



Sunday Mass 11.30am



Vigil Masses 4.30pm & 6pm Sunday 10am (also streamed) & 11.30am

Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am Saturday 9am Vigil Masses 4.30pm & 6pm Sunday 10am

Mon & Wed 6.30pm; Fri 8.30am Exposition: Wed 6pm

Monday-Saturday 10am

Sunday 18th July—Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (B)

Our Beloved Dead: We pray for Norman Lees and James Gorrie who have died recently; and for John Mulreany, Charlie McLaughlin, Bill McLaughlin, Jim McKay, Cathy Conway, Archie Tinney, Gerard Noonan, Maureen Gowans **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.

New Rules Regarding COVID Restrictions: From this Monday, 19th July, the physical distancing rule for places of worship, and other indoor spaces, will be reduced to 1m. New markings will appear in our churches to reflect this. Pews which can be used will be marked but the 1m distancing in the pews will be left to the individual parishioner to gauge. Congregational singing is also permitted in levels 0 and 1 so we can begin again to participate more fully in our Liturgy. From Monday up to 200 people are permitted to attend weddings and funerals. However, please note that face coverings must still be worn in churches.

Change to the Mass Schedule: Due to Fr Alex's absence, we will modify the Mass schedules both for the weekday and the weekend Masses. I have been in contact with the Bishop to outline these plans and he is happy that this is a reasonable solution for the immediate situation. We cannot depend on another priest being constantly available for the months of August and September. As you will know we had one priest recently having to isolate with the knock-on effect that other priests had to supply those parishes. Therefore, we will arrange our schedule to ensure that one priest can celebrate the Masses. There will be scheduled weekday services but these may be Eucharistic Services rather than Mass, especially if there are funerals to be celebrated. I hope to be able to publish each week whether there will be Mass or a Eucharistic Service. I am asking for your generosity in understanding the need for these changes. I know that the only people unaffected will be those who regularly attend the 6pm Vigil at St Leonard & St Fergus, so in some way we are all having to sacrifice something to make this work. The new Mass schedule will start from the Sunday Masses on 31st July / 1st August. You will be asked by the stewards which Mass list you would like your name to be added to. Feel free to email stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk with your preference.

For at least the months of August and September the schedule will be:

Saturday Vigil Masses: 4.30pm—St Mary's 6pm—St Leonard & St Fergus

Sunday: 9.15am—St Leonard & St Fergus; 10.30am—St Mary's; 11.45am—St Columba's

St Mary's: Monday-Saturday: 10am Mass / Eucharistic Service

St Leonard & St Fergus; Monday & Wednesday: 6.30pm—Mass; Friday: 8.30am—Eucharistic Service

St Columba's: Tuesday & Thursday: 8.30am—Mass; Saturday 9am—Eucharistic Service

Distribution of Holy Communion at Mass: When the Mass schedule changes on 31st July / 1st August, we will return to the regular practice with regard to the distribution of Holy Communion with the congregation coming in procession to the Priest / Eucharistic Minister to receive the host. There may be some slight modifications to the way this was done in the past, but we will explain any new procedures that we have put in place.

Absence from the Parish: I will be away from the parishes from today (Sunday) after Mass, until Friday afternoon. Fr Alex has generously agreed to celebrate all the Masses in my absence so there should be no change to the schedule this week.

Collections: Ordinary | Sea Sunday: St Mary's £1259 | £587 || St Leonard & St Fergus': £599 | £344 || St Columba's £226 | £107. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church. Thanks too to Clare Colvin and Mike Barile for giving their time to make the appeal for Stella Maris.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Cathie Findlay (no.22).

St Mary's Restoration Fund: We received income totaling £223 last week, which was the proceeds from the 100 club.

Mary's Meals: From Kathleen Treacy, 'As a result of recent very generous gifts, a total of £220 was forwarded to Mary's Meals for the feeding programme. Thank you for your continuing support of starving children. Your generosity, especially in these difficult times is much appreciated.

House at St Columba's: Thanks to all those who volunteered their time to help with tidying up the house at St Columba's. We are hoping to start the work on Thursday 29th July at 6pm. Those who cannot come at this time, please contact me and I will arrange for us to meet at a different time that week to divide up the tasks for you according to your availability.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Do you feel called to bring people a sense of Jesus's pastoral love as a priest, deacon or religious? Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

The Celebration of the 'Extraordinary' Form of Mass (Pre-Vatican II Mass): On Friday 16th July, a document was issued in which Pope Francis limits the use of the 1962 (Latin) Missal of Pope St John XXIII. He has indicated that the Missal of Pope St Paul VI with additions by Pope John Paul II is the unique form for the life of prayer for the Mass. Special permission must now be sought from the Bishop or, in some cases, from the authorities in Rome for priests to celebrate the 1962 Liturgy. There is now no 'Ordinary Form' or 'Extraordinary Form' of the Mass. His reason for this move is that after consultation with Bishops throughout the world, it has been seen that the original intention of Pope St John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI that the permission to celebrate the Mass of the 1962 Missal would foster greater unity in the Church has not materialized and, in fact, we have seen further division. This will be a difficult moment for some and we must pray fervently for the unity of the Church. The document and the letter of the Pope to Bishops can be found on the Vatican Website: Vatican.va Part of the document reads:

- Art. 3. The bishop of the diocese in which until now there exist one or more groups that celebrate according to the Missal antecedent to the reform of 1970:
- § 1. is to determine that these groups do not deny the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform, dictated by Vatican Council II and the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs;
- § 2. is to designate one or more locations where the faithful adherents of these groups may gather for the eucharistic celebration (not however in the parochial churches and without the erection of new personal parishes);
- § 3. to establish at the designated locations the days on which eucharistic celebrations are permitted using the Roman Missal promulgated by Saint John XXIII in 1962. In these celebrations the readings are proclaimed in the vernacular language, using translations of the Sacred Scripture approved for liturgical use by the respective Episcopal Conferences;
- § 4. to appoint a priest who, as delegate of the bishop, is entrusted with these celebrations and with the pastoral care of these groups of the faithful. This priest should be suited for this responsibility, skilled in the use of the *Missale Romanum* antecedent to the reform of 1970, possess a knowledge of the Latin language sufficient for a thorough comprehension of the rubrics and liturgical texts, and be animated by a lively pastoral charity and by a sense of ecclesial communion. This priest should have at heart not only the correct celebration of the liturgy, but also the pastoral and spiritual care of the faithful;
- § 5. to proceed suitably to verify that the parishes canonically erected for the benefit of these faithful are effective for their spiritual growth, and to determine whether or not to retain them;
- \S 6. to take care not to authorize the establishment of new groups.