



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 11th October—Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year (A)

We pray for those who have died recently: Davie Lochhead, Joan O'Shea, Hugh Docherty and Frances Giblin **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** James Gurvan, Georgina Dempsey, Kathleen Gowans, Ella and John Jordan, Sarah Hynd, Neil Findlay, Anthony McAndrew, Margaret Young, Thomas Ravey and Agnes, Kevin and Mark Stephens. We also remember all those mentioned in our books of remembrance. **Prayers for the sick:** Please continue to remember in your prayers the sick, especially those mentioned on our sick lists.

Names for Anniversaries: There are many names in our books of remembrance and these remain as a permanent record of our beloved dead. For the names which will be prayed for at Sunday Mass you are asked to hand in the names to any of the priests or pop them through the letterbox of the parish houses or send the names in by email. I will then do my best to remember to add them to the list (this is always the weak link in the chain). I am afraid that there are simply too any names in the remembrance books to read out every week.

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'.

Clergy Changes

The Bishop has announced the following changes:

Mgr Martin Drysdale: Towards the end of October Mgr Martin will retire as parish priest of St Fillan's Newport and Star of the Sea, Tayport. **Fr Samuel Alabi** is appointed (as an interim measure) to provide supply cover in Tayport and Newport until more permanent arrangements can be confirmed.

Fr Joseph James OFMCap left St Thomas', Arbroath last Thursday, 8th October, 2020. Fr Joseph has been in Arbroath for the past four years as Parish Priest while completing his studies in Psychology. His Superior has asked him to return to Kerala.

Fr Andrew Marshall who is currently completing his Licence in Biblical Theology in Rome, is to return to be priest-in-residence in St Thomas' Arbroath while he completes studies. Canon Kevin Golden is appointed Administrator of St Thomas' Arbroath until Christmas.

Our need is great and the labourers are few—ask the Lord of the Vineyard to send workers into his vineyard.

Focus on Vocations: "He will lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the fruits when the season arrives." Could the Lord be calling you to work in his vineyard, to produce fruits for the Kingdom in priesthood, diaconate or consecrated / religious life? Call, Fr Mark the Diocesan Vocations Director, or visit the website / Facebook of Priests for Scotland, the National Vocations Office.

Collections: Monies handed in up to 4th October amounted to: St Mary's £955 | St Columba's £264 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £622. There was also a £200 donation to the Restoration Fund at St Mary's. Thank you for your continuing generosity to the work of the Church.

Month of the Missions: October is traditionally the month when we focus our thoughts on the Missionary activity of the Church. There is material on the Missio Scotland website detailing some of the work supported by the funds raised for the missionary wing of the Church: This can be found at www.missioscotland.com Regarding the Special Collection this year: There would usually be a special collection during October for Missio but this year there is simply a donation button on the Diocesan Website. In addition, the Missio website has another new system for donations directly to Missio. For anyone who wishes to support Missio and has no access to the internet, please pass on your donations to one of the priests or drop your donation into the collection boxes in an envelope clearly marked 'Missio'. We will pass these donations on to the charity.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: The first draw was made on Friday and the winner was no.59, Kitty Berry. You have no idea how I glad I was that it wasn't one of the clergy!!

**BISHOPS' OF SCOTLAND: MESSAGE TO CLERGY AND PEOPLE:
"LET US NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD". (GAL 6:9)**

Dear People of Scotland,

The Covid-19 Pandemic has presented the Church with unprecedented challenges. It has brought about the temporary closure of Churches and, following the resumption of public worship, the introduction of rigorous health and safety measures to prevent transmission of the virus.

Since the resumption of public worship our parishes have been meticulous in controlling infection and ensuring the safety of all those who cross the threshold of a Catholic church. The Bishops wish to commend the work and cooperation of priests, parishioners and volunteers whose extraordinary efforts have ensured that Catholic churches are among the safest places for people to attend in the midst of this Pandemic.

However, we are now at a fragile point. The rate of Covid-19 infections is on the rise across Scotland and public anxiety is increasing. At this critical moment, we ask that we all persevere in our efforts to reduce the risk of transmission and to ensure that our parishes and communities adhere to all infection control measures that have been put in place.

Our discussions with the Scottish Government assure us that Government is aware of our extremely careful protocols and trusts us to see to our public worship and parish life with the discretion of responsible citizens. We, for our part, assure Government that we are employing this discretion for the good of public health in accordance with the law.

On that basis, we have every confidence that, if parishes continue these high standards, public worship and parish life can carry on and we will continue to attend to the spiritual welfare of the nation.

From long experience of plagues and disasters, the Church knows how the want of prayer and faith can do great harm to the spiritual wellbeing of nations, and how our public worship - owed to God - can bring His special divine assistance in times of national trouble.

Now, more than ever, our church doors need to be open, and consolidating our hard work to date will ensure this blessing for ourselves and for our country.

+The Bishops of the 8 Catholic Dioceses of Scotland