





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 8th November—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

We pray for those who have died recently: Elizabeth Cox, Teresa Farrara, Peter Campbell, Alison Maloney, Matilda Boath, Derek Blewitt, George Main, Gerard Malone, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tommy Morgan, Agnes Predergast, Ronald Dempsey, Gareth Clark, Roseanne Mulligan, John Mulligan, Peter Stewart. 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.

Remembrance Sunday: Today we also remember in our prayers all those who have died as a result of warfare and conflict. We pray for peace in the world.

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.

Lists for Mass: Could I ask all those who come into the churches after the stewards have taken their seats for Mass to please tick their names off the lists or add their names to the bottom of the sheets. It is imperative that we know who is in the church at all our Masses. The stewards are doing sterling work for us, but they are also here to join in the prayers of the Mass and should be able to do so without having to worry that they haven't counted everyone in!! Thank you to everyone for following the guidelines and making our churches as safe as possible.

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.

Mass for the Deceased Clergy: This Mass will be streamed from St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside at 12 Noon this 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.

"The Bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him!" Don't put off the moment to respond to God's call to serve. Speak to Fr Mark, your Diocesan Vocations Director, email *Priests for Scotland* at office@pfs.org.uk, or visit the website or Facebook pages (PFS or VocationNetworkScotland).

Collections: Monies handed in up to 18th October amounted to: St Mary's £1061 | St Columba's £224 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £630. 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.

Other donations: Many thanks for the following donations: St Columba's received a cheque for £1,000; St Mary's Restoration Fund: received donations of £300 and £60; Mary's Meals: received a further £120. Mission Appeal: another £30 was handed in. I can only thank you for all you give through the weekly collections and to other charitable causes.

Foodstuffs for those in Need: At the moment we have a good stock of foodstuffs at St Mary's for anyone who is struggling. Please let people know that there are provisions available and direct them to the chapel house in Lochee. For those in need, we can also arrange for messages to be delivered.

Cleaning at St Leonard and St Fergus: There will be cleaning of the church this coming Friday after the morning Mass. All those who can help are asked to come along and lend a hand.

Catholic Newspapers: Some of the Catholic Newspapers are still being published and delivered. We are encouraged not to leave things lying about the church and this includes newspapers. Could I ask anyone who wishes to receive a Catholic paper to let us know and we will order a specific number of copies? We would need your name and which paper you might like to receive.

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.96, Gary Clark. Congratulations to Gary and thanks to all who support this fundraising initiative.