



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 20th December—Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

We pray for those who have died recently: May Moran, Ken Hart, Veronica Ahonsi, Ian Davidson, Helen Lorimer, Annalisa Sayson **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Ronald Gaffney, Thomas McCabe, Bernard Creegan, Stephen Tront, Ella Tront, John McCord, Frances McCord, John Quinn, Robert Quinn, Ian Fordyce, Alberto Angelosanto, Bridget Sweeney McLean, Douglas Laidlaw, Chrissie Ogierman, Mary Flynn and Margaret Dysart Hastie. 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.

Lists for Christmas Masses: Unfortunately we cannot accept any more requests for places at our Christmas Masses except for the 7.30pm Vigil and Midnight Masses—both at St Leonard and St Fergus' and also for Christmas Morning Mass at St Columba's. For those who have places, here is a reminder of the Mass timings:

- **St Mary's:** Christmas Eve 4.30pm; 6pm; 7.30pm; 9pm; Christmas Morning 10am.
- **St Columba's:** Christmas Eve 5pm; Christmas Morning 10am;
- **St Leonard and St Fergus':** Christmas Eve 4.30pm; 6pm; 7.30pm; Midnight Mass; Christmas morning 10am.

Please arrive in good time for the Christmas Masses as we will need to be particularly attentive in where we seat individuals and groups. Thank you for your continuing patience as we prepare to celebrate these Masses in as joyful and as safe a way as possible.

St Mary's Primary School: I would like to congratulate the children from St Mary's who are in the Sacramental Programme and who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday evening. It was a very special and prayerful occasion. Thanks to Mrs Raeper who has worked so hard to prepare the children and to the members of staff who came to support the children. I would also like to congratulate Mrs Curran and the staff at St Mary's for the ways in which they have helped the children to continue their education during all the challenges of this past calendar year. We wish them well for a well-deserved break.

Carolyn Lothian, St Mary's PS: It is with real regret that we say farewell to Carolyn who has been Deputy Head at St Mary's PS for almost ten years. As we wish her well in her new post at St Joseph's PS, we welcome Emma Storrer as the new Deputy Head.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: For all who wish to make their Sacramental Confession before Christmas, we are available to celebrate the Sacrament before and after each weekday Mass and at request after our Sunday Masses. Unfortunately, there has not been the opportunity to celebrate the Deanery Reconciliation Service.

Days after Christmas: As next Sunday follows hard on the heels of the celebration of Christmas, there will be no Mass next Saturday morning (Boxing Day) in either St Mary's or St Columba's and no newsletter for the Sunday. Mass on Monday 28th December will be at 12noon (St Mary's) and as usual at 6pm in St Leonard and St Fergus'.

Collections: Monies handed in up to 13th December amounted to: St Mary's £1326 | St Columba's £286 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £497.

Dunkeld News: The December Issue of the Dunkeld News is available through the Diocesan Website. A very limited number of copies arrived this week and are available in the churches.

St Mary's Goody Bags: Many of you contacted me to express your thanks to the ladies who arranged the goody bags which were distributed in St Mary's last weekend. Both the idea and the preparation of this gift came from the ladies themselves. I add my own grateful thanks to them.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: In each of the goody bags there was a raffle ticket—the number 100 wins a Christmas hamper. If you didn't just throw the ticket away, and it happened to be number 100, please collect your prize!

Charities / Fundraising

Donations Received: From the three communities, the **SCIAF Advent Campaign** received two separate donations of £250 and a further donation of £60. **Mary's Meals** also received two donations of £250 while I was handed two donations of £500 and £200 to be used for the poor. The **St Mary's Restoration Fund** also received the donation of a cheque for £500. Thank you to all who financially support the work of the Church at the local level of the parish and also in its charitable and missionary work. It is especially encouraging that people are still so generous in these challenging times.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: This week's draw was made on Friday and the winner was no.58, Jane Budge. Congratulations to Jane and thanks to all who support this fundraising initiative.

SCIAF's Advent Focus: So far in our Advent Campaign our three communities have raised a total of over £2,500. This is a remarkable achievement and means that two projects can be supported to provide clean water for the poorest people in the world who either have to travel far on foot to access clean water or risk drinking local contaminated water.

Christmas Sock Appeal: This year our three communities donated over 1,000 pairs of socks for this initiative which provides socks to those who use the shelters in Dundee. If there are still socks donated this weekend they will go into a store to be used through the year or for next winter. Again grateful thanks are given to all who contributed so generously to this appeal.

Focus On Vocations

Seminary Enquiries for 2021/22: The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. Please contact Fr Mark.

Christmas Greetings

Fr Alexander, Fr Jean and I would like to wish the parishioners of
St Mary's, St Columba's and St Leonard and St Fergus'
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord bring blessings of peace to you and your families.