



Christmas Vigil Mass 6pm  
Christmas Morning 10.30am  
Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)  
Monday-Saturday 10am

Christmas Vigil 6pm  
Sunday Mass 11.30am  
Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 am  
Saturday 10am

Christmas Mass at Midnight  
Christmas Morning & Sunday 10am  
Mon & Wed 6.30pm  
Fri 8.30am

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### Saturday 25th / Sunday 26th December—Christmas Day & Feast of the Holy Family

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#### Christmas Greetings

We ask the Lord to bless you and your families with the gift of peace that the Christ Child came to give to the world. That this peace may be with you on Christmas Day, throughout the Christmas Season and in the year ahead. We would also like to thank you for the cards, gifts and good wishes that you have shared with us. We have been truly blessed.

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#### Masses for New Year's Day and Sunday 2nd January

On New Year's Day we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Mass in the morning in St Mary's will be at 10am and in St Columba's also at 10am (Please note the change in time).

#### Mass for Sunday will be as usual:

St Mary's: Vigil 4.30pm & 10.30am; St Leonard & St Fergus: Vigil 6pm & 10am; St Columba's 11.30am.

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers — Robert (Bertie) Ross, Patrick Ruddy, Mark McCord and David Taylor who have died recently and Stephen Adegbesan, Maggie and Willie Hutcheon, John Quinn, Robert Quinn, John and Winnie Hanlon, Charles McManus, Nessie Blyth, Cathie Wright, Ronnie Wright, Tea Vaahtikari, Honor Conway and Joseph Gallagher Kelly 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:** Funeral Mass for Patrick Ruddy—St Mary's, Thursday 30th December at 10am.

**Penitential Services and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Preparation for Christmas:** Thank you to all who came together to celebrate the Rite of Penance in the churches this past week. It was a great joy to celebrate the Sacrament together.

#### Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

**Christmas:** "I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people." If you think you may be called to announce the Good News of Christ's presence as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life, speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director about priesthood or religious life, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

**Holy Family:** "Did you not know I must be busy with my father's affairs?" Do you find yourself drawn to do God's work among his people, guiding them in holiness of life? Speak to Fr Mark, your local Vocations Director about priesthood or religious life, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

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

**Collections:** St Mary's £1097; St Columba's £249; St Leonard & St Fergus' £837. Thank you for your generous support of the parishes and the work of the Church. **There will be a special collection (retiring) next Sunday for the work of the Church's Justice & Peace Commission.**

**Collection Envelopes for St Columba's:** The envelopes are ready for collection again this weekend. There are spare sets of envelopes for those who would wish to use them, whether able to Gift Aid their donations or not.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner, Gerald Toshney (90).

**Masks in our churches:** Just a gentle reminder that everyone is asked to wear masks in church, unless exempt. If you have the virus and do not wear a mask, then even those of us who wear masks are not fully protected. Please think of the safety and health of others. **With this new variant of COVID causing concern and bringing new advice and restrictions,** please continue to wear masks unless exempt.

**Daily Reflections:** We began the daily reflections again at the start of Advent and there has been great feedback to say how welcome these have been. We will continue with the reflections throughout the Christmas Season with, perhaps, one or two breaks as we enjoy the festivities. My thanks to all who contribute to make possible this aspect of our parish life. These reflections are available to anyone with an email address. If you are not already on the parishes' email list, please leave your details with one of the priests or the pass-keepers and we will add your details as soon as possible.

### **Letter for the Day of Prayer for Peace—Sunday 2nd January 2022**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Every year we begin the new year by praying for justice and for peace. And each year it seems that justice and peace are beyond our grasp, yet ever more necessary than the year before. As we look around us, we see a world where justice and peace are an elusive dream for so many but not a reality.

Looking at the problems we face today, it is clear that many of these problems have as their root cause human weakness, human failing, and human sinfulness.

Much of the environmental crisis that confronts us just now is caused by our misuse of the world's resources, our pollution of the air and the seas, and our exploitation of the earth without a concern for the consequences. And in so many countries we see the suffering caused by warfare and violence. Is it not strange that we human beings spend over 1.9 trillion dollars every year in global military spending? So much money spent defending ourselves from our fellow human beings! What does that say about the state of our humanity?

We need to recognize that the core of the problem lies within ourselves, within the human heart.

Among the consequences is that we live in a world where the number of forcibly displaced persons is more than it has ever been. 82 million people worldwide have had to leave their homes and move elsewhere, often to other countries, as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human-rights violations or climate change. Hardly surprising that some of these people try to reach our shores. Hardly surprising that those fleeing oppression or poverty take the risk of travelling in flimsy boats across the Channel longing to get here, to what they hope is the Promised Land.

We pray every year for peace and for justice. We need to pray fervently not just today but every day, so that the message of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, will touch human hearts; so that we will recognise the dignity of our fellow human beings, particularly those who are strangers to us, particularly those who are poor, particularly those who call out to us for help.

May our prayer go hand in hand with our actions so that justice and peace may no longer be just a dream but become a reality in our world, in our lives and in the lives of our fellow human beings.

Wishing you every blessing in the year ahead,

+William Nolan

Bishop of Galloway

President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland Justice and Peace Commission