



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 10am; Wed 6.30pm

Fri 8.30am

Sunday 28th November—First Sunday of Advent (C)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Barbara Russell, Mary Singers, George Mudie, Freda Barker and Celeste Amatruda who have died recently and Ian Irons, Peter Timmons and Jim McLean 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.

Funerals: Monday 29th November, 10am St Leonard & St Fergus—Celeste Amatruda; Wednesday 1st December, 10am St Mary's—Barbara Russell (Reception of Remains, Tuesday, 5pm;); Wednesday 1st December, 1.45pm Lochee Service Rooms only, Mary Singers. **Please note that the funeral Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus on Monday is the only Mass of the day—there will be no evening Mass.**

Advent Services: These will take the form of Evening Prayer and Benediction and this year will take place in St Leonard & St Fergus at 4pm. **The first will take place this (Sunday) afternoon.**

Christmas Carols with the Lydian Singers: There will be a carol concert in St Mary's on Wednesday 15th December at 7.30pm led by the Lydian Singers under the direction of Susan Cassidy and with accompaniment of Michael Ellacott. There is no charge for entry but there will be a retiring collection for the Restoration Fund. Tickets are available to help with Track and Trace.

Welcome to the Syro Malabar Catholic Community: Fr Johny Raphael, Parish Priest of St Clement's and St Ninian's asked if St Mary's would host the celebrations of the Syro Malabar community which meets on 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month. We are delighted to be able to host this venerable Catholic community for their Eucharistic celebrations. Their first celebration will be next Sunday, 5th December at 5pm.

Parish Meetings: We will 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.

Masses for Christmas

Over the past years we have been taking note of the relative popularity of the Christmas Masses. This year we are proposing the following Mass schedule for Christmas. If you have concerns about social distancing, we would suggest attending the Midnight or Christmas Morning Masses which are usually less busy.

St Mary's: Vigil Mass at 6pm with Carols starting 30 minutes before the start of Mass; Christmas morning Mass at 10.30am. There will also be a celebration for the Syro-Malabar Community in St Mary's at 5pm.

St Columba's: Vigil Mass at 6pm (Carols 5.30pm); **St Leonard & St Fergus':** Midnight Mass (Carols 11.30pm); Christmas morning 10am. There will be no Christmas morning Mass in St Columba's this year.

As Christmas Day is a Saturday, there will be no Vigil Masses for Sunday 26th December. Sunday Masses will be as usual: **St Leonard & St Fergus 10am; St Mary's 10.30am; St Columba's 11.30am.**

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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 and Fr Jean Gové

Rosary in St Mary's: We have had the tradition of praying the rosary in May and October to mark the significance of these times. While we will look at ways of continuing to emphasise these particular moments of devotion to Our Lady, it was thought that we might have the rosary recited each day (Mon-Sat) in the church 30 minutes before Mass. We are looking for volunteers to lead the rosary. If you are willing and able to help lead the rosary on a particular day, please let me know.

New Canons: Fathers Brian McLean, Tom Shields, Kevin Golden and Mark Cassidy will be installed as Canons of St Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday 30th November at the 1pm Mass in the Cathedral. Anyone who wishes is welcome to attend the Mass.

Collections: St Mary's £1037; St Columba's £302; St Leonard & St Fergus' £648. **Standing Order Donations for October:** St Mary's £885; St Columba's £350; St Leonard & St Fergus' £660. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parishes and the work of the Church. **Gift Aid:** We received £3,912 for St Mary's and £1,522 for St Columba's from HMRC representing the tax paid on offerings from those who are in the Gift Aid scheme in our parishes. If there are any tax payers who would like to Gift Aid their donations, please contact Fr Mark.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Gary Clark (96).

St Columba's Coffee and Chat: The last of the Thursday drop-in sessions at the hall will be on 9th December and will recommence on Thursday 20th January.

St Columba's Christmas Party: will take place on Sunday 19th December from 1-4pm. There is a poster at the back of the church and a list to add your name and make a menu choice. A reminder that **St Mary's Christmas Party** takes place next Sunday, 5th December.

Sock Appeal: We are still 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

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 this 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....