



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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Exposition: Wed 6pm

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### Sunday 11th July—Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (B)

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**Our Beloved Dead:** We pray for Theresa McKelvie, John Angus, Marnie Gibb, and Albert Coleman who have died recently; and for Nan Grant, Kevin Grant, Frances Kelbie, Brian (Steve) Stephens, James Abercrombie, Irene Dillon, May Hart, Mary McGuire, Molly Creegan, Antonio and Mary Penna, Mary Morgan **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.

**Absence from the Parish:** Fr Alex will travel to Nigeria at the beginning of August to celebrate the funeral Mass for his sister, Emmanuella. Fr Alex very generously suggested that he would take his holiday at the same time and cancel his holiday which had been booked to coincide with another sister's Silver Jubilee of her Profession as a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As Fr Alex has not away from the parish for two years, I have asked him to take his two years' entitlement this summer and to travel for his sister's funeral and remain for the Jubilee celebrations. We will publish next week a revised timetable for the provision of weekday and Sunday Masses for the three churches, taking into account the fact that there will only be one priest available for those months.

**Sea Sunday:** This weekend we pray for all seafarers, those who work and travel by sea. There will be a short appeal at most of the Masses, and a retiring collection for Stella Maris (Mission to Seafarers).

**Saturday 10th July:** We welcome Fr Gregory Murphy OP (St Joseph's) to St Leonard & St Fergus as he celebrates the Vigil Masses. We thank him for his generosity in agreeing to celebrate these Masses with us.

**Help with Stewarding for a Funeral Mass:** There will be a Funeral Mass in St Mary's for Theresa McKelvie this Thursday at 3.30pm. If any of the stewards are free to help, please let me know.

**House at St Columba's:** We hope to welcome Dundee Pregnancy and Parenthood Support (DPAPS) to St Columba's as they use the presbytery as their new centre. To prepare for this we will need to start clearing the house of some of its contents (some to be disposed of and some to be put into storage in the house) Although DPAPS will have use of the majority of the house, we will retain the two rooms at the front door for a parish office and call room. I am looking for some volunteers to help with the work (there will be a mixture of light and heavy work so all are welcome). If you are able to assist us in any way, please send an email with days and times that you might offer some help (stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk) or phone 01382 611282.

### Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"Go prophesy to my people Israel." Amos is called to leave his previous work and to preach the word of God instead. Are you feeling drawn to leave your current life and work and to offer yourself as a priest or religious? Does it feel too risky to do that? Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director for advice, email *Priests for Scotland* or see our website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

**Collections:** St Mary's £1171 | St Leonard & St Fergus': £966 (Sundays 27/6 & 04/07 | St Columba's £208. 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.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner, Mary Boag (no.99).

**St Mary's Restoration Fund:** We received donations totaling £140 last week, and we also received a cheque for £10,000 which will also go to the Restoration Fund. I have expressed the thanks of the parish to the donor for such an extraordinary gift.

### **Part 2 of the Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Scotland on the Sixth Anniversary of Laudato Si' Pentecost 2021**

The environmental crisis raises questions about how we live, how we work, how we holiday, how we travel, how the goods we purchase are manufactured and transported to us. This is an issue of both environmental and social justice. It is not only that we must stop polluting the atmosphere, we need to recognise the right of all humanity to the world's resources. The Christian message, that we are all part of one human family and that we share a common home, means that our earth's resources must be shared and used for the benefit of all and are not to be claimed as the exclusive property of any people or nation in whose territory these resources happen to be located.

Not just as individuals but also as a Church we must discern what changes we have to make to the way of life we have taken for granted but which we now recognise to be unsustainable. The dioceses of Scotland are in the process of divesting from fossil fuel investments.

The Bishops' Conference is aiming for carbon neutrality for its agencies, as are the dioceses in as sustainable and timely a way as possible.

We applaud the Catholic schools who have signed up to be Laudato Si' schools and we encourage our parishes to join the Eco-Congregation initiative and to examine what practical measures can be undertaken at a local level.

All these efforts are a start, but much more is required if we are to undo the harm caused by generations of neglect and abuse. Scientists tell us that time is limited. All of us must, therefore, work with a sense of urgency to discern what needs to be done and to make the changes required.

God has honoured us by giving humanity the task of being a co-operator in the work of creation. In recent years we have seen in our brothers and sisters throughout the world a growing determination to change the destructive practices of the past. This gives us hope. Like the Creator, we look at what God has created and see that it is very good. A sense of gratitude compels us to ensure that human activity enhances and builds up that creation.

That same gratitude prompts us to pray:

We praise you, Lord our God, for the gift of life.

We praise you, for the beauty and diversity of created things.

We praise you, for the rich resources of the earth and seas.

We praise you, for entrusting to humanity the care of our common home.

We praise you, for the opportunity to change our wasteful ways.

We praise you, for your boundless compassion and forgiveness.

We praise you, Lord our God, by our actions, in responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We praise you, Lord our God, Father, Son, and Spirit. Amen