



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 1st November—Solemnity of All Saints

We pray for those who have died recently: George Main, Gerard Malone, Thomas White, Ronnie Wright, Bette Miller and Alec Wynne **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Tom Tinney, Joe Falkener Sr Mary Angela (Rowley) and Catherine Turnbull. 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.

Reconciliation: We had a lovely celebration in St Andrew's PS with the children who were celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The children came joyfully to the Sacrament and our thanks go to the staff at St Andrew's for the preparation of the children, their parents and families for their support and, of course, our congratulations to the children themselves.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Due to the further restrictions introduced from Monday, the Bishop has decided to postpone the celebration of Confirmation due to take place in the Cathedral on St Andrew's Day. The Confirmations (which would have included the young people from last year's P7 in St Mary's) will take place at some time in 2021.

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 still available 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.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed: Monday 2nd November: There will be an extra Mass tomorrow (Monday) at St Columba's for All Souls. Mass will be celebrated at 9am: St Columba's; 10am: St Mary's; 6.30pm St Leonard and St Fergus.

Mass for the Deceased Clergy: This Mass will be streamed from St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside at 12 Noon on Thursday 12th November. It will not be open to the public but will be Livestreamed on the Diocesan Website.

Focus On Vocations

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

I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language." The Church is of every age and every nation. Come, serve its many members! Call or email Fr Mark, the Diocesan Vocations Director, or email *Priests for Scotland* at office@pfs.org.uk, or visit their website or Facebook pages (PFS or VocationNetworkScotland).

Collections: Monies handed in up to 18th October amounted to: St Mary's £1051 | St Columba's £313 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £569. 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. I thank all of you for your continuing generosity towards the work of the Church.

Marys Meals: We are very grateful thanks for donations which enabled a further £40 to be sent to the feeding programme. A further £5.50 was generated for Mary's Meals from 4 used Canon ink cartridges (2 x Canon 541 =£3.50, 2 x Canon 540 =£2). Recycling cartridges in this way also saves them from going to landfill. Most original ink cartridges are acceptable though some generate a much poorer return. The restrictions of the pandemic has meant that new methods of distributing meals have had to be created but nearly all of the children in 19 countries are now having meals delivered to their homes or communities. A perfect gift for your loved ones at Christmas or birthday could be a £5 gift card which would allow 62 meals to be delivered to a community - a £15.90 gift card could feed a child for a whole school year.

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.

Arrival of a New Priest to the Diocese: We welcome into the diocese as from Tuesday, 3rd November, 2020, Fr. Louis Uwaezuoke cousin to Fr Tobias and only five years ordained. Fr. Louis has been working for the past few years in the Archdiocese of Southwark and has kindly agreed to come to us at least until his Visa expires or can be renewed. We look forward to welcoming him next week where he will stay for a few days with Fr Tobias in Forfar until he becomes familiar with the ways of the Diocese.

Charities / Fundraising

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: This week's draw was made on Friday and the winner was no.68, Margaret Keir. Congratulations to Margaret and thanks to all who support this fundraising initiative. **Please note:** All monies are due this weekend for November's draws.