

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ezekiel 17:22–24 I make low trees grow.

Psalm 92 'It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.'

2 Corinthians 5:6–10 Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we strive to please the Lord.

Mark 4:26–34 The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

We hear Jesus tell two parables today, each especially relevant at this time of year when our fields and gardens teem with growing plants. To describe the kingdom of God, first Jesus compares it to someone scattering seed on a fertile field. Then he compares it to a tiny mustard seed, which grows into a huge plant. Let today's readings sweep us away in wonder at the way God's creation blooms.

CALENDAR

Thursday, 17th June

Anniversary of Cardinal Thomas Winning RIP, 2001

BOOKSTALL

The stall continues to sell cards, gifts, prayer books and spiritual items. However, sales of our Catholic newspapers and magazines have fallen dramatically. These can be a great resource to keep up to date, to see contemporary issues from a Catholic perspective and to learn more about our faith—please do consider regularly purchasing a Catholic paper. **The new, June edition of Flourish (which is currently free—please take a copy!) is available at the stall this weekend.**

OFFERINGS

Second collection : we hope to restart these in the near future.

Regular worshippers, please consider making your offerings by standing order. Details from the Cathedral Office (address on front page).

Gift Aid: If you are a parishioner, a regular or even an occasional visitor please consider using gift aid for your donations. This adds 25% to your contribution, as we can reclaim the tax you pay to HMRC. To do this, you should fill in a Gift Aid form (available in the sacristy) and obtain some of our Blue regular GA envelopes. If you require more envelopes, please speak to Fr. Sharkey. To make a one off donation, please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope, available in the pews, and fill in the details required on the front. If you have questions please speak with Canon Sharkey or email the parish office, cathedral@rcag.org.uk.

STREAMING

Watch Cathedral services online—see link at www.cathedralG1.org



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13th June 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"It shall put forth branches and bear
fruit and become a majestic cedar."*

Ezekiel 17:23



SUNDAY MASS	Vigil 5.15pm, 10.00am, 12.00 noon, 5.15pm
MASS MON—SAT	1.00pm and 5.15pm
CONFESSIONS	Please see information inside.
PRAYER & DEVOTION	Our usual devotions will resume as soon as possible.
CATHEDRAL CLERGY	Canon Gerald Sharkey, Fr Joseph Walsh, Fr Augustine Abayomi Fr Charles Randall CSsR (on loan from St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth)
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CATHEDRAL NEWS

Marriage: As weddings resume in the Cathedral this month, Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of June, and invites everyone to pray for those preparing for marriage, which is “a vocation born from the heart.” The full text can be found on the Vatican News website, www.vaticannews.va.

Volunteers Required: We are always looking for more people to assist with stewarding and sanitising the pews after Masses throughout the week. If you would be willing to help, please email or phone the Cathedral Office (details on front page) with your name and contact details, and let us know when you would be available.

Singing: As Glasgow has now moved down to level 2 of the Covid restrictions, we are now allowed to have a small choir at Masses and we hope to have a small group of singers at 10am and 12noon from next Sunday. However, congregational singing is not allowed until level 1, so for now we ask you not to join in with the music, but we sincerely hope that this will be possible soon.

St. Andrew’s Cathedral Choir are looking for new members as we return to normal in the coming months, men especially welcome. Ability to read music not essential. Contact our Director of Music, Maria Madden by email at music@cathedralg1.org for more information.

Cathedral Finances: We recently completed the Cathedral’s annual accounts and we hope to publish the full details of this on the parish website in the near future. Obviously this has been an extraordinary year, and for many months we were closed. But one major fact comes out of the accounts. Although we kept our head above water by drastically cutting expenditure and stopping all but essential repairs and maintenance, the Cathedral’s real income last year was just under 40% of the previous year, a drop of more than 60%. This will have a serious effect on what we are able to do in the year ahead. It is likely that it will take some time for Mass attendance to return to previous levels and for donations to the collection at Mass to do the same. Perhaps some of our regular parishioners would consider a bank Standing Order to donate regularly or you could Gift Aid your donations, as this is a simple way to increase your donation to the Cathedral at no cost to yourself.

NOTICES

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 16th June at 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Doors open at 7pm. All welcome, subject to current restrictions. The celebrant will be Fr Charles Coyle.

NOTICES CONT’D

SPRED Open Hour: Have you ever wondered about the work of SPRED in support of parishioners who have learning disability? Have you ever wanted to know about volunteering with SPRED or how SPRED could help someone you know? Please join us on Zoom for one of our open hours on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th June at 7pm when we will share with you what we do, introduce you to some of our volunteers and answer any questions you may have. To receive your Zoom invitation please email lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com or send a Facebook message to @GlasgowSPRED.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Mass: Currently, we have no fixed maximum attendance for liturgies, but must still observe social distancing. We can accommodate at least 75 people (possibly a little more—it depends on how many families/groups are present) at each Mass while still maintaining the 2 metre distancing requirement.

There is no need to book for weekday Mass—attendance is on a first come, first served basis. However, **please continue to book for all Sunday Masses**, including the Saturday Vigil, via the link on our website. Please arrive at least ten minutes before Mass, so there is time to check your name, and follow the safety procedures before Mass begins.

You should also remember that the obligation to attend Mass is still lifted (by the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland). The bishops will make clear when this changes. Until then, you may choose to attend Mass another day, rather than Sunday. If you are unwell, if you have any Coronavirus symptoms, or are in self-isolation, you **must not** attend Mass to protect others and prevent the spread of the virus. Even with the progress of the Vaccination programme, these rules are still necessary for now. We will update you when this changes.

To augment good practice with regard to hygiene and to reduce unnecessary contact, please take your parish bulletin away with you, rather than leaving it in the Church where it might be picked up by someone at a subsequent Mass.

Confessions: Although the current rules prevent us from using the Confessional Boxes (people are too close together, there are no opening windows to allow better ventilation), we will arrange more opportunities for Confession as circumstances allow. However, it is still possible at the moment to email or phone the Cathedral House to arrange an appointment at a convenient time for Confession.

Votive Candles: We ask you not to light candles yourself. Place your donation in the slot and ask the steward to light the appropriate number of candles for you.