



Vigil Mass 4.30pm

Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)

Monday-Saturday 10am



Saint
Columba's

Sunday Mass 11.30am

Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am

Saturday 9am



Saints
Leonard
& Fergus'

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 10am

Mon & Wed 6.30pm

Fri 8.30am

Sunday 17th October—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Nan & Pat Burns, Jim Anderson, Eddie Wynn, Effie Nicholson and Mauricio Reyes who have died recently and Zofia Warskyj, George Main, Anne Low, Agnes Scott and Nan Sharp, 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 and the terminally ill in your prayers, especially those mentioned on our sick lists.

Funerals this Week: St Mary's, Wednesday 20th at 10am: James (Jim) Anderson.

Contact Numbers: 01382 825203—Fr Alex; 01382 611282—Fr Mark & Fr Sebastian.

October: The Month of the Holy Rosary: We will pray the rosary Monday-Saturday in St Mary's at 9.30am. The rosary in St Columba's and St Leonard & St Fergus' will continue to be prayed Monday—Saturday 20 beginning minutes before the times of Mass.

A Date for your Diaries: Justice & Peace Scotland has asked every diocese to hold a service "A Prayer for Our Earth" to pray for the success of the upcoming COP26 Conference in Glasgow. Canon Kevin Golden will lead a service in St Andrew's Cathedral next Sunday 24th October at 3pm.

Mass Times: From next weekend (23-24th October), we will return to the 'normal' schedule of Masses. The times are printed above. There has been little feedback on the timing for the Vigil Mass at St Mary's, so I would like to take a survey of those attending the Vigil at St Mary's to try to gauge the views of that particular congregation. You will be asked as you arrive at Mass over the next three weekends what would be your preference—4.30pm, 5pm or back to 6pm. Until we have a clear indication of people's views we will continue with the Vigil Mass at 4.30pm. The Mass in Polish at St Mary's will start when all Fr Sebastian's documentation is in order.

Obligation for Mass: I have been asked for information with regard to the Obligation for attending Sunday Mass. At one point we asked parishioners to attend weekday Masses to ease the pressure on weekends when space was limited. All Masses are now available for as many people as wish to attend. It seems as though the 'obligation' to physically attend Mass may be reintroduced at the start of Advent. However, anyone who feels that they are still vulnerable in terms of the Coronavirus or in any way anxious, should not feel under any 'obligation' to attend the weekend Masses. If you want to discuss this further, please approach any one of the priests and we will be glad to give help and advice.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." Is God inviting you to serve as Jesus served in priesthood, permanent diaconate or consecrated life? Give your life for others! Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director about priesthood, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

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St Leonard & St Fergus' - St Leonard's Place, Ardler, Dundee. DD3 9HD Tel: 01382-825203
Parish Priest - Fr Mark Cassidy | Assisting Priests - Fr Alexander Obiorah, Fr Sebastian Polak and Fr Jean Gové

Collections: St Mary's £980 || St Columba's £257 || St Leonard & St Fergus' £582. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church.

Special Collection: Next week is 'Mission Sunday' and along with our prayerful intercession for the Church's worldwide mission, there will also be a retiring collection in our churches.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to last week's winner, Ann Gunning (46) and to this week's winner, Janice Dobbin (73).

Restoration Fund: Grateful thanks for another donation of £50 received recently. We also received £250 from the 100 club. We will soon be coming to the end of the year for the 100 club and this will be the moment when people can decide to continue their membership or withdraw. We understand that financial situations change so please do not hesitate to withdraw (or join up) as the time approaches. More details will be given.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: The final total for this fundraising effort actually came to £1,446. There are gift aid forms for any tax payers who would like the charity to reclaim the tax aid on whatever they spent. This amounts to 25% of whatever was spent.

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 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 in our churches: Just a gentle reminder that we are still advised to wear masks in church. I know that for many people this is uncomfortable, but others feel safer knowing that we are doing our best to follow this guidance. With numbers infected with COVID apparently on the rise again, in charity and with compassion for others, please continue to wear masks unless exempt. **Masks and Singing:** Again as awkward and unpleasant as it is, I would ask you not to lower your mask when singing.

SPUC—Silent Vigil: Statistics inform us that 13,815 abortions were performed in Scotland last year. SPUC Dundee are holding the 18th consecutive annual Silent Vigil, commemorating the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act this Thursday, 21st October in the City Square from 6-8pm. Please come along to witness to, and pray for, the babies lost to abortion and for the mothers and medical staff who are damaged by their part in abortion. You are very welcome to join for any time you can spare of the 2 hour event.

Parish Devotions and Meetings: It would seem like a good moment to start thinking about the introduction and reintroduction of some of our 'normal' parish activities. It may also be time to take stock of the when and wherefore of what has been done in the past to see if there are new initiatives we can take or new times for some of our devotions (Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) and also when we might meet for Scripture reflection or faith sharing groups as well as some ideas for preparing families for Baptism or for the journey of faith for those wishing to enter the Church and join our communities. We would welcome ideas on how we can start to reinvigorate the general life of our communities.

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: I have been asked to explain (briefly) the difference between Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament...so here goes...We are privileged as Catholics to have the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament in our churches. This means that our churches are places where Adoration of the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood is always available to us, and why we genuflect (or when not possible, bow) towards the Tabernacle in recognition of the Lord's presence in this great Sacrament. It is also why, after we greet one another quietly on our entry into the church, that we generally kneel or sit in private prayer and adoration, preparing ourselves for the great prayer of the Mass. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is the communal act of devotion to Jesus, Our Blessed Lord, in the Sacrament with the Host in the Monstrance. Exposition is often accompanied by a time of prayer together, of silence and ending with a form of Benediction (Blessing). Outside of the Mass itself, our private adoration of the Sacrament and public prayer at Exposition along with a devotion to Our Blessed Lady are two of the characteristic features of Catholic Worship and Devotion, and it is always good for us to make both these devotions part of our Catholic prayer life.