



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 20th June—Twelfth Sunday of the Year (B)

Our Beloved Dead: We pray for Helen and Bob Bell, Robert (Bob) Donachie and Sanive Dan who have died recently; and for Mary Chivers, Helen Dillon, Margaret Leonard Snr **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 the sick in your prayers, 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.

Welcome to Bishop Stephen: We welcome Bishop Stephen to St Leonard & St Fergus' as he celebrates the 10am Mass in the parish.

Confirmation in St Leonard & St Fergus': Bishop Stephen will return once more to celebrate Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, 20th June at 3pm for the young people in P7 of St Andrew's PS. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their preparation for receiving the Sacrament.

Stewarding for Funerals: If any of the stewards are available, we would appreciate help at the following funerals: St Mary's, Wednesday 23rd June at 11am for Robert Donachie and Thursday 24th June at 11am for Helen & Bob Bell. Please let me know if you can help.

Distribution of Holy Communion in our three Parishes: Holy Communion will now only be given in the hand and I urge everyone to continue to receive the Eucharist, but now using only this - legitimate - form of doing so. For those who will not receive Holy Communion in the hand, the advice, as always, is to make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Close of the School Year: We give thanks to God for all that has been achieved through our schools over the last year, another particularly challenging year for the teaching and support staff as well as for the pupils, students and their families. We pray that the summer will bring a time of rest and relaxation for all those involved in the work of the schools and the formation of our young people and that all will return at the end of the summer with a renewed sense of confidence and enthusiasm.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"Even the wind and the sea obey him." Jesus brings calm when storms threatened to overwhelm us. Could you bring his calming, restoring presence to others and inspire faith in times of anxiety? Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director, email *Priests for Scotland* or see our website or Facebook pages: PFS or Vocation-NetworkScotland.

Collections: St Mary's £1215 | St Leonard & St Fergus' £573 | St Columba's £234. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church. There are Standing Order Forms available in each of the churches for anyone who wishes to use this way of supporting the parishes.

Donations: This week we received donations totaling £120 for the tRestoration Fund. Thank you for your continuing generosity. I have a meeting at the end of this week to help with the paperwork that needs to be submitted to some of the associations and organizations from which we hope to secure grants and funding for the majority of the restoration work needing done.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Karen Simpson (no.83).

Sale for the Restoration Fund, 26-27th June: Next weekend, around the time of the Vigil and Sunday Masses, there will be a sale of children's toys as well as book and jewellery stalls. No sale is complete, of course, without the raffle!!

Feast Days

As there was space left in the newsletter this week, I thought we might provide some information on the saints we will celebrate in the week ahead.

21st June: **St Aloysius Gonzaga (1568 - 1591):** St Aloysius was the eldest son of a Mantuan nobleman, and was intended by his father to be a soldier. Aloysius, on the other hand, was determined to be a missionary, and even to die for his faith. He renounced his birthright in favour of his brother and at the age of 16 became a Jesuit novice in Rome, living the same life of severe austerity and penance that he had followed previously even when serving in the courts of dukes and princes. In 1591 an epidemic of plague broke out in Rome, and the Jesuits opened a hospital to care for the sick. Aloysius, still a novice, worked hard in the hospital until he himself caught the plague. He did not recover, but his determination to die for the faith having been fulfilled, died at midnight on the 20th of June with the name of Jesus on his lips.

Also 21st June: **St John Rigby (1570-1600):** John Rigby was an English Catholic and martyr who was executed during the reign of Elizabeth I. He was born at Harrock Hall, in Chorley, Lancashire in 1570, of Nicholas and Mary Rigby. His father worked for Sir Edmund Huddleston, whose daughter was summoned to the Old Bailey for refusing to conform to the state religion. Because she was ill, Rigby appeared for her. He was compelled to confess his Catholicism, and sent to Newgate. The next day, February 14, 1600, he signed a confession saying that he had been reconciled by John Jones, a Franciscan, and that he had not attended Church of England services. He was chained and sent back to Newgate. Twice he was given the chance to recant; twice he refused. He was executed by hanging at St Thomas Waterings 1600.

24th June: **St John the Baptist:** Saint John the Baptist has two feasts to himself. One, in August, celebrates his death, and this one, in June, celebrates his birth. And this is as it should be, for as Christ himself said, John was the greatest of the sons of men. The greatest, but also the most tragic. A prophet from before his birth, leaping in the womb to announce the coming of the incarnate God, his task was to proclaim the fulfilment of all prophecies – and thus his own obsolescence. And *he did it:* with unequalled courage he spread the news that he, the greatest of all men, was the least in the kingdom of heaven. His disciples, and the devil, would have preferred him to fight, to build his sect, to defeat this upstart whom he himself had baptized, to seize his place in history. But he did not – and so, rightly, he *has* his place, and he has glory in heaven.