





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 20th February—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers — Jane Budge, Etta Dickson, Anna Small, Vera Cooper, Mary (Marian) Reid, James Mulvey, Eileen Ward, Sr Anna Teresa Roper DC and Stan (Staislaw) Masztalersz who have died recently and Peter Gallacher, John Brown, Alec Miller, Vera Miller, John Miller, Anne O'Hara Birmingham, Thomas Laing, Mina Dailly, Alex Dailly, Sadie McIntyre and Frank and Ellie Joyce 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:** Monday 21st February, Dundee Crematorium 2.30pm—James Mulvey; Friday 25th February, Parkgrove Crematorium 1.30pm—Veronica (Vera) Cooper; **Next Week:** Monday 28th February, St Columba's 10am—Etta Dickson (Reception of Remains, Sunday 4pm); St Mary's 2.30pm—Jane Budge. Tuesday 1st March, St Mary's 10am—Mary (Marian) Reid.

**Funeral for Anna Small:** This will take place in St Ninian's on Saturday 26th February at 9.45am. It is my intention to celebrate the 10am Mass in St Mary's that Saturday for the happy repose of Anna's soul and for the comforting of her family.

**Funeral for Stan Masztalersz:** I was asked to let people know that Stan's funeral will take place in St Mary's, Forebank on Thursday 24 February at 1pm. It was thought that some of the Polish Community might be able to attend.

**Palm Crosses:** If you would like to bring your old palm crosses back to the churches, we will burn these and make up the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday (2nd March). Please hand them in as soon as possible.

Synodal Journey: Thank you to all those who have taken a copy of the questionnaire—there are a few extra copies for anyone who didn't manage to pick one up. Thanks to all those who have already handed in their completed forms and those who have taken the opportunity to complete them online. You can find the online version on the diocesan website - www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk Please remember that 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. If you have queries or difficulties with the form, please speak to us and we will try to help. I have been encouraged by the way that this process has already helped people to voice some of their dreams and desires to us directly, especially with regards to the life of the parish, as well as the liturgy and the way that we celebrate the liturgy in our churches. These comments have been positively critical which means that they have included suggestions of what we might try together to improve what is already being achieved in our parishes. With all these ideas come responsibilities to try to make them reality and that will fall upon us all in some measure so that leadership in our parishes is shared.

**Sunday 20th February**: Bishop Stephen will celebrate the 10am Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus today and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the young people from St Andrew's and St Fergus' Primary Schools. Fr Greg Murphy has kindly agreed to celebrate the 11.30am Mass in St Columba's this weekend.

**Collections:** St Mary's £1135 || St Columba's £198 || St Leonard & St Fergus' £541. **Second Collection:** This weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund, the money set aside to assist with the education of our seminarians who are training for the priesthood. **St Columba's:** Could those using envelopes no.s 14 and 22, please leave their name with one of the priests or the passkeepers. Thank you.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner, Anne Hampton (33). Monthly Raffle for the Restoration Fund will take place next weekend in St Mary's.

**St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF):** Due to the postponement of our Parish 100 club over the last two years, SCIAF projects have missed out on funding. To remedy this the proposed plan is to start afresh with a new club from 1st Sunday of Lent, 6th March. Payment of £5 will be collected monthly with a weekly prizewinner as before. All interested in supporting the new club should give their details after 10am Mass on Sunday morning. (Vigil Mass attenders can pay by arrangement.) Anyone requiring a refund from any advance payments to the previous 100 club can receive this from Janice Dobbin or ask for it to be credited to their new number.

**SCIAF Lenten Training 2022:** A SCIAF Lenten Training session has been arranged for Saturday 26th February at 10.30 am at St Joseph's Church, Wilkies Lane. Dundee, DD1 5HR. The session will be led by Nikki Neesam, Senior Community Engagement Officer for SCIAF. The session will last until approximately 12 noon. Please come along, if you can. You will be made very welcome.

**SCIAF in St Mary's for Lent:** There will be coffee/teas after 10.30am Mass during Lent. More details to follow.

**Mary's Meals:** A further £175 has been forwarded to the Mary's Meals feeding programme. Many, many thanks for your continuing generosity.

**St Columba's Coffee Club:** The club will recommence this Thursday, 24th with a Fair Trade event. Fair Trade goods will be available to buy, so please come along.

## Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate." All are called to be compassionate, but there is something privileged in bringing God's compassion to others as a priest, deacon or consecrated person. It could be your way. 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

## **Prayer for the Synodal Process**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

## What is meant by "synod" and "synodality"?

'Synod' is a word used over the centuries, whose meaning draws on the deepest themes of our faith. It comes from two Greek words: 'sune' (with) and 'hodos' (path), it indicates the path along which the People of God walk together.' 'Synodality' is the process of 'journeying together', a way of being the Church as envisaged by the Second Vatican Council (cf Lumen Gentium 12), journeying forwards in mission, together in communion where everybody has a part to play. 'First and foremost, synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel. Synodality ought to be expressed in the Church's ordinary way of living and working.' Pope Francis has affirmed that: "A synodal Church is a Church which listens... The faithful People, the College of Bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other; and all listening to the Holy Spirit".

Our responsibility to share in this synodal journey, this journeying together, is by virtue of our Baptism, which makes all the baptised participants in Christ's priestly, prophetic and kingly ministry. Pope Francis asks us all 'to enter with confidence and courage into the path of synodality. In this "journeying together," we ask the Spirit to help us discover how communion, which brings together in unity the variety of gifts, charisms, and ministries, is for the mission: a synodal Church is a Church "going forth," a missionary Church "whose doors are open".