





Vigil Mass 4.30pm
Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)
Monday-Saturday 10am

Sunday Mass 11.45am
Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am
Saturday 9am (Eucharistic Service)

Vigil Mass 6pm Sunday 9.15am Mon & Wed 6.30pm

Fri 8.30am (Eucharistic Service)

## Sunday 1st August—Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (B)

**Our Beloved Dead:** We pray for Hugh Short, Michael Phinn and Catherine Toner who have died recently; and for Rose Webster, Mary Laidlaw, Andrew Conway and Frances Toshney **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.

## The Mass Schedule for the months of August and September (at least)

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

(We will continue with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Leonard & St Fergus' at 6pm on Wednesdays.)

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

**Distribution of Holy Communion at Mass:** Starting at the Vigil Masses this weekend, we will return to the regular practice of the congregation coming in procession to the Priest / Eucharistic Minister to receive the host and then returning to their places for their private act of thanksgiving. The Mass will conclude in the usual way. 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. Please indicate to the stewards if you need to receive Holy Communion at your seat.

**New Lists for Masses:** Please be patient with the stewards in the coming weeks if your name does not appear on the list for Mass—it will be my fault, not theirs!! If you ask the stewards to add your name to the bottom of the lists, we will update them as we go.

Scaling back of cleaning regimes in churches: Further advice now suggests leaving wipes at the end of each pew so that each parishioner can sanitize the area they have been sitting in. (If these are not available this weekend, they will be in the near future). We would ask each of you to take a wipe at the end of Mass and clean around your seat and the area of the pew in front that your hands may have touched. Please deposit the wipes in the bins as you leave the church. By doing all this, we will give people who are still anxious the assurance that we are being vigilant and by each doing our part, we save the stewards from having to clean the whole church after every Mass.

**Distribution of hymn books for Mass and newsletters:** We can return to our normal practice.

**Use of holy water fonts:** There is still a risk that the virus can be transmitted through the use of holy water fonts. The use of fonts is not advised until further notice. I am sure that we will learn of some innovative ways of providing Holy Water so that we can bless ourselves entering and leaving church.

**Hospitality after Mass and use of church halls:** This is possible within the current government regulations and guidance, but caution is urged. We are asked to make sure appropriate hygiene and safety measures are in place.

**Fr Alex's Absence:** Fr Alex leaves for Nigeria tomorrow (Monday) and will return to us towards the end of September. Collection baskets have been left at the back of the churches this weekend for anyone who did not have the opportunity last weekend to lend their practical support to Fr Alex and his family.

**Fr Alex writes:** To all the Parishioners, my sincere appreciation to you all for all the support I have received since the news of my sister's departure filtered in. Thank you for the Mass cards, thank you for the Condolence messages, thank you for the generous donations and thank you for your prayers. I will be going home on Monday, August 2 if my COVID test comes out negative. The funeral Mass for my late sister will be held on Thursday August 5 by 10am, anybody who is free can join us in prayer that time. I will see you again before September ends. Thank you and remain ever blessed.

**Please note:** The Masses in St Columba's and St Mary's on Thursday morning will be offered for the repose of the soul of Fr Alex's sister, Emmanuella, and for the comforting of all the family.

**Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound:** Fr Alex and I try to visit the sick and housebound once a month, even those who generally receive Holy Communion from one of the Eucharistic Ministers. For those who receive Holy Communion only from the Priest, I will endeavour to continue to see them in both August and September but for those who receive Holy Communion weekly from a Eucharistic Minister, I will probably only manage to visit once over the next two months.

**Collections:** St Mary's £1035 || St Leonard & St Fergus' £463 || St Columba's £223. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church.

**St Leonard & St Fergus' Envelopes:** The envelopes for the next year (starting at the beginning of September) are ready for collection this weekend. If you are a tax payer and do not already Gift Aid your donations, please ask for a form. The Gift Aid scheme allows us to claim 25p for every £1 donated. Similarly, if there are people who find that it is easier to give their collections by Standing Order, please ask for a form.

**Church Envelopes:** With the changes in Mass times, some will find it more convenient to attend Mass in one of our other churches. If you place your envelopes in any of the collection boxes / baskets, they will find their way back to your nominated parish.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner, Linda Heron (no.51). So far, the 100 club has raised £2,500 for the restoration fund.

**Donations Received:** We received a further donation of £40 for the Restoration Fund and also a cheque for £500 which will also go to the fund.

**Mary's Meals:** Grateful thanks for generosity that allowed a further £75 to be forwarded for the feeding programme and a further 80 filled backpacks to be sent via courier van. We have now sent a total of 12,157 filled backpacks to Mary's Meals. Many, many thanks.

**Summer Sale of Work:** There will be a sale of bric-a-brac, cake and candy, books and a raffle around the Mass times (Vigil and Sunday morning) this weekend in aid of the Restoration Fund. If you didn't bring any extra money with you to church, I'm sure that the ladies will allow you to pay later...there is no escape!!

**House at St Columba's:** Thanks to all who gave of their time to help with tidying up the house at St Columba's last Thursday. Work has started but there is a fair amount still needing done. I will organize a skip and then we will arrange another suitable time to carry on with the work!

**Cleaning of St Leonard & St Fergus:** Again, thanks to those who remained after the Mass on Friday to help clean the church. It is all much appreciated.

## **Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations**

"I am the Bread of Life." Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. Could you be called to priesthood, to bring the presence and power of Jesus to his people in the sacraments? Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director about priesthood, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.