



Vigil Mass 4.30pm

Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)

Monday-Saturday 10am

Tuesday Evening also 7pm

Sunday Mass 11.30am

Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 am

Saturday 9am

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 10am

Mon & Wed 6.30pm

Fri 9.30am

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### Sunday 6th March—First Sunday in Lent (C)

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**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers — Joseph Grant, Tom McLaren, Michael Fleming and Norma Murphy who have died recently and Patrick Stewart, Joseph Golden and Theresa Muckersie 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 8th March, Balgay Cemetery 1pm—Joseph Grant. Friday 11th March, St Mary's 10am—Thomas McLaren.

**Funeral of Jane Budge:** Thank you to all those who were able to come to Jane's funeral last week. I know that the family appreciated the support that they received from the presence and prayers of so many from our three communities. To those who turned up on Tuesday for the funeral, I can only apologise for the lack of clarity in last week's newsletter.

**Masses and Devotions:** There will be an extra Mass in **St Mary's** at 7pm on the Tuesdays in Lent. There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the Mass on Tuesday from 6pm. The hour will consist of a meditation on the Stations of the Cross with a period of silence and conclude with Benediction. It is my intention to livestream this service on Facebook. There are also Stations of the Cross in **St Mary's** every Friday at 9.20am (This timing ensures that we have plenty of time to prepare for Mass when there is a funeral—as there is this week). **St Leonard & St Fergus and St Columba's:** There are Stations of the Cross each morning starting 25minutes before Mass. Exposition in St Leonard & St Fergus during Lent (Wednesdays at 6pm) will also consist of a Meditation on the Cross before Benediction. These times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration might be another opportunity for a moment of intense prayer for the people of Ukraine.

**Entry into the Church:** We pray for Steven Urquhart, Lyle Austin and Layla Robson who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the 6pm Vigil at St Leonard & St Fergus this weekend. We also pray for Robert Brand (St Columba's) and Maureen Urquhart (St Leonard & St Fergus) who will take part in the Rite of Election this weekend in St Andrew's Cathedral at the 11am Sunday Mass.. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them all in their journey of faith.

**Aid to the People of Ukraine:** We have all been moved by the reports of the situation in Ukraine and in the neighbouring countries as people try to live in the appalling conditions inflicted on them or by the plight of those who seek to escape the conflict as refugees. There were heartening reports of immediate and very practical aid being collected to be sent out to Ukraine, but many aid agencies are now asking people simply to donate money so that those working to alleviate the suffering in the areas most affected can buy / supply what is most needed. SCIAF, the Catholic Church's official aid agency has announced that they have set up a Ukraine appeal—all our donations will join together with those given by the Church's official charities in every other country. With this in mind we will leave a box indefinitely at the back of the churches for all those who wish to give when they wish to give. This situation is unlikely to become better any time soon and our support will have to be long-lasting.

**St John's RC High School:** is looking to increase their pool of invigilators for the upcoming SQA exam diet. If you can support the school by fulfilling this key role please email for further information [stjohnsrchighschool@dundeeschools.scot](mailto:stjohnsrchighschool@dundeeschools.scot)

**Collections: Ordinary || Special:** St Mary's £1148 || £58 (For Ecclesiastical Students Fund); St Columba's £305; St Leonard & St Fergus' £661. There was also £130 handed in from St Columba's Sunday Tea & Coffee.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner, Melissa San Luis (108). Monthly Raffle for the Restoration Fund will take place this weekend in St Mary's.

**St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF):** Thank you to all who have joined so far (around 70-75 people) There is a list at the back of the church for anyone else who would like to join The first month's payment (£5) is due this weekend. Vigil Mass goers can pay by putting their payment in an envelope marked with their name and '100 Club'. Many thanks for your support.

**SCIAF in St Mary's for Lent:** There will be coffee/teas after 10.30am Mass during Lent starting this Sunday. There will be a stall with items to raise funds for the SCIAF Ukrainian appeal. The hall will also be open after 4.30pm for anyone who might like to browse the stall and contribute to the appeal....no teas or coffees though!

**Thanks:** to Antony Varghese for arranging to have copies of the St Antony Novena printed in thanksgiving for his successful medical treatment. We appreciate the very generous gesture.

### **Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations**

"Man does not live on bread alone." Do you feel called to bring people something more than the ordinary, something truly life-sustaining? Consider the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. 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.

### **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.

**Beginning Experience:** A weekend for anyone suffering bereavement through the loss of a loved one through widowhood, divorce or separation is being held at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull from 25-27th March 2022. For further details phone Catherine on 0131 665 3383 or email beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com

**Lenten Weekend Spiritual Experience:** 18-20th March with Fr Jim McManus CSsR and Marie Hogg at St Mary's, Kinnoull. For further details visit the website [www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk](http://www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk)

**Spirituality of Self-Esteem:** Retreat being held at St Mary's, Kinnoull from 21st-25th March also led by Fr Jim McManus CSsR and Marie Hogg at St Mary's, Kinnoull. For further details visit the website [www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk](http://www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk)

**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). To register visit [www.heartinpilgrimage.org.uk](http://www.heartinpilgrimage.org.uk) or contact Susan Mansfield on [info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto: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.