



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 16th May—Seventh 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 20minutes before the start of Mass.

We pray for Eilidh (Duncan) Stewart, Roland Rose, Catherine Mungall **and for all who have died recently** and for Agnes Taylor, James Timmons Jnr, Jim Boag and Kathleen Cassidy **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: I would like to thank all those involved in any way in making our celebration of First Holy Communion such a special and memorable occasion not just for the children but for all of us. Firstly our thanks to Mrs Curran and the staff at St Mary's especially Mrs Alicia Raeper who prepared the children so well in terms of learning about the Sacrament and in taking them through the liturgy of the Communion Mass. Mrs Raeper will be leaving St Mary's at the end of this term and we in the parish are indebted to her for having prepared the children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for at least the last 15 years. I am sure that the families of all the children prepared for these Sacraments over the years would recognize the invaluable part Mrs Raeper has played in helping them in their Christian duty as Catholic parents. I would also thank the ladies who remained after Mass on Tuesday to help clean the church and arrange the flowers in preparation for the celebration. Finally a word of thanks to Karen Scott for taking her place at the organ and playing some of our favourite hymns. Unfortunately we were still unable to sing, but having the music played made all the difference. The parish provided the Communion 'breakfast' for the children in the school on Wednesday morning.

Help with Sanitizing of the Churches after Mass: The stewards have been faithful in the tasks of making sure that we are as safe as possible when using the churches. I am grateful to them for all they have been doing. I am also grateful to all who offer to help sanitizing the churches after Mass. However, after one of the Masses last Sunday two people were left to sanitize the whole church on their own. If you can help in this task, please remain behind after Mass and lend a hand—it only takes an extra five minutes if there are enough people.

Security: I went to the hall at St Mary's this week and found the door unlocked. We cannot have this happening. If you take the key from the church to use the toilet facilities, please remember to lock the door when you leave and return the key to the church. If you have difficulty in locking the door come and tell me. Likewise all key holders—please ensure that the hall is locked after use.

Decoration: Those who have come into St Mary's in the past weeks will have noticed that the entrance area where the stewards sit looks cleaner and brighter. Thanks are due to Steve Keenan who contributed materials and labour to repaint the area. Steve had already tackled the sanctuary area and we are indebted to him for all his work.

Eucharistic Ministers: If Eucharistic Ministers are leaving from Mass to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, I would ask that they hold their pyx in their hand during the distribution of Holy Communion and we will place the required number of hosts in the pyx as we pass through the church (unless the minister is also Eucharistic Minister at the Mass when they should bring the pyx with them when they come to the altar). We will then dismiss the Eucharistic Ministers just prior to the final blessing so that they can leave the church before everyone else. Please remember that you are asked to go immediately and directly to the home of the individual receiving Holy Communion.

Collections: St Mary's £1085 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £567 | St Columba's £324. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Peter Smith (no.44).

St Mary's Restoration Fund: £300 was added to the fund this week through the 100 club. There are now over 110 members and still room for anyone who wishes to join.

Cake & Candy: We are planning to have a monthly fund raising event at St Mary's in support of the Restoration Fund. These will take place on the last weekend of every month. This month there will be a Cake & Candy sale after the Masses on the weekend of 29th/30th May. There will also be a raffle and some books for sale.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit in Preparation for Pentecost: As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost next Sunday, we pray that the Gift of the Holy Spirit may be renewed within us that we may be ever more fervent in our service of the Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, Who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise,
and ever to rejoice in His consolation,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." Are you being sent by Jesus to bring his presence to the world 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.