



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

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### Sunday 20th September—Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year (A)

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**We pray for those who have died recently:** Theresa Leggatt, Jozef Urban, Molly Donaldson, Nancy McIntosh, Margaret (Peggy) Winter, Ronaldo Vettraino **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Bob Laidlaw, Charlie Farquhar, John Taylor, Peter Bryan, James Russell, Marie Boag, Catherine Murphy, Gerald Murphy, William Milne, Tom Marr, Peter Court, Margaret Henderson, Andrew Leonard, Stew Hogarth and Peggy McCabe.

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** Confession will be available before and after each Mass—please ask at the sacristy. Confessions also available as usual after Saturday morning Masses in St Mary's and St Columba's and before the Vigil Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus'.

**Electric Wheel Chair:** I have been asked if there is anyone who might benefit from the use of a little used electric wheelchair. Please contact me directly on 611282 or speak to me after Mass, if you or someone you know would benefit from having this.

**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 continue to take place in the church.

**Our Journey of Faith—Enquirers:** We will look to start our Journey of Faith in October so I 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 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.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** The celebration of the Sacrament for our young people in P7 of St Mary's had to be postponed due to the Lockdown restrictions. The Bishop has given a provisional date of 30th November, St Andrew's Day for the celebration of the Sacrament for St Mary's and a couple of other parishes in the city. I stress that this is only a provisional date and may have to be reviewed as the situation changes with regard to further restrictions. I will keep you informed as and when I receive further information.

**Collections:** Monies handed in up to 6th September amounted to: St Mary's £1010 | St Columba's £250 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £497. There was also a donation to St Mary's Restoration Fund of £50. **Further donations for SCIAF:** St Mary's £145. 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.

**Help for Stewarding at Funerals:** I would appreciate help with stewarding on the following days this week for funerals: **St Mary's: Mon 21st at 11am (Ronaldo Vettraino); Thurs 24th 11am (Nancy McIntosh); St Columba's: Tues 22nd at 11am (Peggy Winter).** If you can help, please let me know. We will still need stewards for the daily Masses as well.

**Streaming of Mass:** I apologise for the break in transmission last Sunday. We have no idea what caused it and as it has never happened before, we are hoping the it was a one-off incident! We will continue to stream the Mass from St Mary's at 8.30am on a Sunday morning.

## **Charities**

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** We can now hold the coffee morning indoors at the hall at St Leonard and St Fergus' on Friday 25th September 2020 from 10am-12noon. Please still 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 is concerned about coming indoors, there will still be a serving point outside.

**SCIAF 100 Club:** It has been decided to suspend again the running of the 100 club at St Leonard and St Fergus' as there are simply not enough of the members back at church in order to make it financially viable. A record of who has already paid will be kept and roll over when the club starts again.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club:** Advertising the 100 Club for St Leonard and Fergus' gave members of the Restoration Committee the idea that this might be a good way of continuing our fund raising at St Mary's for the Restoration Project. To be successful we would need people to give £5 per month for each number taken. Half of the money raised will go to the fund and half will be used in prize money. If we get 100 numbers taken the prize would be £50 per week. Money would be collected by popping it in an envelope marked with your name and 100 club and dropped into the box with your collection. We would ask this to be done on the first weekend of the month. Please give a note of your interest to Ann Creegan either at Mass or by calling Ann on 221792 or email at [ann@creegan.org](mailto:ann@creegan.org) or speak to Fr Mark. If there is enough interest quickly enough, we will begin this in October.

**Mary's Meals:** As a result of your ongoing generosity a further £495 has been sent to Mary's Meals for their feeding programme. Many thanks for donating so that children can survive and thrive. A further £4 was forwarded to the charity as a result of the ink cartridge collection. Many thanks