



Vigil Masses 4.30pm & 6pm

Sunday 10am & 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 9th August—19th Sunday of the Year (A)

We pray for those who have died recently: Helen Johnson, Helen McKenzie, Michael Finnon, Derek Mortali, Russell Browne, **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Andrew Conway and Ann Gordon.

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: Change of Preference / Booking

The only space we have for people wishing to return to Sunday Mass is at 10am in St Mary's and 4.30pm in St Leonard and St Fergus'. I need 20 volunteers to change their preference for Mass at St Mary's from 11.30am to 10am. I don't really want to have to start phoning round people to ask directly but if there aren't enough volunteers, I'll probably have to do so. If anyone can make this change even starting tomorrow (Sunday 9th), I would be really grateful.

New Sunday Programme: From this weekend we will open up the 10am Mass in St Mary's to anyone who wishes to attend. The significant change is that the 10am Mass will not be streamed and will have no singing, gloria or creed and no second reading – it will become the same as the other weekend Masses. We will continue to stream the full celebration of Mass, but the live streaming will now be at 8.30am on Sunday mornings. You can still follow the streamed Mass later in the day as it remains on the Facebook page. I am sure that you will understand the need to provide another Mass for people who are ready to return and at the moment we have too many people wanting to attend the available Masses.

Reception of Candidates into Full Communion with the Catholic Church: At Easter we should have welcomed 4 new members into the Church at St Mary's. We will celebrate the Reception into the Church of three of the Candidates—Divya, Lyn and Robert—at 11.30am Mass in St Mary's next Sunday, 16th August (Transferred Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady). I ask you to keep them in your prayers in a particular way this week as they journey towards their celebration of the Sacraments.

Stewards and Cleaners: Fr Alexander and I want to acknowledge once again the great work that our stewards are doing. The stewards not only make sure that people are welcomed and seated but also sanitise the churches after each Mass; many of the same people have also volunteered to help with the regular cleaning of the churches. This all falls to a group of about 20 people in the three communities—about 7 per church. If there is anything that you can do to help the stewards in their work—volunteering to become a steward yourself or staying behind to help sanitise after Mass or volunteering to help clean the church, then this would take the pressure off our small band of willing helpers. **Without stewards we would not be able to gather for public Mass, so the great thanks that we make to them as the parish priests are made also on your behalf.**

Track and Trace: If you have already submitted your contact phone number for Track and Trace, then there is no need to bring this with you every time you attend Mass. The information that we should hold is the name of one person from your family group and a 'phone number. This will only be used to assist in the track and trace initiative and 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: If you haven't responded yet to this and 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 a 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@dunkelddiocese.org.uk adding which church you usually attend or fill in the online form through Facebook.

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

Collections: Monies handed in up to 2nd August amounted to: St Mary's £1101 | St Columba's £207 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £934. Standing Order Payments for July amounted to: St Mary's £580 | St Columba's £314 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £428. Thank you for your continuing support.

Offertory Collection: All collections should be placed directly into 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.

SVdP: Many of you give generously to the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society for the relief of the poor. In St Columba's and St Leonard & St Fergus' there will be basket at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to continue their donations to the SVdP and in St Mary's the wall box as you leave the church has been re-designated for this purpose.

Parish Website: Marie Shafi, with some help from Fr Jean, has been developing a website for the three communities and this is almost ready to be shared publicly. The only thing that has hampered this work has been my own slowness in getting material to them! I want to thank Marie for all the work she has been doing behind the scenes to make this possible. The website will give us another opportunity along with Facebook and our emails to keep in touch. Hopefully with the parish census we will also capture those who are not linked through the internet and have another way for distributing information to them.

Streaming of Mass: I have had one early bird volunteer so far to help at 8.30am streamed Mass. We really need more parishioners who would be happy to do the readings and lead the responses to come and assist at this early Mass. Please contact me as soon as possible—still hopeful of any response, I will make up a rota of all those who volunteer!!

Absence from the Parish: I will be absent from Sunday evening until Wednesday afternoon. Fr Alexander has generously agreed to celebrate both daily Masses, so there will be no break in the Mass schedule. I am hoping to continue to provide the reflections but if there is a blip on Tuesday and Wednesday and no reflection arrives, you will know why.