



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 25th October—Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (A)

We pray for those who have died recently: Nan Sharp, Ian Anderson and Herbert Irvine **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Zofia Warskyj, Ellen McKay, Sr Aurelie Noonan LSP, Lina Grossi, Maud Duncan, Syd Connor and Molly Gorrie. 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.

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.

Reconciliation: Please pray for the children of St Andrew's PS who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week in preparation for their First Holy Communion later this year.

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. Envelopes can be placed in the Collection boxes or baskets at the back of the churches.

Lost property in St Mary's: Over the past weeks items left in the church have included 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.

"You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you." Have you been inspired by a priest or religious, and considered following their example? Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Mark and visit the Diocesan Vocations Facebook Page, Priests for Dunkeld or email *Priests for Scotland* at office@pfs.org.uk, or see their website or Facebook pages (PFS or VocationNetworkScotland).

Four o'clock Prayer for Vocations: This prayer links the time of day with the call of St Andrew, our national patron. The idea is that we set aside a moment at 4 o'clock in the afternoon to pray for vocations. *'Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour you called our patron, Andrew and his companion to be your disciples. We pray that many in our country may hear your call to discipleship. May they respond to your call with generosity, confidence and enthusiasm. Inspired by the example of Mary Immaculate may they say 'yes' to the Father's will and give their lives*

Collections: Monies handed in up to 18th October amounted to: St Mary's £1075 | St Columba's £184 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £645. If there is anyone who would like to start using envelopes in the parishes (there are spare sets) or to use Standing Orders and Gift Aid, please just ask. There were two cheques handed in to help with the Restoration Fund at St Mary's. These were for £1,000 and £3,000. While my sincere thanks go to the families who were so generous in donating this money to the parish, I also thank all of you for your continuing generosity towards the work of the Church.

Mission Sunday Collections: St Mary's £185 | St Columba's £72 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £286. As there was no warning about the second collection and in light of the strange circumstances of this year, my intention is to forward to Missio the same amounts as were donated last year: St Mary's £587 | St Columba's £185 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £376. The difference will be made up from parish funds.

Message from Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child: During the restrictions caused by the pandemic, the Scottish Government (along with the Westminster Government) introduced the practice of sending women pills in the post so that they can perform a DIY abortion at home. This was supposed to be a temporary measure during the pandemic, but the Scottish Government is now holding a consultation on whether to make this practice permanent. We need as many people as possible to complete the Scottish Government's questionnaire in order to stop what might be dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the questionnaire. Please go to www.spuc.org.uk/Scottish-Consultation.

Talks and 'Lectio Divina': We are in the process of preparing materials to help us with some further reflection for the start of the Church's New year this Advent. There will be talks on Facebook introducing the Gospel of St Mark (the Gospel that we will follow on the Ordinary Sundays of the Year in 2021). We will also have some shared Sacred Reading (Lectio Divina) of the texts for the Sundays of Advent. Some of this will be on line and some will be produced for distribution by email and some printed copies will also be available for private reflection. Hopefully this will be another moment for us to journey together in our faith so that we may know more deeply what hope the Lord's call holds for us.

St Columba's Magazine, 'The Dove': It has been the tradition in St Columba's to mark the end of the year with an edition of 'The Dove'. If anyone from our three communities would like to contribute to the magazine, please email any material to me and I will pass it on. As well as some printed copies, it is hoped that we will make this year's edition available on-line for anyone to access.

Charities / Fundraising

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: This week's draw was made on Friday and the winner was no. 5, Fr. Jean Gové. Congratulations to Fr Jean and thanks to all who support this fundraising initiative. **Please note:** Next Sunday is the first of the month and all monies are due for November's draws.

Repair Works

St Mary's: We are now waiting for the engineer to come back to us with the load requirement for more scaffolding to support the roof while the beam is replaced. Important information, as you can imagine, as we don't really want a partial collapse of the roof in the process of the replacement work!!

St Leonard and St Fergus: Recently we had an ingress of water into the hall at St Leonard and St Fergus'. The roofers have been and this seems to have been due to blocked gutters (flourishing plant life up there) and slipped slates. The whole roof has had an inspection and fairly simple problems remedied. Hopefully this will put a stop to the leaks. The heating in the church has also been temperamental recently and there will be engineers out to service the boilers and also issue us with the required annual Gas Safety Certificate.