



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 13th September—Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year (A)

We pray for those who have died recently: Margaret (Peggy) Winter, Philly Alexander, Betty Stewart, Frank Watson, Ronaldo Vettraino **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Sammy Prendergast, Andy Henderson (Snr), Maggie Black, David Heron, Fred Keegan, Sheila McRae, Arthur McRae and Margaret McBennett.

Prayers for the sick: Please continue to remember in your prayers the sick, especially those mentioned on our sick lists.

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

Fr Jude: This week the Bishop announced that on his return from Nigeria and a period of quarantine, Fr Jude will not return to our communities, but will take up an appointment in Perth. Fr Jude will work with Canon Steven Mulholland and Fr Bogdan Palka in the parishes of St John the Baptist and St Mary Magdalene. He will be resident in St Mary Magdalene's parish house. I know that many of you will be disappointed that someone who was with us for only two months is already on the move, but the need in Perth is as great, if not greater than ours. We pray for Fr Jude in what has been a difficult and unsettling first months of priesthood: under the guidance of two senior and experienced priests, may Fr Jude flourish into a great pastoral priest.

Fr Jean: We are delighted to welcome back Fr Jean following the completion of his period of quarantine in St Andrews. We are hopeful that in the next few weeks Fr Jean will have a car which will enable the three of us to serve all the Sunday Masses in rotation, so this will mean that you will see us on a one in three basis.

Works in St Mary's: The scaffolding in the main aisle will remain in place for the coming weeks, but for the moment, all Masses will take place in the church.

Our Journey of Faith—Enquirers: We would invite anyone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic and joining one of our three communities to approach myself or Fr Alexander and we will chat through how the journey into the Church might proceed.

Numbers at Mass: When we started Masses after Lockdown, we initiated a booking system that works on the principle that once you have asked to attend a Mass, your name stays on the list for that Mass. For some of our Masses, we have more names on the list than places in church. This has not be a concern as we have always had people who have not been present—i.e. not everyone on the list comes every week. However, I am aware that the situation in our societies is again of concern as regards the virus and that we must hold to the 50 person limit at Mass. Just in case everyone on our lists should decide to attend Mass on one particular Sunday, I would have to warn you that although you may still be on the list, there are no 'booked' places, and should we reach our limit, the stewards will have to be ask you to attend the 4.30pm Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus'. Please be understanding of our attempts to help as many people as wish to attend Mass.

Collections: Monies handed in up to 6th September amounted to: St Mary's £824 | St Columba's £197 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £629. There was also a donation to St Mary's Restoration Fund of £500. **Second Collection for SCIAF:** St Mary's £361 | St Columba's £101 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £438. There was also a cheque handed in to St Mary's for £2000 as a further donation to SCIAF. Thank you for your continuing generosity to the work of the Church.

Sign of Peace: We will pause at the traditional moment in the Mass for the Sign of Peace so that we can to express our desire to be at peace with those around us and with all people.

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.

Cleaning the Church in St Mary's: Although there are enough people to wipe down the pews on a daily basis after Mass, at the moment we are relying on a couple of good souls to clean the whole church. If anyone is able to spare some time to help on a Friday after the morning Mass, it would be greatly appreciated.

Cleaning at St Columba's: This will take place on Thursday after the morning Mass. All those who can help are asked to lend a hand.

Charities

Aid to the Church in Need: Many of us over the years have appreciated the great work Clare Fulton has done as Area Secretary for Aid to the Church in Need. Clare was an inspirational speaker when she came to appeal on behalf of the charity. Unfortunately due to the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, Clare's position has been made redundant. I would like to thank Clare personally, and on behalf of our parishes, for all she did in the name of Aid to the Church in Need and we ask the Lord to bless her for all that she achieved for them, and to continue to bless her in the future.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: At the moment this is being planned as a DRIVE-IN event (for those without cars I suppose it will be a WALK-PAST event, although there will be some outdoor seating available) event in the car park at St Leonard and St Fergus' Friday 25th September 2020 from 10am. Please bring your own mug. Tea, coffee and a goodie bag will be available – all for only a £1 donation. There will a tombola on the day and pre-wrapped Cake 'n' Candy for sale. Any donations for these will be gratefully received. If anyone has a light-weight pop-up shelter they could lend, please contact Janice Dobbin or approach one of the priests. **There is new advice regarding the use of church halls. Once we have studied the new guidelines, we may be able to change the arrangements—only for the better in that this event may be able to take place inside!!**