



Vigil Masses 4.30pm & 6pm

Sunday 11.30am

Daily Mass at 10am



Sunday Mass 11.30am

Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am

Saturday 9am



Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 10am & 4.30pm

Mon & Wed 6.30pm;

**Due to a funeral there is no Mass on Friday at 8.30am**

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### **Sunday 19th July—16th Sunday of the Year (A)**

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**We pray for those who have died recently:** Iain McGregor, Margaret Dare, Jim Cooney **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Archie Tinney, Fiona Kelly, Paul Dempsey, Gerard Noonan,

**In your prayers:** Please remember to pray for the sick, all those troubled in body, mind and spirit, for all those who are mentioned on our sick lists and for those who are anxious because of the present crisis.

#### **Requirements for visits to the church and for Mass:**

- \* You will need to wear a face covering (mask or scarf) at all times when you are in the church.
- \* There are sanitisers at the entrance and exit to the church and you are asked to make use of these when entering and leaving the church.
- \* Stewards will help you identify a space for prayer: there will be spaces for couples / family groups and for individuals.
- \* You will be asked to use a one-way system in the churches so please follow the directions of the stewards.
- \* If you wish to light a candle, please use the disposable tapers provided and after use (and making sure that the taper is extinguished), please place the used taper in the bin provided.

**Readers and Extraordinary Ministers:** We will be glad to have our readers back for the weekday and Sunday Masses: could I ask those who organise the rotas to pick up from where we left off in March! In the short term there will be only one reading at Sunday Mass before the Gospel. There will not be the same need to organise a rota for the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the moment.

**Limited Attendance at Mass:** The capacity of all our churches has been dramatically reduced due to the need for social distancing. We have a booking system in place as required by the Scottish Government. We have had a good response as far as bookings are concerned and we are assuming that those who have booked have stated their general preference. There is no need to book each week. We will have 50 places at each Mass that can be booked. To book a place at a specific Mass, please send in an email or phone St Mary's on 611282. We have also decided to provide two extra Sunday Masses: there will be an early Vigil at St Mary's at 4.30pm **in addition to the 6pm vigil**. There will also be a **Sunday afternoon** Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus at 4.30pm. Please also be aware that it may take time to enter the church and be seated by the stewards so please arrive in good time for each Mass.

**Holy Communion:** A temporary but significant change to our Mass will be for the distribution of Holy Communion. Holy Communion will be distributed after the final blessing of the Mass. You will be asked to remain standing in your places and those distributing Holy Communion will come to you. We are all asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand. The priests will wear a mask so that you can remove your mask at the moment of receiving Holy Communion. If you are receiving a blessing, you will be asked to stand in your place and place your arm across your chest in the usual manner. After a very short act of thanksgiving, you are asked to leave the church and not wait until the priest has finished distributing communion.

**Track and Trace:** We are required to take a note of who is attending Mass and their contact details (address or phone number). It would help us if you came with this already prepared on a piece of paper that you could drop into a box. This is to assist in the track and trace initiative. You can imagine that if the stewards were to take details from every person, there would be queue round the block to get into the church—alright in fine weather, but in a downpour, not so good. So, please, **bring a note with your name and contact 'phone number (only one name needed per family group). The information will only be used to contact you should there be someone in the congregation at the same Mass who has developed symptoms of the virus.**

**Parish Census:** Throughout the crisis we have benefitted as your priests from having phone numbers and email addresses for many of you, but I am aware that there are those who will not have received any communication from the parish during these past four months. I desperately need to create a comprehensive contact list of parishioners. This would help us greatly should anything like this happen again. If you attend any of the three churches or would like to be connected with us to be kept in touch with what's happening, I would ask you to bring another note with you to Mass with the following details: **Name | address | 'phone number | email address | other parishioners in the household.** Please also add a note to tell us if we already have your email address and are receiving the daily emails. You can also email this information to [stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk) adding which church you usually attend.

**Altar Servers:** At the moment we are not able to have altar servers but I would ask the servers to come forward before Mass begins so that they can collect the bells to be rung during Mass. We will also look at appropriate responsibilities that we can give to those young people who would usually play such an important role in the liturgy.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):** Confession will be available before and after each Mass—please ask at the sacristy.

**Support to those in need:** Food deliveries continue as well as the distribution of food bags from the hall on Saturdays (1-2pm). We are still well-stocked with provisions. **If you find yourself, or know of others, in need of support, be it practical, emotional or spiritual, please contact us by phone or email.**

**Collections:** Monies handed in up to 12th July amounted to: St Mary's £765 | St Columba's £145 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £610. Standing Order Donations for the month of June amounted to: St Mary's £685 | St Columba's £309 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £738. Thank you for your continuing support.

**Offertory Collection:** During our Masses the 'plate' will not be passed round the congregation so all collections should be placed in the boxes / baskets at the back of the churches. There will also be containers for the deposit of any SCIAF boxes that you might wish to hand in.

**Newsletter:** We will continue to send out the readings and newsletters via email. Copies of the readings will not be available in the churches but there will be a limited number of newsletters available at the end of Mass. If you receive a newsletter by email, please leave the printed copies for those who need them. Please feel free to take copies to distribute to those who may not be coming back to Mass at this time, and who wouldn't receive one otherwise.

**Congratulations:** We offer our sincerest congratulations to Philip and Margaret Mulholland who celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on Saturday 18th July. We ask the Lord to continue to bless them and their family.