



Vigil Mass 4.30pm

Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)

Monday-Saturday 10am

Sunday Mass 11.45am

Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am

Saturday 9am

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 9.15am

Mon & Wed 6.30pm

Fri 8.30am

Sunday 26th September—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

The Revised Mass Schedule (to continue for the next few weeks)

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

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Mary Kirk, Elizabeth Archibald and Doreen McErlain who have died recently; and Elizabeth Berry, Bob Laidlaw, Peter Court, Andrew Leonard, Mary Noonan, Jozef Urban, Helen Heron, Elizabeth Winter, Abraham Joseph and Marie Boag 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.

Funerals: St Mary's, Monday 27th at 10am: Doreen McErlain; Funeral Home, Wednesday 29th at 12Noon: Liz Archibald.

A very welcome return to Fr Alex: We are delighted that Fr Alex has returned to us and is celebrating some of the Masses this weekend. The weekday Mass schedule will return to normal but for the next few weeks we will continue with the revised Sunday Mass schedule. I am hoping to be absent from the parish from 5th-13th October which will form the last part of my summer break and by retaining the revised schedule, Fr Alex can cover the weekend Masses for the one weekend that I will be away.

Ordination to the Priesthood: We pray for Deacon Andrew Brooks who is ordained a priest for the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in St Andrew's Cathedral this weekend (Saturday 25th September). We ask for God's blessing on his priesthood and on all those who will benefit from his ministry.

Golden Jubilee: Many of you will be aware that Fr Neil Gallagher celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood on 15th September. On behalf of the two parishes of St Columba and St Leonard & St Fergus, I sent him a card with a cheque from each parish to acknowledge our thanksgiving for his years of service in the priesthood and his years of ministry in our parishes.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!" God has made you a prophet in baptism. Could you speak for him and bring his Word to others, as a priest, deacon or religious sister or brother? Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director about priesthood, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

Dunkeld News: There are a number of printed copies of the diocesan newsletter, Dunkeld News, available at the back of our churches. Please feel free to take a copy home with you. For those of you who have internet access the Dunkeld News is also available through the Diocesan website—www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk

St Columba's House: Could I ask for one last push to finish the clearing of the house, this Thursday, 30th, at 6pm?

Journey of Faith: If there is anyone interested in knowing more about the faith in terms of thinking of joining the Catholic Church, please contact Fr Alex or me before next weekend so that we can arrange to discuss this further.

Younger people for the Sacraments: If there are family members who are in P4 and are wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist but are not at Catholic schools, **please contact Fr Alex or me before next weekend with the children's full details.** Likewise please be in touch with regard to older children who may not have received preparation for these Sacraments or are in secondary schools and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Collections: St Mary's £1074 || St Columba's £254 || St Leonard & St Fergus' £638. **Standing Order Donations for August:** St Mary's £940 || St Columba's £350 || St Leonard & St Fergus' £840. 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, Margaret Joyce (no.109).

Restoration Fund Monthly Sale: The monthly fundraiser will take place this weekend after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Mass. There will be the usual raffle and cake & candy for sale. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thanks to all for the great support of this fundraising event. Over £1,137 was raised on the day. More than £200 was raised from the sale of six of Harry McGregor's paintings which formed a silent auction at the Coffee Morning. Thanks to all donated, baked and supported this event and, again, we express our thanks to Anne Ireland for the generous donation of her father's artwork.

Mary's Meals: As a result of recent very generous donations the sum of £400 has been forwarded to Mary's Meals for the feeding programme and a further 40 filled backpacks were picked up by their carrier. Our total number of filled backpacks to date is 12,282. Mary's Meals is now providing a daily nutritious meal to just over 2 million children. Grateful thanks to all donors.

Charity Outreach: As well as being engaged in fundraising for our own needs in the parishes, as Christians we are constantly aware of the needs of others. The fundraising above for Macmillan Cancer Care and Mary's Meals are examples of this. The situation in Afghanistan and among the refugees has been playing on the minds and consciences of many of us over the past weeks. SCIAF, through the Church's charity wing, Caritas International, is able to provide vital emergency relief. To raise funds for this appeal, a group in St Mary's are organising a Christmas market to be held after the Vigil and Sunday morning Masses in November and December. On sale will be Christmas cards, cake & candy, jewellery, books, knitted goods etc. We can look at Donations of unused gifts will be gratefully accepted. Please let me know if you think that there is some form of fundraising we could organise in St Leonard & St Fergus' and St Columba's or whether we should all get behind the one effort at St Mary's.

Fully Automated Adjustable Single Bed: this nearly new, little used bed is available for any one who can make use of it. Ideally for someone ill or infirm. Please contact me for further details.

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: Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue are asked to wait until the end of the Communion procession and come to the priest rather than to the Eucharistic Minister.

Masks and Singing: As awkward and unpleasant as it is, I would ask you not to lower your mask when singing.

Feast Days this week

Monday 27th: **St Vincent de Paul**—a life devoted to the service of the poor.

Wed 29th: **The Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.**

Thurs 30th: **St Jerome**—translated the Scriptures from the original Hebrew and Greek into Latin (the common language of the day).

Fri 1st Oct: **St Therese**—renown for her humility; young, weak and during her life unknown but followed a 'little' way, simply trusting in what God has said and allowing him to wash away our sins and imperfections.

Sat 2nd—**Guardian Angels.**