



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; Fri 8.30am

Sunday 26th July—17th Sunday of the Year (A)

We pray for those who have died recently: Agnes Garrigan, Jimmy McCluskey, John Jackson, Tommy Feeney, May Dalgleish, Sr Lawrence of St Therese LSP, Davie Simpson, Eate Roy, Margaret Dare **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** May Hart, Irene Dillon, Paul Dempsey and Jessie Cleary.

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.

Limited Attendance at Mass: I would like to thank all who attended Mass last Sunday and during the week for your patience and cooperation as we all come to terms with the new ways in which we have to approach being at Mass. The booking system required by the Scottish Government will remain in place. As far as the bookings are concerned we are assuming that those who have booked have stated their general preference. There is no need to book each week. If you find that you will not be using your place for a number of weeks, let us know and we can let others use the space. There are 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 will continue to provide the 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). If we don't already have your details, 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, for your first visit, **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 adding which church you usually attend.

Stewards: I have received many emails of appreciation directed towards the stewards. Here is one example which sums up the sentiments of many: "May I also say what struck me (apart from being able to worship God in public again) was it is obvious to me the enormous amount of effort some people (volunteer parishioners) put in just so that we could go to Holy Mass. I refer to people who cleaned and sanitized and stewarded, etc. What a great thing it is to have such decent, hard working, selfless, public-spirited people in our own community who were willing to go to such lengths just to give people like me an opportunity to go to Mass. If that's not faith then I don't know what is." I don't think it could have been put better!

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

Collections: Monies handed in up to 19th July amounted to: St Mary's £1766 | St Columba's £897 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £1726. 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.

Closure of the Gate on Gray's Lane: There has been an increase in anti-social behavior connected to the use of the lane at the side of the hall and I have decided that the gate should now be closed at all times except when the church or hall is in use. The gate will be open early enough in the morning for pupils going to school, but will not be open in the afternoon at the end of the school day. I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Streaming of Mass: In a couple of weeks Malcolm will leave the parish, having spent about 15 weeks with us...or rather living with me in the same house—I'm sure that it has seemed like a life sentence for the poor soul. I know that many of you have appreciated hearing the responses during the live-streamed Masses and so that this might continue, I will ask a reader to attend so that he / she can help with the Liturgy of the Word and with the responses throughout the Mass. As we are continuing to sing the Mass at 10am, I cannot admit more people at the moment, but perhaps, in due course, we might be able to open this Mass up too to a limited