



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 23rd May—Solemnity of Pentecost

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 Martin O'Donnell, Walter Campbell and Caitlin Kelly who have died recently, and for James Craig, Barry Peters, Caley Day, Mick Fletcher, Len Hearn, George Chmielecki, Lewis Gowans, Divina and John Lawson, Arthur McGuinness, Ronnie Pankhurst, Helen Edwards, Charles Christie **and all 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.

Mass Times: At the moment we will continue with the present Mass schedule, but at some point we will have to revert to the number of Sunday Masses that we had previously - reducing to two Vigil Masses and three Sunday morning Masses for the three churches (down from the present 8 Masses). We will do this as soon as the guidelines allow enough people back into our buildings and it will certainly have to be in place before September when Fr Alexander will take a well-deserved trip home.

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.

Offertory Envelopes: The new sets of envelopes for St Mary's are ready for collection. You should have the same number as last year: please check this and if there is an error, please tell me as soon as possible. These envelopes have, in the recent past, only been used in St Mary's to keep a record of those who 'Gift Aid' their donations. There is a limited number of spare sets for anyone who wishes to start using envelopes and is able to Gift Aid their donations, so just ask if you would like to start using envelopes. Likewise, if anyone wishes to start paying their collections by Standing Order, please ask me for the details.

Collections: St Mary's £1151 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £769 | St Columba's £211. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church.

Eucharistic Ministers: If Eucharistic Ministers are leaving from Mass to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, I would ask that they receive Holy Communion and then hold their pyx in their hand 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.

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

St Mary's Restoration Fund: we are grateful for another donation of £50 handed in this week.

Cake & Candy: There is a plan 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 next weekend, 29th/30th May. There will also be a raffle and some books for sale.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service, but always for the same Lord." What kind of service do your gifts suggest? Perhaps you could offer them as a priest, deacon or in religious life. 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 more information.

The Solemnity of Pentecost

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages, a prophecy of the spread of the Gospel to every land and every people on earth. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, forbearance, gentleness, faith, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit Pentecost: As we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost today, 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.