

## A symbol of inclusiveness

If Jesus had not been crucified for our salvation, if he had brought about our salvation in some other way, the chief symbol of our Christian faith might still be pieces of wood—not a cross but a table.

Luke's Gospel, which we hear throughout the Sunday of this year is “The Gospel of the Table”. Table-fellowship features again and again as the place where Jesus teaches and ably demonstrates the Kingdom of God. Jesus sits at table, talks about meals and in doing so fulfils his prophecy that he is sent *to bring good news to the poor*. The Kingdom of God is like, a banquet, he assures us. And - joyfully for us, he eats with sinners, he sits at table with them. In this Sunday's Gospel he uses the seating arrangements at table to make a point about the place of the poor and the helpless in our priorities.

Jesus liked tables (still does) because they remind him of home. If the Kingdom of God is like a banquet, then we can imagine Jesus settling in a human table, gazing around his dining companion and murmuring, “Now this is more like it”. In Jesus' time, in addition to the invited guests (some of whom were jostling for the places of honour) there was an audience of the uninvited, whom social convention allowed just inside the door to admire the privileged. No wonder the guests were startled when Jesus aid the group of the poor should be sitting at the table. He was, as we sometimes sing, certainly *turning the world upside down*.

We gather this Sunday to celebrate the banquet of the Kingdom. In an aside during a homily a couple of weeks ago I mentioned that hymns play a big part in our Catholic tradition because they are a way of teaching us the faith, and a way of the faith being able to rest in our hearts as well as our minds. This Sunday in our three churches we are singing hymns of welcome, gathering, and banquet: *Fill my house* says the Lord—to the fullest—a wonderful reflection of the inclusive nature of the love and salvation of Jesus expressed so vividly in the Gospel of Luke.

This Sunday, at the preparation of gifts, we will sing the hymn *Come to the feast*. I invite you as you sing it, to ponder each line as coming from the very mouth of God Each stanza is rooted in the prophets, and would certainly find a home on the lips of the Jesus of Luke's Gospel.

We gather this Sunday, still trying to get right the atmosphere of the Kingdom. We display the Cross to remind us that we are redeemed, but the Eucharist table reminds us that we are to live that redemption; that if we cause divisions, or build barriers we undermine the Kingdom Jesus is building through the Eucharist. Our community is not yet complete. As one of the Bidding Prayers last Sunday said: *May we not rest until wounds are healed and a welcome return is offered to all*.

The table or altar is a key symbol in this ministry of welcome that we have been given; look at it as you listen to the Gospel. It is both our comfort that we are called to take our place at it, (without jostling to put ourselves first), and it is our reproach should we forget those outside.

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

22nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
29 August 2010  
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year of Luke (C)

St. Thomas's, Arbroath

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St. Anne's, Carnoustie

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### Our Sunday Mass Times

Saturday at 5.30pm in St. Bride's Sunday at 10am in St Anne's  
11am in Saint Thomas' 11.30am in Saint Bride's

Coffee and Tea served  
after Sunday Masses  
— everyone welcome

**Sacrament of Reconciliation this week:** Monday at 8pm in St. Thomas'; Wednesday 6.30pm-6.55pm in St. Anne's;  
Saturday 4.30pm - 5pm in St. Bride's.

**The Liturgy of the Word for Children** is celebrated at the Sunday morning Masses. Please encourage your children to take part in this celebration of God's Word geared to them.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents requesting Baptism for their child are invited to take part in our Baptismal Preparation Course. For further details please contact Father Kevin.

**The Sacrament of Marriage** Those wishing to be married in our parish churches should give at least six months notice, so that adequate preparation may be undertaken.

**Hospital Chaplaincy:** Ninewells: Father Pletts (01382 225228); Arbroath Infirmary: Parish Clergy;  
Stracathro & Sunnyside: Father High (01674 672208)



<b>Monday 30 August</b>	6pm St Anne's	6.45pm in St Bride's	7.30pm in St Thomas'
<b>Tuesday 31 August</b>	8am in St Thomas'	9.30am in St Anne's	10.30am in St Bride's
<b>Wednesday 1 September</b>	9am in St Bride's	10am in St. Thomas'	6pm in St Mary's Home 7pm in St Anne's
<b>Thursday 2 September</b>	8am in St Thomas'	9.30am in St Anne's	10.30am in St Bride's
<b>Friday 3 September</b>	8am in St Thomas'	9.30am in St Anne's	10.30am in St Bride's
<b>Saturday 4 September</b>	9.30am in St Bride's [Liturgy of Word & Communion] 10am in St Thomas' [Mass]		

### **The Papal Mass at Bellahouston Park on Thursday 16 September**

The lists of names of those who have chosen to go to Bellahouston is on the notice board at the back of the church. **Please check that your name is on that list TODAY.**

As soon as I have details of the travel arrangements, you will be informed. In the meantime, please note: the *pilgrim pack* and travel costs are £20 per person, regardless of age. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me if you are finding it difficult to find the £20, **especially families with children going.**

*Some notes from the **papal visit office** to help you prepare for the event:*

- ◆ When you arrive at the celebration there will be security checks and your cooperation would be much appreciated. The security staff and stewards will try to make your entry as smooth as possible. Please bear with them if there are queues. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothes suitable for all weather conditions.
- ◆ To be a Pilgrim is a privileged opportunity to be present with the Holy Father and fellow Pilgrims in praying together and celebrating the Church's liturgy. You are also representing your local community and you will return renewed, taking home the experience and message of the Holy Father. It is hoped that you will be enriched by your Pilgrim Journey and that you will be sustained in your faith.
- ◆ Please be prepared for a very long and onerous journey to the celebration and home again. As there will be many people attending the liturgy, it may take several hours for people to enter and to leave the site following the Mass.
- ◆ You are welcome to bring a Picnic with you and please think about food and water for the whole of your journey (water will be provided on site, but you may like to also bring your own). Please consider
- ◆ bringing non-perishable foods, and foods that do not need to be kept cool. Bring only plastic cutlery and non-breakable cups and plates (no glassware or china), with food and drink being in plastic containers. Alcohol is not permitted. Hampers and cool boxes should not exceed 20''x13''x8'' (51cm x 33cm x 20cm).

**There will be more guidelines to help you enjoy the day which I will pas on to you as soon as they come to me. Kevin.**

### **Tri- Parish Ceilidh on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**All Are Welcome to dance the evening away to the music of the Dundee Strathspey & Reel Society at the Meadowbank Inn, Arbroath. Stovie Supper included!**  
**Tickets now on sale Adults £6 - children free**  
**Transport will be provided**

Please pray for those who are sick: Mathew Allan, Jenny Anderson, Jeanette Stewart, Alison Rudman, Barrie Alexander, Christopher Rae, Deacon David Forsyth, Jimmy Latto, Nancy Davidson, Sandy Brown, Anne McDonnell, Ann Connelly, Elizabeth Cox, Annie Grant, Anne McGill, Veronica Mahoney, Sheila Sorrie, Marina McCormack, Baby Jack Donohue, Helen Robinson, Fred Reid, Michael Robertson, Joseph Shaw, Georgina Brown, Pamela Jones, Joseph Doig, Maria Whitehouse, Susan Gimson, Bob Smith, Frances Sreenan, Frances Barr, Mary Boland, Fred Brown, Margaret Brown, John Butchart, Steven Collis, Frank Cullen, Andrew Culross, Patrick Flood, Frank Osborne, Margaret Mack, Gerry McGowan, James Morgan, Catherine McWilliams, John Murphy, Margaret Pollock, Violet McDonald, Peter Moody, Maureen Taylor, Jean Anderson, Christine McKenna, Helen Blyth, Paddy Madden, Stephen Hood, John Cresswell, Kim Scott, Helen Johnston, Catherine McCusker, Jim Quinn, Patrick Reilly, Susan Shannon, Phyllis Gallagher, Patrick Kerney, Kevin Kelly, Katy Gardner, Alan McWilliams, Michelle Reglinski, Emily Clegg.

those who have died recently: Jean Magee, Mary Traynor, David Stott, Ken Padgett, Christopher Dawson, Catherine Donnet, Linda Crosbie;

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Thomas Ireland, Chris Kosiba, Richard Middleton, Loraine Cant, John Wynne, Teresa Pollok, Pat Hewat, Andrew Logue, Joseph Brown, Jimmy Holien, William Kelly, Olive Jackson, Margaret Foy, Stephen Trainer, David Anderson, Mary Charles.

Welcome this Sunday and next to the Columban Father Declan McNaughton who will give the **Annual Mission Appeal** in our churches.

Please be as generous as you can in the retiring collection these Sundays.

### **Journey of Faith Wednesday at 7.30pm in St Anne's, Carnoustie.**

Come and explore the riches of the Catholic faith in the scriptures, the liturgy and in daily living.

We are a relaxed, informal group of Mass going Catholics, enquirers about the Catholic faith and people returning to the faith after some time away.

No one is excluded. Your presence will be welcomed and appreciated.

### **World Youth Day Concert**

on Friday 3 September in St. Thomas', Arbroath, featuring Danny Lafferty, James Hutchison, Colette Dear and Eileen Robb. Tickets £8 now on sale. Please support our young people in this fundraising event.

### ***Deep Roots and Tender Shoots***

An experience of faith and friendship for those approaching nor enjoying retirement, at St. Peter and St. Paul' Parish Centre, Byron St., Dundee, on Mondays at 2pm.

**A fine lunchtime concert season at St. Paul's' Episcopal Cathedral Dundee** opens on Saturday 4 September with Jill Harrison (Soprano) and Mary Veal (Clarsach & Piano). The programme of concerts for the season is on the notice board at the back of the church.

**Next Diocesan Papal Visit Preparation Mass** will take place in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee on Wednesday 1 September at 7pm.

### **St Anne's Annual Summer Fare Beach Hall, Carnoustie Saturday 11 September at 2pm**

Please support this event. Any donations of raffle prizes, bottles, fancy goods, cake and candy etc. will be gratefully received.

### **Adoration St Bride's begins again this Monday 30 August at 9am.**

Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a hallmark of this Church, enabling the church to be open for prayer, and have a human as well as divine presence in it every day.

Again I appeal to you to give an hour a week to adoration, so that the programme can continue.

At present, too often a person is left alone in the church, and this makes them very vulnerable.

We also hope to introduce a scheme in the near future where you can sign up as a volunteer for one week only, in addition to those who give an hour each week.

I look forward to speaking with you about the adoration programme when next I celebrate Sunday Mass in Monifieth.

### **St Thomas' FairTrade for a Just World**

The Fair Trade stall in St Thomas' hall will not be open *this* Sunday; please visit us and see some new products *next* Sunday, 5 September.

### **Parking at St Bride's**

Can I once again appeal to your *neighbourliness* regarding the parking situation at St Bride's?

If you can park further away from the church and walk, then please do so, thus leaving the parking spaces closer to the church for those who drive but are unable to walk far. Also, please don't park too near to the gates of people's homes nor at the very corners of the surrounding streets, thus blocking people's visibility. Thanks.

**Thanks** for your generosity last Sunday of £554 in Arbroath, £661 in Monifieth and £529 in Carnoustie.

**Funday at Carlogie House**, Carlogie Road, Carnoustie. Saturdays 4 September 2010, 11am until 3pm. Proceeds to the Princess Royal Trust, Carlogie House Respite facility.