



Vigil Mass 4.30pm

Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)

Monday-Saturday 10am

Sunday Mass 11.30am

Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 am

Saturday 9am

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 10am

Mon & Wed 6.30pm

Fri 8.30am

Sunday 21st November—Solemnity of Christ the King (B)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Harry Gillan, Helen Brown, Fred Gray, Barbara Russell, Mary Singers, Celeste Armatruda and Ian Jackson who have died recently and Susan Bruce, Joe Moore, Bruce Connor, Nan Mulligan and Tommy Morgan whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also remember all those mentioned in our books of remembrance. **November—Month of the Holy Souls:** All the Masses in November are said for these intentions. **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.

Funerals: Tuesday 23rd November, 10am, St Mary's—Fred Gray; Wednesday 24th November, 10am St Mary's—Helen Brown; Friday 26th November, 10am, St Mary's—Harry Gillan (Reception of Remains Thursday, 5pm).

Congratulations: To all the children from St Andrew's PS and beyond who received the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday. We ask the Lord to keep them and their families strong in their faith.

Feast of St Fergus: There will be a Mass with St Fergus PS in St Leonard & St Fergus on Friday at 10am. This is in anticipation of the Feast Day which falls on Saturday this year. Please note there is no 8.30am Mass on Friday.

Parish Meetings: We would like to hold Pastoral Council meetings on the following dates: Monday 6th December (L&F); Tuesday 7th December (St C's); Thursday 9th December (St M's). The meetings will be at 7pm. I realise that some who have been faithful participants in the Pastoral Councils have pulled back from some commitments over the past two years and we thank them for their committed service to the parishes. Please speak to Fr Alex or myself if you have not been a member but would like to know more about the work of the Pastoral Councils.

Those who have not yet returned to Church: Last week I wrote: 'For a variety of reasons there may be some people who have not returned to Church following the easing of restrictions. Some will still feel vulnerable and not want to mix in crowds and others may have become frail over the past couple of years and are no longer able to attend. While we may know some of the names of people in these circumstances, many of you will be aware of others. Please pass on to us the names and addresses of people that you know are now isolated from the Church and would appreciate a phone call or a visit from us to reassure them that they have not been forgotten by our parish communities.' Now, although this has been made known to us—that there **are** people who feel hurt at the lack of contact—we have not been made aware of anyone in particular that we might contact. This is extremely frustrating and I am unsure as to what else we can do unless you help us in our ministry by identifying the people who are in need.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Pope Pius XI asserted that the most effective defence against the destructive forces of the age is the recognition of the kingship of Christ. One reflection for us on this feast is to consider Jesus as a King who is simultaneously the ruler of all and the servant of all. He rules in triumph; and he rules from the Cross. We ask that the power of Christ may be recognized in the way that we listen to and follow his teaching, the 'truth' and by the example that we give as humble servants of God and of one another.

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Parish Priest - Fr Mark Cassidy | Assisting Priests - Fr Alexander Obiorah and Fr Jean Gové

Fr Sebastian: will return to Poland tomorrow, Monday, to complete some of the necessary procedures for a visa so that he can work in the Diocese. Hopefully this will be a straightforward process. Fr Sebastian will return to us either next month or early in the New Year. We wish him Godspeed.

Collections: St Mary's £1014; St Columba's £277; St Leonard & St Fergus' £848. 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, Anne Singleton (38). Grateful thanks for two separate donations to St Mary's totaling £230 which went to the Restoration Fund.

St Columba's Coffee and Chat: Some of the parishioners of St Columba's meet in 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.

SCIAF's Appeal for Afghanistan: Last week's Christmas Fair along with other donations and repository sales raised £1,213 for SCIAF. There were also two donations of £500 each and separate donations (including a SCIAF Box) totaling £30. We should perhaps adopt the slogan that a SCIAF Box is not just for Lent—there are a number of folk who keep their boxes going all year round! There was also a £200 donation through St Leonard & St Fergus. Through the three communities we have raised over £2,400 so far. The Christmas Fair will take place this weekend at St Leonard & Fergus' and be available after the morning Mass. It will journey on to St Columba's for Sunday 28th November when it will be available before and after Mass. There will also be Christmas Cards and gifts available to buy in the hall at St Mary's after the Vigil and Morning Masses this week.

Sock Appeal: We are now collecting for the annual appeal for socks (new) for the homeless in Dundee. There has been a great response in the past to this appeal from all three communities and I am sure that this year will be no different.

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.

Sanitising in Churches: We have been advised that we can scale back on sanitizing the churches which will also help with the environmental impact on the use of non-biodegradable wipes. If you have concerns, wipes will be available as you enter the church so that you can clean the pew area before you sit down.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"I came into the world...to bear witness to the truth." Listen for the call God makes to you. Don't be afraid – it is the truth God has planned for you. Why not ask advice of someone who can help you listen for it? Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director about priesthood, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

Notice from SPUC: "A public consultation has been launched on a bill proposed by Liam McArthur MSP to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. It is important that as many people as possible respond to this consultation. We must send a strong message to Mr. McArthur, MSPs and the Scottish Government: that assisted suicide is a dangerous and unethical practice that must never be legalised in Scotland or any other part of the UK. The consultation is running until Wednesday 22 December 2021. Please complete the questionnaire as soon as you can and encourage others to do the same. You can find resources to help you do this at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/assisteddyingscotlandconsultation>"

SPUC Coffee Morning: If you would like to practically help the work of SPUC, there will be a Coffee Morning held in St Columba's Hall, Derwent Avenue on Saturday 4th December from 9.30-11.30am (following the Saturday morning Mass). Entry is £1 for adults and 50p for children. Christmas Tombola, Fancy Goods, Toys, Raffle....