



Vigil Mass 4.30pm

Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)

Monday-Saturday 10am

Sunday Mass 11.30am

Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am

Saturday 9am

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 10am

Mon & Wed 6.30pm

Fri 8.30am

Sunday 31st October—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Marion Jones, Agnes Malone, Norman Hughes, Jim Coyle, Annie (Nan) Reid, Vivien Kenneth, Elsie Carroll, Alex Markie, Grace Taylor, Justin Okoye and Paul Pagliara who have died recently and Teresa Henderson, Tom Tinney, Catherine Turnbull, Gerard Malone and Alison Maloney, 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.

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

November: The Month of the Holy Souls: There are lists and envelopes available at the back of our churches for your prayer intentions for the faithful departed. All the Masses in November are said for these intentions, so please return your lists in good time. Please hand them to the priest or drop them in with your collection.

All Saints and All Souls: Tomorrow is not a Holyday of Obligation, but it is still a day of particular devotion. Mass will be celebrated in St Leonard & St Fergus' (with some of the school children from St Andrew's) at 11am. **There will no evening Mass.** Mass in St Mary's will be at 10am with an additional Mass at 7pm. On Tuesday for the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (Holy Souls)**, the Masses will be: St Columba's 8.30am; St Mary's 10am; St Leonard & St Fergus' 6.30pm; St Mary's 7pm.

COP26 Conference in Glasgow: Each day during the conference we will include a prayer after Holy Communion asking the Lord to grant wisdom to the delegates at the conference and to the leaders of nations, that there may be a successful outcome to this conference. There will also be an act of commitment, so that we might declare our intention to cherish the world in which we live. Copies of the prayers will be available for all.

Mass of Installation of New Canons: The Bishop has announced that there will be a Mass for the Installation of four new Canons for the Cathedral Chapter. The new Canons will be Fr Kevin Golden (at the moment an honorary Canon), Fr Brian McLean, Fr Tom Shields (also an honorary Canon) and Fr Mark Cassidy. The Mass will be on St Andrew's Day, 30th November at 1pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

The Grumpy New Canon: I once met Veronica Sreenan, and I asked her how her brother, Fr Hugh was. I immediately corrected myself and said 'Canon' as at that time Hugh had just been installed as a Canon of the Cathedral. Veronica's response was straightforward, "Never mind about that, there is no nicer title for a priest than 'father'!" I am in complete agreement with the late Veronica. So, please, none of this 'Canon' stuff, 'Fr Mark' will do just fine!

Clergy Meeting: The Bishop has asked all the priests of the Diocese to meet in St Mary's, Kinnoull between 16th-18th November. The Masses for that week will be as usual on Tuesday 16th; on Wednesday 17th, there will be Eucharistic Services in St Mary's at 10am and in St Leonard & St Fergus at 6.30pm; Thursday 18th November there will be a Eucharistic Service in St Columba's at 8.30am, a Eucharistic Service in St Mary's at 10am, and Mass in St Mary's at 7pm.

Collections: Ordinary || MISSIO: St Mary's £1001 || £350; St Columba's £339 || £194; St Leonard & St Fergus' £721 || £301. 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, Willie Thomson (43).

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.

St Columba's Coffee and Chat: Some of the parishioners of St Columba's have decided to open the hall on Thursdays from 1-2.30pm for anyone who would like to gather for coffee/tea and a chat. It is all very informal, with no agenda, so please feel free to drop in. **This will start from this week, Thursday 4th November.**

Cleaning in St Columba's: This will take place in St Columba's on Thursday after the morning Mass. All volunteers more than welcome to join in the effort.

Fundraising Bingo: Even though the parish priest forgot to advertise this in the newsletter, the fundraising bingo, held on Friday evening in aid of the Restoration Fund was a great success. Just over £700 was raised. Thanks to those who organised the event, those who supported it (from all three communities and beyond), those who baked so that everyone had something at the break, and thanks also to our faithful 'caller', Jim Low. We can add another £100 to the fund from the Repository at St Mary's and also donations totaling £100.

Christmas Market in aid of SCIAF's Appeal for Afghanistan: This will take place at St Mary's before and after the Vigil and Morning Masses on the 13th-14th November. There will be all the usual stalls—cake & candy; Christmas decorations; toys, tombola, knitted goods, Christmas cards etc. etc. All profits from the repository at St Mary's during November/December will also go towards this appeal.

Christmas Parties: I have a horror of speaking about Christmas as early as this...we **are** still in October! The menus for the Christmas Party for St Mary's are now available at the back of the church. This will take place on Sunday 5th December from 1-4pm. Cost will be £5 for parishioners and their friends. The date for St Columba's party is Sunday 19th December. Due to various reasons, the annual party for St Leonard and St Fergus will be postponed this year and probably take place on or around St Patrick's Day.

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 was reminded recently that wearing masks is not so that we will not be infected by the virus, but that we will not spread the virus if we are infected. So, in Christian charity there is even more reason for each of us to wear a mask. If you have the virus and do not wear a mask, then even those of us who wear masks are not protected. Please think of the safety and health of others. With numbers infected with COVID apparently on the rise again, 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.

Parish Meetings: It is our intention to have Pastoral Council meetings following the Bishop's meeting with us as priests. We will then be able to give feedback on anything that was discussed. Details of dates and times to follow.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood." We all share in Christ's priesthood by our baptism. Could you go deeper by sharing in it through the ministerial priesthood? Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director about priesthood, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

Other Feast Days this week: 3rd November: St Martin de Porres (1579-1639) - a Dominican brother who worked all his life with the sick and the poor; **4th November:** St Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)—a leading figure in the Catholic Reformation, instrumental in the renewal of the education and formation of the Clergy and Religious and the reforming of the life of Priests and Religious. He also took an interest in the education of children in the faith and in material help to the poor.