



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 22nd August—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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

For the Week 23rd-28th August

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

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

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

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

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Lynn Marr, Scott McLaren (Rochester), David Cochrane, Margaret Samson, David Fitzgerald, Mary Farquhar and Patricia Gowans who have died recently; and Edward & Mary Dailly, David Stott, Emilio Pacione, Bernard & Kate Gallacher, Christina Cassidy, Agnes Blyth and Mary Low **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.

Diamond Wedding Anniversaries: We congratulate Etta & Jack Dickson and Margaret & John McMahon on their Diamond Wedding anniversaries. May the Lord continue to bless them, and to keep them and their families safe in his love.

For those who wish to maintain social distancing: In St Mary's please use the side aisle pews on the left as you look at the altar and in St Leonard & St Fergus, 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.

Receiving Holy Communion: With the further changes to the easing of restrictions for COVID-19, I am happy to distribute to those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue. All I would ask is that those wishing to receive Holy Communion in this way wait until the end of the Communion procession and come to me rather than to the Eucharistic Minister. There will still be some priests who do not feel ready to distribute Holy Communion in this way and we respect their continuing reservations.

Teas and Coffees: There will be teas and coffees again in the hall at St Leonard & St Fergus and in St Columba's following the Sunday morning Masses. Hopefully this will signal the beginning of more activities in our parishes aimed at giving us a renewed sense of community.

Macmillan Coffee Morning—24th September: Advance warning to mark the date in your diary! All offers of pre-wrapped home baking, raffle prizes and people willing to sell tickets, will be gladly accepted!

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. There will be a coach leaving from Gray's Lane, Lochee at 12.45pm on the day and returning after the Mass. There are sheets at the back of our churches for anyone who wishes to make the pilgrimage.

Collections: Ordinary / Bishop's Mensal Fund: St Mary's £1047 / £271 || St Columba's £256 / £94 || St Leonard & St Fergus' £564 / £280. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Bill Miller (no.55).

Restoration Fund Monthly Sale: This sale will take place next weekend around the Vigil and Sunday morning Masses: there will be the usual raffle with cake & candy, books and 'quality' Bric a Brac.

St Mary's Restoration Fund Grants Applications: We had good news this week as we received approval for our expression of interest in applying for a grant from Historic Environment Scotland (HES). This does not mean that the grant application has been successful but simply acknowledges that our application meets the requirements and standards expected for HES to consider awarding a grant. This is an important first step and means that we can work on the detailed submission for the grant.

Mary's Meals: A big thank you to all donors. As a result of ongoing generosity a further £300 has been forwarded to Mary's Meals for the feeding programme and another 50 filled backpacks have been sent bringing our overall total to 12,207 backpacks. Special thanks to Maureen & Eddie for excellent work on the towels.

Absence from the Parishes: I will leave on Sunday after the Masses and return on Friday. Deacon Malcolm Hutchison will stay at St Mary's and celebrate Eucharistic Services at the usual Mass times. I would ask the Eucharistic Ministers to continue to lead the Eucharistic Services on Friday in St Leonard & Fergus' and on Saturday in St Columba's.

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

"Lord, to whom shall we go?" Jesus is the only answer to our seeking. Could you be on to help people find him, as a priest, a deacon or a religious brother or sister? Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director about priesthood, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

Tuesday 24th August: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle: He was born at Cana and brought by the Apostle Philip to meet Jesus (Known as Nathaniel in St John's Gospel). Nothing further is known for certain. Eusebius speaks of him in India, but the Roman Martyrology has him martyred in Armenia, skinned alive according to the Persian custom. Because his relics were enshrined on the island in the Tiber that is principally used as a hospital, he has become a patron saint of the sick.

Friday 27th August: Saint Monica (331 - 387): She was born at Thagaste in Africa of a Christian family. She was married young, to Patricius, and among her children was Augustine (see below). He had a brilliant intellect but uncertain morals. With many tears she prayed unceasingly to God for his conversion and her prayers were answered shortly before she died. She had a deep faith and outstanding virtue and is a wonderful example of a Christian mother.

Saturday 28th August: St Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430): Augustine was also born in Thagaste in Africa. He was brought up a Christian (but never baptised) and left the Church early and spent a great deal of time seriously seeking the truth, first in the Manichean heresy, and then in Neoplatonism, until at length, through the prayers of his mother and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, he was converted back to Christianity and baptized in 387, shortly before his mother's death. Augustine had a brilliant legal and academic career, but after his conversion he returned home to Africa and led an ascetic life. He was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent 34 years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the errors of the time. He wrote an enormous amount and left a permanent mark on both philosophy and theology. His *Confessions*, as dazzling in style as they are deep in content, are a landmark of world literature.