



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 27th February—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Jane Budge, Etta Dickson, Mary (Marian) Reid, Betty Keenan, Tom McLaren and Kathleen Doig who have died recently and Maureen Denney, Andrew Bourke, Christopher Convery, Jessie Robertson, Mirosława Urban, Margaret Deuchars, Chris Lamond, Rose Sandeman, Fausto Reyes, Kate Brogan and Mary Regan 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 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; Thursday 3rd March, Dundee Crematorium 4.30pm—Kathleen Doig.

Changes to Weekday Mass; Please note that due to the funerals this Monday, 28th February, there will be a Eucharistic Service in St Mary's at 10am rather than the usual Mass. Also Friday's Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus will be at 9.30am

Funeral for Jane Budge: Many of you who attended the Vigil Mass in St Mary's would recall seeing Jane in the back row of the church. Week by week we all noticed her increased frailty. I know that the funeral is at an unusual time, but as Jane was the only member of her small family who was a Catholic, it would be fitting if we as a community attended in good numbers to pray for the happy repose of Jane's soul and the comforting of her family.

Palm Crosses: Thank you to all those who brought along their palm crosses from previous years. We have a good quantity to burn and provide the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday (2nd March).

Ash Wednesday: Mass and Distribution of Ashes

St Mary's: 9am, 10am (with St Mary's School); 7pm **St Columba's:** 9am; **St Leonard & St Fergus:** 6.30pm

Liturgy for the Distribution of Ashes (No Mass or Holy Communion)

Service in St Fergus PS at 11am; Service with St Andrew's PS in St Leonard & St Fergus at 1.30pm

Stations of the Cross: St Mary's Fridays in Lent at 9.20am; St Leonard & St Fergus & St Columba's before the daily Masses

From Pope Francis - A Request for Ash Wednesday: My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and sisters and not enemies. I pray that all parties refrain from any actions that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute. And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

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

Confirmations at St Leonard & St Fergus: Many thanks to Bishop Stephen, our Candidates with their sponsors and families, the staff and catechists from our schools, our organist, altar servers, sacristans and all who helped in the hall—it was a wonderful celebration and there have been many positive comments about the Mass and how well everyone contributed to make it a great occasion for our young people and our parish.

Collections: Ordinary || Special: St Mary's £1048 || £295; St Columba's £207 || £68; St Leonard & St Fergus' £455 || £119. **Second Collection:** I didn't remember to put out a basket for those who attended last week's Vigil Mass in St Mary's—there will be one at the back of the church this weekend (at the Vigil only) for those who still wish to contribute to the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Veronica Scott (40). Monthly Raffle for the Restoration Fund will now take place next weekend in St Mary's (First weekend in March).

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

Mary's Meals: Mary's Meals was delighted to receive a very generous donation of £176.82 from the pupils, parents and staff of St. Clements Primary school this week. It is so heartening that hungry children in Malawi who have so little in life are remembered by the pupils in St Clement's school during their Christmas activities. Many, many thanks.

St Columba's Coffee Club: Continues to meet in the hall on Thursdays from 1-2.30pm.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"Keep on working at the Lord's work always." (2nd Reading) Perseverance in your vocation is essential, as God's work. But could your true call be to priesthood or consecrated life in the Church? 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 Vocation-NetworkScotland. 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.

Lenten Opportunities for Prayer and Reflection

Retreat Day: "Boundary Breaking Good News—keeping a Good Lent in the Year of Luke". Canon Kevin Golden will be leading a Lenten Retreat Day at the Pastoral Centre, St Mary's Forebank Church Hall on Saturday 19th March from 10.15am-2.15pm. There are posters on the noticeboards with a timetable for the day. Please book places by calling 01382 275539 or email kevinjamesgolden@hotmail.com.

Retreat in Daily Living for teachers and RE advisers: Wisdom from the Desert: A Journey Through Lent—2nd March—14th April 2022: This series of Lent reflections starts on Ash Wednesday (2nd March) and runs until the Wednesday of Easter week. There is a guided audio reflection for each week in Lent to listen to in your own time. This will also be sent to you in written form, along with other resources which you can dip into during times of reflection throughout the week (Scripture, poetry, art, spiritual writing etc). The aim is to create flexible material you can use in the time you have, which allows you to stay with what is standing out for you on your journey. To register visit www.heartinpilgrimage.org.uk or contact Susan Mansfield on info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk or 07803 620038. The Lent Retreat costs £30—you can book and pay securely on the website, or email for more payment options. A limited number of "gift" places are available for those who would find it hard to pay, please get in touch for more information.