



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 9.30am

Sunday 16th January—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Rena Robbie, Derrick McCabe, James Simpson, Mary O'Regan, Francis Mooney, Michael O'Malley, Gerard Cassidy and Eleanor Stewart who have died recently and Bishop Vincent Logan, Fr John Harty, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Catherine Lowden, Alexander Lowden, Andrew Cord, Miranda-Lynette Kelly, Jacqueline Devine, Jimmy Devine, Winnie Burns, Kathleen Petrie, Betty Hendry and Ian McDermott 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: Friday 21st January, Crematorium 12.30pm—Derrick McCabe.

Anniversary Masses: The first anniversary Mass for Mgr John Harty will be in St Mungo's, Alloa on Friday 21st January at 7pm. Again, all are welcome to attend.

Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus this Friday: Please note that this Friday's Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus will be at the later time of 9.30am to accommodate some of the children from the primary school.

Award of the Bene Merenti: The Holy Father has awarded the 'Bene Merenti' to Alex Leonard of St Leonard & St Fergus in recognition of his 65 years unstinting service to the poor as a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society. We warmly congratulate Alex on this well deserved award. The award will be presented to Alex by Bishop Stephen during a Mass to be celebrated this Wednesday, 19th January at 6.30pm in St Leonard & St Fergus. There will be a reception in the hall following the Mass.

St Columba's Heating: The engineer was here during the week to replace the pump on the heating system but the pressure valve has now also failed and he will need to return on Monday to replace that as well. I am afraid this means that we will be without heating this weekend. I realise that the situation with the heating in St Columba's has been unsatisfactory for weeks and months now and we can only hope that this is a solution to the problems we have been facing. My apologies for the ongoing discomfort.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: Thank you to those who have responded. We will reinstate Exposition and Benediction to the time after Saturday morning Mass. At the moment this will be from 10.30am-11am and will be an opportunity for silent prayer before Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available during that time for anyone who wishes. The rosary will continue to be prayed at 9.30am.

St Columba's Coffee Club: The Thursday coffee club will restart this Thursday, 20th and meets from 1-2.30pm in St Columba's Hall.

Dundee Pregnancy and Parenthood: Are you free on Saturday 29th January? 9am-12noon. If so, please come along to 24-28 Lawside Road, DD3 6XY to help us move to St Columba's, Derwent Avenue, DD3 0BE.

Collections: St Mary's £1039; St Columba's £205 || £42 (Justice and Peace); St Leonard & St Fergus' £1250 . Thank you for your generous support of the parishes and the work of the Church.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Sharon McFadyen (23). This is now the time to continue supporting this fundraising initiative or to take a break and join again later in the year or next year. Through various donations and with money from the 100 club, we added £342 to the Restoration Fund total this week.

From Mary's Meals: Mary's Meals is delighted to announce that 4,000 children are now being fed a nutritious meal in Yemen, the 20th country to receive meals. This is due to the extraordinary generosity of donors. Yemen has suffered conflict since 2015 with many families fleeing their homes and very high starvation rates. Because of our generosity, children will eat filled nutritious bread, vegetables and fruit.....and there's hope for their future. Many, many thanks.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

Mary tells the servants to "Do whatever he tells you." Are you listening to his voice? What is he telling you? Is he calling you to serve as a priest or religious? 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.

Another Look at the Synodal Church: On Sunday, the 10th of October 2021, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, set us all off together on a long journey of reflection and consultation, leading up to the 2023 Synod of Bishops. It was to be a journey of encounter, of listening to each other, a journey, a walking together, during which we ask some important questions about ourselves and how we make our choices in life.

The Holy Father on that day in October at Mass in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, spoke beautifully of the Gospels which so often portray Jesus himself on a journey, a journey in which he walks alongside people and listens to their questions and the concerns and the anxieties they feel in their hearts.

In those stories, Jesus shows us he is found not so much in neat and orderly places, but rather he walks with people, meeting them where they so often are, on the often rocky roads of life. The Gospels show Jesus in these stories, listening intently to those he meets, to their questions and their woundedness, finally helping those he encounters to make sense of their lives, bringing them healing and helping them make the important difficult choices they have to make on their lives' journey.

To encounter people and to really listen carefully to what they say, we need to ask ourselves whether we are good listeners. Do we allow the people we meet to tell us the stories they wish to tell, to walk with them in faith through the difficulties of their lives, listening intently, but never hindering or rejecting or judging them.

Pope Francis calls this walking together a 'synodal process'. And for us to share in this Synodal Process, of 'walking together', means following in the Lord's footsteps, listening to **His** Word, alongside the words and stories of others. It also means discovering, sometimes with *amazement* what the Holy Spirit can surprise us with, for example when the Spirit suggests fresh paths and new ideas to help us solve our problems.

In some parts of the world this idea of 'synodality' has not been taken up the way that Pope Francis intended. In some places, synodality might be understood as people working together like a parliament, thinking about and trying to decide on things like the faith of the Church which is sacred and unchangeable. This is perhaps a valuable lesson for us, because the genuine synodal process is a kind of spiritual discernment in the Church that leads us to adoration of God in prayer and in dialogue with the word of God. A genuine Synodal walking together always ends in unity among those involved, not chaos.

God's holy Word in the Scriptures summons us to choose that which is good for us, and that which God wants for us and helps bring light, not darkness and confusion. This stops the Synod becoming as Pope Francis says, simply '*a church convention or a study group or a political gathering or a parliament instead of a process of healing guided by the Holy Spirit*'.

We look forward to the weeks ahead as we make this journey together. There will be more details as to how we can all participate in this Synodal journey as time goes on.