



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 27th September—Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year (A)**

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**We pray for those who have died recently:** Frances Devine, Theresa Leggatt, Molly Donaldson, Marie Middleton, John Reilly, Jozef Urban, David Lochhead, Elionora Iannetta, Jimmy Curran **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Dennis Hall, Elizabeth Berry, Elizabeth Winter, Robert Winter, Mary Noonan, Colin Russell, Margaret Gallacher Folganan, Bernard Gallacher Jnr, Helen Heron, Gerry Monteith, Patrick Boyle, and Raymond Moore.

**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 Wheelchair:** 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.

**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 been 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 society 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 for 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 20th September amounted to: St Mary's £1035 | St Columba's £225 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £545. There was also a donation to St Mary's Restoration Fund of £55. Thank you for your continuing generosity to the work of the Church.

**Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Housebound:** I have sought advice as to how the recent restrictions might affect priests and Eucharistic Ministers taking Holy Communion to those unable to join us at Mass. It is good news in that we are still able to carry on with this ministry at the moment. We are simply encouraged to take the utmost care in carrying out all necessary precautions when we visit the sick and vulnerable.

**Heating in the Churches:** Our three churches have never been the warmest of buildings during the Autumn / Winter. I have already noticed the drop in temperature this week. The Covid-19 measures that we have taken have included keeping the doors to the church open. We will look at ways of minimizing the loss of heat, but as the weather changes, I would advise you to come to Mass well-wrapped up.

**Help for Stewarding at Funerals:** I would appreciate help with stewarding at Funerals on the following days this week: **St Mary's: Mon 28th at 11.30am (Molly Donaldson); St Leonard & St Fergus': Tues 29th at 11am (Theresa Leggatt).** If you can help, please let me know. We will still need stewards for the daily Masses as well.

**Website:** We have set up three domains with one website. This means that if you type in [www.stmaryslochee.org.uk](http://www.stmaryslochee.org.uk) or [www.stleonardandstfergus.org.uk](http://www.stleonardandstfergus.org.uk) or [www.stcolumbaskirkton.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbaskirkton.org.uk), it should take you to the page. The great majority of the work has been done but there are still elements to be added—the title picture with St Mary's will also have images of St Columba's and St Leonard and St Fergus', email addresses will be added for all the parishes and the introductions to the parishes will change, and there will be links through these to the activities in the parishes. Please have a look at the website and if you have any comments—positive and negative—please make them known to us.

### Charities

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** Thank you to all those who felt able to come and support the fundraising effort on Friday at the hall at St Leonard and St Fergus'. £511 was raised. There were some goodies left over which will be available to buy at the Vigil and 10am Masses....and 4.30pm if there's anything left!!

**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:** So far 61 people have signed up for the 100 club—a great response for the first weekend. This means that we will start the draws in October, but with slightly reduced weekly prize money—half of the money gathered will go in prizes and half to the Building Fund. Monies for the month (£5) will be collected on the first Sunday of the month, from next weekend, 3rd-4th October. You can also place your £5 in an envelope with your name on it and pop it into the collection box. The weekly winner will be announced in the newsletter. Thanks to all who have decided to help the Fund in this way.

### 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.