





Vigil Mass 4.30pm Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)

Monday-Saturday 10am

Tuesday: Eucharistic Service at 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 6th February—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — John Wilson, Frances Finlay, Sandra Williams, Michael Lynch, Cathy Dailly, Mark Devine, Lewis Gunning, Vera Cooper, Mary McCleary, James Mulvey and John McRae who have died recently and Caroline Rice, Michael Prendergast, Nan Halliday, Margaret McSherry, Tom O'Donnell, Jimmy Boag, Frances Sreenan, Barbara Cossens (Crighton), May Short, Christopher Gallacher, Catherine Ravey and Evelyn Stewart 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 11th February, St Mary's 10am—Lewis Gunning.

**St Leonard & St Fergus and St Columba's:** We welcome Fr Andrew Clark who will celebrate the Sunday morning Masses this weekend so that I can go on retreat. We thank Fr Andrew for his generosity in coming to celebrate the Masses in the parishes. I will be away from today, Sunday 6th and will return on Friday. Fr Alex has kindly agreed to celebrate the Masses in St Mary's, except this Tuesday, 8th 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 this Tuesday.

**Synodal Journey:** Today we will distribute the paper questionnaire as part of the journey that Pope Francis wishes us to embark upon as a Church together throughout the world. However, we would prefer that all who are able to, complete the online questionnaire. For those who can answer online, please access the diocesan website - www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk From the opening page of the website and from the top bar of the opening page click on the Synodality tab. There you will find from the drop-down menu a choice of: Online questionnaire for adults / Online questionnaire for younger people / Online questionnaire for Polish consultees / Online questionnaire for those not of our faith who wish to have an input. We are hoping that as any people as possible, Catholics and non-Catholics, lay, religious and clergy, practicing and non-practicing and those of other faiths and none might feel able to participate in this consultation. Please spread the word and encourage others to participate in this great endeavour.

**Friday 11th February—Our Lady of Lourdes:** Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass for the feast day in St Mary's this Friday 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.

**Sunday 20th February**: Bishop Stephen will celebrate the 10am Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the young people from St Andrew's and St Fergus' Primary Schools. Please remember to pray for these children in these final weeks of their preparation to receive the Sacrament.

**Archbishop of Glasgow:** With great joy we heard of the appointment by Pope Francis of Bishop William Nolan, Bishop of Galloway, as the next Archbishop of Glasgow in succession to the late Archbishop Philip Tartaglia. We pray for Bishop William and for the priests and people of the Archdiocese of Glasgow, that through the grace and working of the Holy Spirit we will see 'Glasgow flourish'. We also pray for the priests and people of the Diocese of Galloway—that the Lord will soon send them a shepherd to lead them and guide them in His ways.

Collections: St Mary's £1020 || St Columba's £262 || St Leonard & St Fergus' £629.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Sarah Bebe (77).

**Lydian Singers Concert:** I was invited to the Lydian Singers rehearsal last week where I was presented with a cheque for £700 from the proceeds of the Carol Concert that the group held in St Mary's. With the sale of some of Harry McGregor's paintings and other donations, the evening of the concert raised over £1,000. Grateful thanks to the Lydian Singers, Susan Cassidy their musical director and Mike Ellacott their accompanist and to all who provided the refreshments in the hall after the concert.

**Mary's Meals:** Many thanks for your generous donations which allowed a further £460 to be forwarded to the Mary's Meals feeding programme on January 31st - just in time to qualify for the double the love initiative.

**Heating in St Mary's:** I am afraid that the situation is no better this week—another part is needed and it will be next week, at least, before we see any improvement.

**Painting:** Thanks to Steve and Gordon who contributed of their time and talents to paint the main entrance area at St Mary's. It is looking even more welcoming than before.

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

## Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"Do not be afraid: from now on it is people you will be catching." Jesus calls the disciples to share his mission. It continues in the Church and in the world in the lives of priests and religious. Could you be one of them? As Jesus said: "Do not be afraid!". 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

Society of St Vincent de Paul at St Leonard & St Fergus: Following the wonderful celebration of Alex Leonard's Papal award, I thought it would be appropriate to let parishioners know what the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul does. We give of our time visiting the housebound and those who live alone and have a chat with them. We also visit vulnerable families who are experiencing difficulties. We help them by shopping for necessities and also with their utility bills. At Christmas we liaise with our schools and make donations to them to distribute to families to help them to have a merry Christmas. When the Pilgrimages to Lourdes take place, we try to help sponsor someone who would benefit from the trip but who does not have the finances to go. We do all these things with the donations you so generously contribute each week in the church door collection. We thank you for your support and know that you will continue to do so in the future. If you know if anyone who needs assistance please pass their names in to a member of the conference. As a conference, we also support each other spiritually by praying together. If anyone would like to join us or learn more about the Society, please pass on your details to me (Linda Costello) or leave them with one of the priests. We meet every two weeks on a Monday at 5.30 and our next meeting is on 7 February. (Both St Mary's and St Columba's also have branches of the Society). Serving in Hope.

**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

**The Synodal Church: Communion | Participation | Mission**—The Bishops of Scotland are hosting an online Conference on the topic of the Synodal Church next 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