





Vigil Masses 4.30pm & 6pm Sunday 10am & 11.30am Daily Mass at 10am Sunday Mass 11.30am
Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am
Saturday 9am

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Mon & Wed 6.30pm; Fri 8.30am

Sunday 18th October—Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year (A)

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Agnes Gowans, Maria Warskyj, Anne Low, Lorna Small, Joseph McCabe and Ellen Keenan. We 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.

Weekday and Saturday morning Masses: There is no need to book for the Monday-Saturday Masses in our parishes. The greatest number attending is between 20-30 people, and therefore we are well within the 50 person limit. There is a list of the 'regulars', but you can also give your name at the door as you enter.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Except in exceptional circumstances, you can ask for Confession before or after each Mass—please ask at the sacristy. If wishing confession before Mass, please come along in good time—at least 15 minutes before the start of Mass would be helpful. Confessions are 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' (5.15-5.45pm).

Month of the Holy Souls: "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins" (Macc 12:46). We are approaching the month of November and the time when we are encouraged to pray in a special way for our beloved dead. There are lists and envelopes available after Mass today for those who wish to pick them up. Please return these as soon as possible: all the Masses during November will be offered for those priests and parishioners, family members and friends whom we remember on our lists.

Repair Works to St Mary's: With the scaffolding still in place and no sign of anything else happening, you are probably wondering what is going on. Well, we are now at the stage where the engineer's drawings have been completed and we have had a site visit from the firm who will manufacture the new beams (having first sourced the proper wood—both in terms of type and size). Hopefully we will hear more in the next couple of weeks.

Lost property in St Mary's: Over the past weeks items left in the church have included a refillable water bottle, two pairs of glasses, a necklace and a small purse with some money in it. Please ask at the sacristy for any items which might belong to you.

Focus On Vocations

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

Today is Mission Sunday. Could you be called to be a missionary priest, at home or abroad, or to serve as a missionary religious? Speak to your Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Mark Cassidy, see the *Priests for Scotland* website or Facebook page, or get in touch with Vocation Network Scotland for more information.

Collections: Monies handed in up to 11th October amounted to: St Mary's £1081 | St Columba's £247 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £539. There were also a further two £200 donations to the Restoration Fund at St Mary's. Thank you for your continuing generosity for the work of the Church.

Charities / Fundraising

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: This week's was made on Friday and the winner was no.8, Teresa McNulty. Congratulations to Teresa and thanks to all who support this fundraising initiative.

Mission Sunday: Today is traditionally the Sunday when the Mission of the Church becomes our focus—the fundamental work of the Church and the reason we exist which is to evangelise. We remember in our prayers all who work to spread the Good News of the Gospel, especially those who work in foreign lands. There will be no traditional second collection but we will leave baskets at the back of the churches if anyone wishes to make a donation to Missio.

Message for Mission Sunday—18th October 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

In his message for World Mission Sunday and in his new encyclical, Pope Francis has called all of us to recognise that we are brothers and sisters who have a responsibility for one another.

The terrible reality of the Covid 19 pandemic, he says, should make us recognise that our need for social relationships and our communal relationship with God are deeply connected. The Church is a family.

World Mission Sunday marks a tradition which goes all the way back to the earliest days of the Church where one community helps a Church community in need somewhere else. World Mission Sunday is a day when every person in every parish in every country where the Church is present celebrates together and shares what they have. It is the one Sunday in the year when Pope Francis asks the whole Church to help mission parishes and to reach out with Jesus' message of hope and love. The Catholics of Scotland have always responded with great generosity to the Pope's appeal.

In 1988 Fr. Pat Hennessy left his parish of Our Lady and St. Anne's in Hamilton to go to work among the people of the Andes mountains in Peru, South America. One day some men came to ask him to visit their village higher up the mountain. Among those who would see him was 14-year old Pedro Bustamante. Soon after Fr. Pat's visit, a parish was established. Several years later Pedro Bustamante entered seminary, was ordained a priest and is now the bishop of Sicuani, a remote area in the high Andes where the people are among the poorest in the world. They have also been hit especially hard by the pandemic.

This year, in your name, Missio Scotland wishes to help the people of Llusco in Sicuani in three ways.

The first is to build a parish house in the village so that there can be a resident priest and the people can have Mass and the sacraments. The house will also be a centre where the community can come together to share food and life.

The second way we can help is to fund a feeding programme for disabled children in the Sicuani area which is run by the diocese.

The third way of helping is to pray for the Church in Peru, especially in Sicuani.

Through whatever you can give this Mission Sunday you can help those who are poor and most in need to experience the love of God. You can donate online by visiting missioscotland.com or by texting Missioscot to 70085 to donate £3.

With the prayers of everyone at Missio for your the health and well-being.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Vincent Lockhart

National Director of Missio Scotland - the Pontifical Mission Societies