



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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Mon & Wed 6.30pm;

Fri 8.30am

Sunday 9th May—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Month of May: We will pray the rosary before Mass each day (Monday-Saturday) during the month of May. In St Mary's we will pray the rosary at 9.30am every morning and in St Columba's and St Leonard & St Fergus' the rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before the start of Mass.

We pray for James McDade **and for all who have died recently** and for Robert Sandeman, Sean Hearn, Veronica Sreenan, Doris and Peter Markie, Jimmy Sutherland, George Guthrie, Euphemia Cleary, John Quinn, Johnny Quinn, Stella and Alec Young, Brian Jordan, Kathleen Jordan, William Kane, Catherine McGuire, Ronnie Pankhurst and Charlie McCluskey **whose anniversaries occur at this time.** 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.

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.

First Holy Communion: The children from St Mary's will receive their First Holy Communion this week. I would ask you to remember these children in your prayers as they take another step in their journey of faith.

Solemnity of the Ascension: This Thursday, 13th May, is 'Ascension Thursday'. This year the feast will **not** be a Holyday of Obligation. However, the Wednesday evening Mass at 6.30pm in St Leonard & St Fergus' will be celebrated as a Vigil for the Feast Day as will the 8.30am Mass in St Columba's. In St Mary's there will be the usual 10am Mass and there will also be a Mass at 7pm on Thursday evening.

Repository at St Mary's: You will find a small repository at the back of the church, just in front of the Confessional door. There are items for First Holy Communion—cards, rosaries, small missals and prayer cards. All proceeds go to the Restoration Fund.

Collections: St Mary's £1123 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £590 | St Columba's £395. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church.

SCIAF Boxes: 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.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"You did not choose me: no, I chose you, and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit." Has Jesus perhaps chosen you to share in his mission as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Speak to Fr Mark, your Vocations Director, contact *Priests for Scotland* or visit our website or Facebook pages (PFS or VocationNetworkScotland) for more information.

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Parish Priest - Fr Mark Cassidy | Assisting Priests - Fr Alexander Obiorah and Fr Jean Gové

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: The winner for this week is no.40, Veronica Scott. Congratulations to Veronica!

St Mary's Restoration Fund: We received a donation of £1,000 this week for the Restoration Fund. This was given in memory of a generous benefactor, Mrs Ursula Collins. We pray for the happy repose of her soul.

Eucharistic Ministers: Those who visit the sick in their homes with Holy Communion may resume their ministry to the sick after they have received their second dose of the vaccine and waited for the prescribed time for the vaccine to take its full effect. Of course, those who are sick should also have been fully vaccinated and happy to have visits from the Eucharistic Minister. All usual precautions (masks and hand sanitizing) should be strictly observed. Please let Fr Alex or me know that you will be resuming your visits. **I would be happy to know of anyone who is a Eucharistic Minister and would be able to visit people in their homes with Holy Communion.**

Teaching of the Church on the Blessed Virgin Mary

During May, when there is space in the newsletter, we will add some reflections on the place of Our Lady in the Church. Today's writing is from Second Vatican Council's Document, 'Lumen Gentium'.

52. Wishing in His supreme goodness and wisdom to effect the redemption of the world, "when the fullness of time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman...that we might receive the adoption of sons". "He for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit from the Virgin Mary." This divine mystery of salvation is revealed to us and continued in the Church, which the Lord established as His body. Joined to Christ the Head and in the unity of fellowship with all His saints, the faithful must in the first place reverence the memory "of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ".

53. The Virgin Mary, who at the message of the angel received the Word of God in her heart and in her body and gave Life to the world, is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace, she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam, she is one with all those who are to be saved. She is "the mother of the members of Christ . . . having cooperated by charity that faithful might be born in the Church, who are members of that Head." Wherefore, she is hailed as a pre-eminent and singular member of the Church, and as its type and excellent exemplar in faith and charity. The Catholic Church, taught by the Holy Spirit, honours her with filial affection and piety as a most beloved mother.

62. This maternity of Mary in the order of grace began with the consent which she gave in faith at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, and lasts until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this salvific duty, but by her constant intercession continued to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she cares for the brethren of her Son, who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers, until they are led into the happiness of their true home. Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix (aide), Adjutrix (helper), and Mediatrix (intercessor). This, however, is to be so understood that it neither takes away from nor adds anything to the dignity and efficaciousness of Christ the one Mediator. For no creature could ever be counted as equal with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer. Just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by the ministers and by the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is really communicated in different ways to His creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source.

The Church does not hesitate to profess this subordinate role of Mary. It knows it through unfailing experience of it and commends it to the hearts of the faithful, so that encouraged by this maternal help they may the more intimately adhere to the Mediator and Redeemer.