



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 30th January—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Gerald (Gerry) Cassidy, John Wilson, Eleanor Stewart, Maureen Quinn, Eugene Normoye, Cathy Dailly and Frances Finlay who have died recently and Murray Moodie, Jane Brankin, Martha Lamond, Deacon Tom Clark, Jim Traynor, Edna de Gernier, Norman Crighton, Dale John Robertson, Rosemary Cavin, Mary Reilly Kelly, Tracey Foran, Helen Prophet and Ethel and Len Smith 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: Tuesday 1st February, St Mary's 12noon—Gerald Cassidy. There will be the usual 10am Mass in St Mary's..

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: Just a reminder of the regular times for Confession. St Mary's, Saturday 10.30-11am; 3.30-4pm; St Columba's, Saturday after the morning Mass; St Leonard & St Fergus, Saturday 5.15-5.45pm. These are the 'regular' times, but Confession can be requested before or after Mass and if we have the appropriate time available, we will be happy to celebrate the Sacrament.

St Leonard & St Fergus: We welcome to the 10am Mass, the children from St Andrew's and St Fergus Primary Schools who will be enrolled during the Mass as candidates for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless these children and their families as they mark this important step in their preparation.

St Mary's Heating: The heating system in St Mary's is never terribly effective but unfortunately we are down to one boiler instead of two. Top engineers are on to it....

St Columba's Coffee Club: There will be coffee and chat this Thursday, 3rd February but no meeting on 10th or 17th February. The club will recommence on 24th with a Fair Trade event. Fair Trade goods will be available to buy, so please come along.

Absence from the Parish: I am going on retreat from Sunday 6th—Friday 11th February. Fr Alex has kindly agreed to celebrate the Masses in St Mary's, except for Tuesday 8th February when he is unable to due to a prior commitment with the schools at St Leonard & St Fergus. There will be a Eucharistic Service in St Mary's on that Tuesday.

Friday 11th February—Our Lady of Lourdes: Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass for the feast day in St Mary's at 7pm. All are invited to join in this Mass and a particular invitation is extended to all those who join in the Diocesan and Parish pilgrimages to Lourdes. There will be refreshments in the hall following the Mass.

Afternoon for Life: Bishop Stephen invites us to join him for the **Afternoon For Life** at the Our Lady of Victories church hall in Forebank Road on **Saturday 12th February at 1pm**. There will be informative talks from expert pro-life speakers. With on-going moves to legalise assisted suicide, it is imperative to be up to date with the latest debates. Tea and coffee will be provided during the afternoon and there may be crèche places available. The Afternoon finishes around 4.30pm. For further information and to book a place please email mcgraw.clare@gmail.com

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

Collections: St Mary's £1020 || St Columba's £258 || St Leonard & St Fergus' £581.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Dave Mulligan (100). Through various donations and with money from the 100 club, we added another £280 to the Restoration Fund total this week.

Mary's Meals: A further £200 has been forwarded to Mary's Meals for the feeding programme. This total included donations given at a recent funeral. This will qualify for the double the love initiative. Many, many thanks."

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." (1st reading) God has made you for some definite purpose, only you can fulfil. He made you, knows you and loves you. 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. Diocesan Priesthood: **Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2022?** We are now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr Mark Cassidy e-mail: stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

Another Look at the Synodal Church

On October 9th 2021, Pope Francis launched a Global Synod: a two year process, unprecedented in the history of the Catholic Church. A synodal church is a community of equals who walk together, guided by the Holy Spirit, where everyone feels they belong, are listened to, and can offer opinions freely without being judged.

Popes often hold synods to consult their bishops when making important church decisions. Pope Francis recognises that it is now time to consult us all, so that the Church goes back to the original way of being Church; where all members were consulted about its future.

We must honour what is holy and enduring in our Church, build on the values of what is good and think deeply about what the Church needs to be in our time. And so, every baptised member of the Catholic Church throughout the world, is being asked take part in a unique opportunity, to have a stake in the future of the Church we love, and to dream about the kind of Church we want to have.

So, what is being asked of us? Three things.

1. Firstly: to pray about, reflect and respond as best we can to a simple, anonymous questionnaire about our parish experiences.
2. Secondly: to reach out to those whose voices are missing in our parishes, those who rarely or never practice their faith, who feel left out, judged, or are on the margins of society, those of different religions or no religions at all and offer them an opportunity to speak out.
3. Finally to come together in small parish groups during Lent to discuss issues that concern us, to listen to each other, learn from each other, build bridges and open minds to discern what the Spirit is asking the Church to be.

The **questionnaire is offered in paper form** as you leave the church, or preferably, **it can be accessed and submitted online at:** www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk - it can be found in the 'synodality' menu on the task bar on the opening page of the website. It will be available as from Friday 4th February. The paper version will be available from after Sunday Mass from Sunday 6th February onwards. **All responses must be submitted online or paper copies returned to the diocese by Sunday 25 February 2022 [Diocese of Dunkeld 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY]** A Diocesan Coordinating Group will collate them and present them to the Bishop who will compile a report, share it with us, and submit it to Rome in August 2022 .

Pope Francis asks us not to adopt the attitude of 'we have always done things this way'. If we do, we will make the mistake of not taking seriously the times in which we are living. We are all here in this holy place at Mass today, because we love our Church and we want to see it thrive in the third millennium - but it takes all of us to step up, to honour the responsibilities bestowed on us at our baptism, and not to leave it to the few. Let our journey together begin today.

The Synodal Church: Communion | Participation | Mission—The Bishops of Scotland are hosting an online Conference on the topic of the Synodal Church on Saturday 12th February at 2pm. The Keynote speaker will be Cardinal Mario Grech who is in overall charge of the process. The Conference can be watched live at bit.ly/BCOSYouTube