



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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Fri 8.30am

Sunday 27th June—Thirteenth Sunday of the Year (B)

Our Beloved Dead: We pray for Margaret Nicholson, Edward Ikhenoba and John McDermott who have died recently; and for Maureen Rose, Jessie Fleming, Patrick Mulligan, Venancio Bareja Jr **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.

Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul: Tuesday 29th June is the feast day of these great apostles. As the Feast Day is not a Holyday of Obligation this year, there will be no extra Masses in the parishes but the Monday evening Mass in St Leonard and St Fergus will also be Vigil Mass in celebration of the Feast.

Absence from the Parish: I will be attending the priestly ordination of Robert Taylor in Galashiels on Tuesday evening and so will be absent from the parish from Tuesday after Mass until Wednesday evening.

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.

Confirmation in St Leonard & St Fergus': Our thanks to Bishop Stephen for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday for the young people in P7 of St Andrew's PS, and also for his Pastoral Visit for the 10am Mass. Thanks to all who helped in any way in preparing the young people for their reception of the Sacrament and for their participation in the Mass.

Social Distancing in church: If things proceed according to the government guidelines, from 19th July we should be able to reduce social distancing in our churches to 1m. We will arrange new signage to reflect this change. This should also mean that we are able to reduce the number of Masses back to something akin to what we knew before Lockdown 18 months ago. The live-streamed Mass will continue. While on the subject of the streamed Mass, I have to apologize for the absence of the Prayer of Spiritual Communion last week (and some weeks ago): I have left a note for myself, 'must do better'!

Coronavirus Measures: As cases of the 'Delta' variant increase, we are reminded to be vigilant in our measures to prevent the spread of the virus. All who are not exempt must wear face coverings while in church. As Catholics we have always been exceptionally good at our sense of belonging to something greater than ourselves and we understand that, at times, we will be asked to set aside our personal preferences for the common good. Please continue to do all you can to keep everyone safe and to help those who feel vulnerable to continue to be able to attend Mass.

Belated Congratulations: We wish Bob and Trixie (Gallacher) Findlay many congratulations on their recent celebration of their Golden Wedding. May the Lord continue to bless them and their family in his love.

Stewarding for Funerals: If any of the stewards are available, I would appreciate help at the following funeral: St Mary's, Thursday 1st July at 11.30am for Margaret Nicholson. Please let me know if you can help.

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St Leonard & St Fergus' - St Leonard's Place, Ardler, Dundee. DD3 9HD Tel: 01382-825203
Parish Priest - Fr Mark Cassidy | Assisting Priests - Fr Alexander Obiorah and Fr Jean Gové

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“We expect you to put the most into this work of mercy.” Paul challenges his community to give of their best for the Gospel. Could you take up that challenge by offering yourself as a priest, a deacon or in consecrated life? Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director, email *Priests for Scotland* or see our website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

The ‘Prayer Tree’: Those who have been at Mass in St Mary’s over the past weeks will know that Anne Hampton arranged a spiritual bouquet of prayer for Silvia Delnevo whom you know is ill. Silvia has been in touch saying that she was overwhelmed by the generosity of all those who have promised to pray for her and who sent their good wishes to her. She was ‘moved to tears’ by this act of thoughtfulness. Thank you to all who are keeping Silvia in their prayers and thank you to Anne for thinking of this and arranging it.

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.

Collections: St Mary’s £1020 | St Leonard & St Fergus’ £465 | St Columba’s £289. 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 £78 for the Restoration Fund. Thank you for your continuing generosity. I had the meeting with Mr Jim Graham to being the process of collating all the paperwork for the grant submissions. Jim has great expertise in this field and has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to help us. Without his generous assistance we would not be near this stage of the process. We hope to start the grant applications in the coming months. I will keep you as fully informed as I can as the process continues.

St Mary’s Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week’s winner, Marian Milne (no.27).

Sale for the Restoration Fund, 26-27th June: This 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 well as the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, we celebrate the following feasts this week.

28th June: St Irenaeus (130 - 202): Irenaeus was born in Smyrna, in Asia Minor (now Izmir in Turkey) and emigrated to Lyons, in France, where he was eventually made bishop. Whenever we take up a Bible we touch Irenaeus’s work, for he played a decisive role in fixing what we call ‘the canon’ of the New Testament: he was instrumental in the work to decide which works should be included in Scripture and which should not. It is easy for us nowadays to think of Scripture – and the New Testament in particular – as the basis of the Church, but harder to remember that it was the Church itself that had to agree, early on, about what was scriptural and what was not. Irenaeus went through all the books that were considered ‘candidates’ to be included in the New Testament. He did not simply accept or reject each book, because his enemies could have said that he was doing it to bolster his own arguments: he gave reasons for and against why the books should be accepted. Irenaeus’s ‘canon’ of scripture is very nearly the modern one, but more important is the fact that he started the tradition of biblical scholarship.

30th June: The First Martyrs of the See of Rome: When the city of Rome had been devastated by fire in the year 64, the Emperor Nero launched a persecution against the Christians, who were thrown to the wild beasts in the arena or soaked in tar and used as living torches. Their deaths are documented in the writings of the Roman historian Tacitus and in Pope St Clement’s letter to the Corinthians. Their feast was celebrated the day after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

3rd July: St Thomas the Apostle: The apostle Thomas is famous for doubting the resurrection of Jesus when his fellow apostles told him about it; but if he is the sceptical apostle, he is also the believing apostle, for having seen and touched a risen man, he made the immediate leap of faith and so became the first apostle to call Jesus God. Nothing is definitely known about Thomas’s later career. The *Acts of Thomas* (written in 3rd Century) relates his missionary journeys to Persia and India. Although the document as it stands is not historical evidence it still bears witness to the likelihood of a tradition that Thomas did go to India. The Christians of Kerala have called themselves for centuries “St Thomas Christians”.