





Vigil Masses 4.30pm & 6pm Sunday 8.30am (Streamed) 10am & 11.30am

Monday-Saturday 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 28th March—Palm Sunday (B)

We pray for those who have died recently: Alec Kiddie, Eleanor Kimmet, Mary (Cabrelli) Love, Eileen Walsh, Jean (Mulligan) Nicolay and Margaret Bell and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dave Keir, Victoria Obiorah, Jenny Robertson, Dennis Sandeman, Bob Sharp, Betty Inglis, Susan Ogilvie, Mark Vannet, Francis Rice and James Goodman. A remembrance has also been requested for Bert Marshall and Mary and Chic Dailly. 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.

**Change of Mass Time:** Please note that due to a funeral Mass, there will be no 8.30am Mass in St Columba's this Tuesday, 30th March. There should be room in St Mary's for anyone with transport who wishes to attend.

**Church Cleaning for Easter:** Thank you to all those who turned out to help with the post-Lockdown/pre-Easter cleaning. Our three churches are ready for the great celebrations next weekend.

**Stations of the Cross:** Thank you to all who assisted with the Stations of the Cross during Lent. There will be Stations available this coming Friday (Good Friday) at 7pm (Facebook).

**Penitential Services with General Absolution:** Special permission has been given to hold Penitential Services with General Absolution. We will hold these services in St Mary's and St Leonard & St Fergus this Tuesday, 30th March at 6.30pm. There will be sheets available to sign up for these services. For those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the usual, individual manner, please see the priests in the sacristy before (up to 15minutes before) or after the weekday Masses.

**Restoration Work in St Mary's:** The bill for the latest work done for the second instance of dry rot amounted to just over £7,000 - about two thirds of the previous costs (due to experience gained from work done). Again, I am grateful to all the trades involved in the work. The costs of this have again come from the normal working account of the parish with no need to touch the Restoration Fund money. We are still in a very sound financial position so there is no need for extra fund-raising or donations for the work completed.

**Financial Contributions:** Many thanks for all the financial support during Lockdown. Up until last weekend the income for the parishes for March was: St Mary's £3,085 (including a donation of £500); St Leonard & St Fergus' £2,857 (including two donations of £1000 and £800); St Columba's £486. There was a also a donation of £500 for the work of SVdP in St Leonard & St Fergus'; SCIAF donations totaled £299. Thank you all for your contributions supporting the work of the Church and the upkeep of the parishes.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club:** This was paused for the past three months and will resume in April. All who had money already paid will have that cash credited for the weeks and months ahead. So, for example, those who paid their subs for January will find that money used for April. If you paid for the whole year, then the three months will be added on at the end The long and the short of it is that no-one will lose out! The draws will start again next weekend.

## **Holy Week and Easter**

## The Masses and Services for Holy Week will take place at the following times

The Chrism Mass (normally celebrated on Wednesday of Holy Week) will take place later in the year.

**Holy Thursday, 1st April**—no morning Mass. Mass of the Lord's Supper St Mary's 7pm; St Leonard & St Fergus 7pm

**Good Friday, 2nd April:** Office of Readings and Morning Prayer: St Mary's 10am; St Columba's 10am Solemn Liturgy of the Passion: St Mary's 3pm; St Columba's 3pm.

Holy Saturday, 3rd April: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer: St Mary's 10am;

St Leonard & St Fergus 10am

There are no early Vigils on Holy Saturday. Solemn Vigil of Easter: St Mary's 8pm;

St Leonard & St Fergus 8pm.

Easter Day (Sunday), 4th April: St Mary's 8.30am (Streamed Mass); 10am, 11.30am; St Leonard & St Fergus 10am, 4.30pm; St Columba's 11.30am

The normal lists will not be used for the Easter weekend, so we will need people to sign up for the specific Holy Week and Easter Masses and Services. Lists are available this weekend.

For Easter Sunday itself we will try to give preference to people who cannot access Mass on-line, but so that everyone has the opportunity to receive Holy Communion on Easter Day itself, Fr Alex and I will remain in the church after the 11.30am Masses (St Mary's & St Columba's) for anyone who wishes to make their way down to the churches to receive Holy Communion.

Please also remember that each weekday Mass of Easter Week (5-10th April) is a celebration of Mass as on Easter Sunday, so if you do not manage for the Sunday, you have the opportunity to celebrate on another day as though it were Easter itself.

**Consultation on the time of the 4.30pm Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus:** Thank you to those who responded to the consultation on the provision of the 4.30pm in St Leonard & St Fergus. This Mass will transfer to Saturday evening at 4.30pm from Sunday 11th April. All those whose names are on the list for the Sunday evening will automatically transfer to the Saturday evening. I do have to find one or two places on Sunday morning at 10am, so if there is anyone who can change their Mass to 4.30pm on Saturday, I would be very grateful.

**Memorial Prayer Cards:** There are a small number of prayer cards for Bishop Vincent available. If you would like one, please ask at the Sacristy.

**Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound:** I am due to receive my second vaccination for Covid this coming Saturday at 8am. After Easter, I will be happy to resume visits to the sick and housebound just so long as they are happy with this. I would suggest that Eucharistic Ministers wait until they, and those they visit, have received both doses of the vaccine. Please contact me whenever this happens so that we can resume our regular visits to the sick.

**Reflections:** We are taking a short break from the daily (email) reflections during Holy Week and Easter Week. However, for those who can access Facebook, we are hoping to share reflections there on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. These reflections will look at the celebrations of the Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter.

## Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue." Jesus gave everything out of love for us. Are you being called to reflect the Master's sacrifice by offering yourself as a priest, a deacon or religious? Speak to Fr Mark, your Vocations Director, email *Priests for Scotland* at office@pfs.org.uk, or see our website or Facebook pages (PFS or VocationNetworkScotland) for advice.