





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 15th August—Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## 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' on Wednesdays at 6pm.)

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

**Solemnity of the Assumption:** The commemoration of the end of the Blessed Virgin Mary's life (sometimes referred to as the Dormition, or falling asleep) is known as the Assumption because of the Church's teaching that Our Lady's body was raised up at the end of her life on earth, body and soul, into heaven. This tradition was already present in the sixth century; by the beginning of the twentieth century it was widespread; and after consulting the views of bishops all over the world, Pope Pius XII formally and infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the authentic and ancient teaching of the universal Church.

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers Cyril Wright, William Donnet, Thomas Rodgers, Elizabeth Conning and Joan Kiernan who have died recently; and Charlie Gibb, Mary J. Brown and Tony Mordente **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.

**Funeral Masses / Services:** There will be a funeral service (no Mass) in St Mary's for Liz Conning on Monday 16th at 11.45am. There will be the usual 10am Mass that day. The funeral Mass for William Donnet will be in St Mary's on Tuesday 17th at 10am. Parishioners who wish, will still be able to attend the 10am Mass.

**Lists for Masses:** We have been advised that as most people attend the same Masses each week, there is only the need to retain a 'master list' of those attending. For the occasional visitor, there will be forms to fill in at the entrance to our churches.

**Social Distancing:** The requirements for social distancing in our churches has been lifted. We will keep the 1m signs in place for the moment. Aware that some might still be hesitant about being too close to others we will keep areas for those who wish to maintain social distancing. In St Mary's this will the side aisle pews on the left as you look at the altar and in St Leonard & St Fergus we will reserve the two areas at the front and to either side of the altar. Due to the size of St Columba's there would not seem to be the same need to designate a particular area.

**Teas and Coffees:** There will be teas and coffees again in the hall at St Columba's following the Sunday morning Mass. It is hoped that the teas and coffees will resume in St Leonard & St Fergus in the coming weeks.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin: This will take place on Sunday 5th September at 3pm and will be in honour of St Joseph. Bishop Brian McGee, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles will celebrate the Mass and preach. If there are enough people wishing to attend, we will put on a coach (people from other parishes who wish to attend would be welcome to join). Please let me know of any interest as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

**Bishop's Mensal Fund Collection:** This weekend there will be a retiring collection which goes towards the upkeep of the Bishop.

**Collections:** St Mary's £1070 || St Columba's £243 || St Leonard & St Fergus' £545 . Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church.

**Fr Alex's Collection:** Over £1,700 was collected for Fr Alex and he received this before he left for Nigeria. Thank you to all who gave so generously to the material support of Fr Alex and his family at what has been a most difficult time for them.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Elaine Miller (no.30). The parish received another £250 from the 100 club this week and we also received a cheque during the week for £150 which has also ben added to the Restoration Fund total.

**St Leonard & St Fergus Jubilee Fund:** We received a donation of £700 last week which will be added to the fund.

**Monsignor Stuart's Chalice:** Some of you may remember that some months ago we received in St Mary's a chalice that had originally been given to Mgr Hamish Stuart by 'parishioners of Lochee with every blessing and thanks'. The chalice had suffered a little damage and I asked Walker's (Jewellers, Dundee) to arrange its repair which they did. The chalice has been returned to us in magnificent condition and we will use it this weekend in St Mary's and remember and give thanks for Mgr Stuart's dedicated service to the parish.

**Advance Notice:** Earlier in the year I had booked to be away for a week from after Mass next Sunday, 22nd until Friday 27th August. This was to fit in with Fr Alex's planned departure for his holidays, plans that had to be moved forward as we all know. It is my intention to continue with my own planned absence and Deacon Malcolm Hutchison will take up residence in St Mary's for the week and provide Eucharistic Services (following the pattern that we have at the moment). I will arrange emergency cover for any sick calls with one of my brother priests.

**Youth Forum:** I am interested in hearing from anyone in the age group from sixth year to early 30s who would be interested in coming together to share faith and explore some of the Church's teaching in a less formal setting. At the moment all I have is a blank canvas and would welcome ideas about how often we might meet, the when and where of the meetings and also what you might want to discuss or learn more about. To register interest, please drop me an email at stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk or phone 01382-611282. As time goes on, we will look at the possibility of starting something similar for other younger age groups.

## Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"The Almighty has done great things for me." Mary praises God for his power at work in her life. Say "Yes" to God as she did: let God work in your life for the good of his people! Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director about priest-hood, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

**Friday 20th August: St Bernard:** He was born near Dijon, in France, in 1090, of a noble family. In 1112 he joined the new monastery at Cîteaux. Bernard arrived at Cîteaux with four of his five brothers and two dozen friends. Within three years he had been sent out to found a new monastery at Clairvaux, in Champagne, where he remained abbot for the rest of his life. By the time of his death, the Cistercian Order had grown from one house to 343, of which 68 were daughter houses of Clairvaux itself. Bernard was a man of great holiness and wisdom, and although he was often in very poor health, he was active in many of the great public debates of the time. He strongly opposed the luxurious lives of some of the clergy, and fought against the persecution of the Jews. He was also a prolific writer, of an inspiring rather than a technical kind.

**Saturday 21st August:** Pope St Pius X. In his time as Pope (elected in 1903), he sought to "restore all things in Christ." He insisted on the separation of Church and State, and banned the formation of political associations that claimed exclusive religious sanction for their political programme, whether of the Left or of the Right. He revised the code of Canon Law, founded an institute for scriptural studies, and initiated the revision of the Latin translation of the Bible (the Vulgate) and the reform of the liturgy. He lived in great poverty even when he was Pope, His death, on 20th August 1914, was said to have been due his heartache at not being able to prevent the outbreak of the First World War.