



Vigil Masses 4.30pm & 6pm
Sunday 10am (also streamed)
& 11.30am
Monday-Saturday 10am



Sunday Mass 11.30am
Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am
Saturday 9am



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Sunday 25th April—Fourth Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday

We pray for those who have died recently: Maureen Nolan and Mary Malloy (Galway). **and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Margaret Braid, Billy Braid, Jim Flucker, Fidelia Nwobilo, Rosemary Pilling, Roy Petrie, Ethel Carroll and Bella and Davie Cowan, 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation: We intend celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in June for the children in St Mary's PS and also for the young people now in secondary education who missed the Sacrament last year due to the Covid restrictions. If there are any **other** children who need to be prepared for the Sacrament (those in non-denominational schools), please contact me so that we can arrange a suitable time for classes to take place).

Welcome to the family of the Church: This weekend we welcome Dorian Peter Pilarski who will be baptized in St Mary's. May the Lord continue to bless Dorian and his family and to keep them all in his love.

Funerals this week: I would ask any stewards who can help at the following funeral to contact me: St Columba's, Tuesday 27th April at 10am (Maureen Nolan). There will be no 8.30am Mass in St Columba's on Tuesday but as numbers for funerals have been increased to 50 from tomorrow (Monday) anyone who wishes to is welcome to come to Maureen's funeral .

Ordination to the Diaconate: Next Sunday, 2nd May at 10.30am (UK time), Malcolm Hutchison will be among the seminarians at the Pontifical Scots College being ordained to the Diaconate. Please remember Malcolm in your prayers this week as he prepares for this important moment: a great ministry of service in its own right but also a significant step on his journey to priesthood. The Mass will be streamed on the Scots College's Facebook page.

Episcopal Ordination: I ask for your prayers for a friend of mine, Mgr Mark Miles who will be ordained as Archbishop in Rome this Sunday (25th). He will take up a post as the Pope's Representative (Nuncio) in Benin.

Lists for Mass: If your name does not appear, please let me know and we will add you to the list. If you find that you want or need to change the Mass you are attending, please let me know and I will make the necessary adjustments.

Records: If you are late for Mass and the stewards have already come into the church may I ask you to check off your name or add your name to the sheet? At the moment we still need to keep an accurate record of who is at Mass. Thank you.

Changes to Capacity: There is news filtering through that there may be a change in the numbers we can admit to the churches and that there will be new guidelines issued. We will act as soon as we can and with due diligence, making it as clear as we can as to how these new guidelines will affect us in each of our buildings.

Confession: Anyone who wishes to celebrate the Sacrament can present themselves at the Sacristy in any of the three churches on any day of the week before or after Mass. All we ask is that if it is before Mass, please come 15 minutes before Mass begins.

Collections: St Mary's £1294 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £714 | St Columba's £421. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church.

SCIAF Boxes: Donations to SCIAF this week amounted to **St Mary's £226 | St Leonard & St Fergus £184 | St Columba's £171**. Please hand these in to any of the churches as soon as possible so that we can make sure that our Lenten Alms reach SCIAF in good time for the UK Government's matching of the donations.

SCIAF Fundraising: This weekend of 24th/25th April there will be a raffle and book sale at St Mary's to further support the work of SCIAF. **Thank you to all those who handed in books for the sale!**

St Mary's Restoration Fund: There was a further £230 handed in last week for the Restoration Fund.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: The winner for this week is no.25, Therese Farrell. Congratulations to Therese! Money for May is due next week unless you have paid in advance. If no-one is at the back of the church to collect money, you can pop it into an envelope (some are available at the back of the church) and add your name and number to the envelope.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Is that you? Speak to Fr Mark, your Vocations Director, email Priests for Scotland at office@pfs.org.uk, or see the website or Facebook pages (PFS or VocationNetworkScotland) for more information.

An Invitation to Consider the Call in 2021.

Bishop John Keenan, the Bishop of Paisley – whose remit also includes Priests for Scotland, the Church's group overseeing the on-going formation of priest, priestly life and vocations – has recorded a video message to invite young men and women to make 2021 the year they consider giving themselves to the Church and to the world as priests and religious to serve our communities and parishes. Now, more than ever, we need witnesses and messengers to bring the Gospel to a world hurting and scarred by the Covid-19 pandemic, whose legacy of isolation, fear and sadness will need to be overcome by strong hearts and voices committed to sharing Christ's message and ministry of healing, joy and hope. When the isolations of 2020 and 2021 are past, could yours be a voice for togetherness and community, for communion with God and with others? See the Priests for Scotland Website for this video and for more information.

A Reflection for Vocations' Sunday and the Call to Priesthood

Where am I heading? What is God calling me to do with my life? Am I following God's will or my will? It is not always easy to understand the direction that God wants for us. While the decision on which path to follow ultimately comes down to you, understand that you do not need to be alone in making this decision. There are many resources and good people available to help you on the way to know what is your vocation.

Vocation—it is a calling by God to follow a specific path. We all receive them. The question is, do we follow the vocation that God puts before us? A vocation to the priesthood is one of many vocations, and is possibly a road that you are considering. Before you say "yes" to priesthood, there is a need to enter into honest prayer, thoughtful reflection and to have a basic understanding of what a priest is called to do in his life. Priesthood is not a career option, but a total way of living in which a man, once ordained, gives his whole self to God and Church, 100%. The priest stands as a sacramental witness of the presence of God in the world. This vision of priestly life is lived each day in the parishes of our Diocese which serve the needs of the people of Dunkeld. Diocesan priests work in and with the challenging mosaic that is humanity. Requirements to be a part of the tradition of the priesthood are high. Emotional maturity, intelligence, a deep and prayerful commitment to serve God and His people are essential. Whatever one's age or present level of education, the Diocese seeks to provide the necessary tools, formation, and direction to be an effective priest for the people of God.

The Priest: One who celebrates the Life of Jesus: This is the very heart of the call to the priesthood. Aware of his own unworthiness, the priest is a man who joyfully walks in the footsteps of Christ. He hears the teaching of Jesus and through his own example, mirrors to others, God's call to a life of holiness. The celebration of Mass best exemplifies this role. After preaching the Good News, the priest becomes the fragile instrument that makes Christ truly present in His fullness in the Eucharist. The priest is the catalyst of the faith of the Church bringing forth new life.

The Priest: One who Teaches the Way of Christ. Jesus was most commonly called Rabbi or "Teacher." The priest is also called to be a teacher. And just as Christ taught all ages the truth of God's love, so the priest is in touch with children, teenagers, young adults, single people, married couples, the elderly—the whole spectrum of human kind. No race, no ethnic group, no human being is excluded. The priest exemplifies Christ's individual, undivided, and universal love for all. (Compiled by Fr Christopher Luoni, Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, USA)