have life and have it to the full.*

You will receive a warm welcome at St Anne's for the *Journey of faith* this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Here is an outline of the theme for the coming weeks:

Wednesday 8 February: *The Book of Signs* – the signs Jesus gives affords him the opportunity to teach the truth and witness to the Father – how he forms us as disciples.

Wednesday 15 February: *The Book of Glory* – Knowing Christ through his passion as God the Son, one with the Father.

Wednesday 29 February: Encountering the three major Lenten stories in John: *Part one: The Woman at well.*

Wednesday 7 March: *Part two: The Man born blind.*

Wednesday 14 March: *Part three: The Raising of Lazarus.*

Wednesday 21 March: John's Passion Narratives – *Christ triumphant, ever reigning.*

Wednesday 28 March: Preparing for the Easter Triduum—the once a year experience of the *life-in-abundance*.

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A Session for all Liturgical Ministers

Monday 12 March at 7pm

This *formation session* is for our Welcomers, Cantors, Passkeepers, Children's Liturgy Leaders, Musicians, Readers, MCs, Eucharist Ministers and all who wish to take part. This session is primarily for those in St Thomas' parish, but of course anyone from St Bride's and St. Anne's would be more than welcome to attend.

I ask all involved in the Liturgy at St Thomas' to keep this evening free (7pm until 9pm) so that our celebration of the Sunday Liturgy improves in style and grace.

Attention: Lindisfarne Pilgrims

If you are booked on the Lindisfarne pilgrimage (2-4 June 2012) but haven't yet paid your deposit, could you please pay it as soon as possible?

The balance due for the total cost of the pilgrimage should be paid by Sunday 29 April 2012. Thank you for your cooperation. Further information on itinerary and departure times will be sent out approximately a month prior to departure.

For any questions or problems, please contact Judy McLellan 01241 430 106 or email Chris Boyle chris.boyle@talktalk.net

The 50th Eucharistic Congress takes place in Dublin from 10-17 June 2012. It will be a great universal gathering of people, aiming to promote an awareness of the centrality of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Lovely prayer cards have been produced to mark this event and they are at the back of the Church today. Please take one away with you.

There are two national pilgrimages from Scotland to the Eucharistic Congress, one lasts eight days, and the other lasts four days. It will be a great experience of the universal church with people from over seventy nations attending. I have more information available if you are interested, or please contact Monsignor Stephen Robson on 0131 623 8902 or email: chancery@staned.org.uk

Please pray for those who are sick: Pat Longworth, Geraldine Savage, Lesley Thornton, Jim Thornton, Moyra Roy, Garry Bruce, Pippa Mears, Veronica McCreary, Anne Cairnie, Jordan Laing, Joe Shaw, George King, Marie Therese Smith, Vincent Knight, Stella Creechan, Margaret Murray, Patricia O'Kane, Deacon David Forsyth, Sarah Philp, Frank Cullen, Helen Baird, Kathleen Taylor, George Glenn, Ina Hill, Christopher Rae, Ann Connelly, Margaret Brown, Frank Osborne, Cathy McGowan, John Murphy, May Taylor, Mitchell Leven, Bill Philbin, Freddie Greig, Margaret Pollock, Ian Byrne, Andy and Myra Coogan, Gerald Wilshin, Stewart Gillespie, Susan Reilly, Peter Moody, Jean Anderson, James McNair, Helen Blyth, Stephen Hood, Mia Ferrie, James Roberts, Bazyl Bubalo, James Croll, John McCallum, Gillian Soutar, Ina Stuart, Arthur Gardner, Teresa Ritchie, Dennie Smith, Marie Clark, Joseph Nolan, Fiona Hoey, Kim Scott, James Roberts, Jim McLaughlin, George McGeachin;

:those who have died recently:

:those whose anniversaries fall at this time: John Caldwell, Alec Ireland, Elizabeth Barker, Bob Robertson, Kay Robertson, Jean Miller, Kathleen Hemstad, Father John McLaren, Edwin Solley, Kay Oxford, Mary Gardner, Dave Dakers, James Pollock, Helen Lewlsey, Ignatius Lyons, Peppo Orsi, Catherine Ravey, Helen Wright, Edwin Hardie, John Donnelly, Michael Thomas Niland, Janet Tait, Cath Boyle, Frances Sreenan.