



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 8.30am

Sunday 3rd April—Fifth Sunday in Lent (C)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Winifred (Winnie) Robertson, Annie (Nan) McWilliams, Alice Fechlie, Margaret Mordente, Sheila Flynn and Rita Vettraino who have died recently and Ann and Francis Duffy, Catherine Folan, Canon John O'Farrell, Jenny Robertson, Barbara Cossens and Stella 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 8th, St Leonard & St Fergus' 10am—Margaret Mordente (Reception of Remains, Thursday 5pm);

Return to the Parish: Fr Jean will be back among us from this Tuesday, 5th April. We look forward to having him back and sharing his ministry with us.

Prayers for Fr Sebastian Polak: The Bishop has asked us to keep in our prayers Fr Sebastian who is taking a break from active ministry. We also pray for the Polish community in Dundee.

Music in St Columba's: If anyone knows of someone who could help lead the music by playing the organ, guitar or any other instrument that could accompany the singing, please pass on any names and contact details.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: I have been negligent in remembering to promote the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which will take place from 8-15th July and will be led by Bishop Stephen. Prices range from £799-£895. Please contact Fr Alex or myself for a booking form if you are interested in attending the pilgrimage.

St Mary's P7 'Way of the Cross': The children of P7 gave a wonderful and very moving presentation of the Way of the Cross last Thursday. Please consider putting this in your diary for next year—it was a marvellous way to deepen our preparation and appreciation for the mysteries of Holy Week. Congratulations to the pupils for their prayerful participation and to all the staff who were involved in the preparation of the young people.

Fundraising Prize Bingo: In St Mary's hall this evening, Sunday 3rd April, eyes down 7pm. Tickets cost £1. All proceeds to the Restoration Fund. Please bring your own mug for teas and coffees.

Novena for Divine Mercy: In preparation for the Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday or Low Sunday—one of the parishioners in St Mary's has prepared a number of 'Novena Gift Packs' which detail some information about St Faustina and the devotion as well as copies of the Novena itself. The Novena itself runs from Good Friday (15th April) until the second Sunday of Easter (24th April). You will find the Novena Gift Packs at the back of St Mary's.

Lenten Devotions as usual this week: St Mary's: Rosary, Mon-Thurs & Sat 9.30am; Stations, Friday 9.20am.; Reflection on the Way of the Cross, Exposition and Benediction, Tuesday 6pm; Mass 7pm; St Columba's and St Leonard & St Fergus': Stations of the Cross 25 minutes before daily Mass and Reflection on the Way of the Cross, Exposition and Benediction, Wednesday 6pm; Mass 6.30pm.

Ukraine Baby Box Appeal: Thanks to all who contributed to this appeal made through Ninewells Hospital. This is the last week that they are sending goods out, so no more donations for the moment, please. Again, thank you for your generous support.

Collections: Ordinary || SCIAF St Mary's £1012 || £356; St Columba's £227 || £147 ; St Leonard & St Fergus' £506 || £275. Thank you for your continuing generosity to the work of the Church and to those in need.

SCIAF—Ukraine: We will simply keep a running total of all the monies collected for the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. St Mary's £4,571; St Columba's £477; St Leonard & St Fergus' £2,078. All the donations are being forwarded immediately to SCIAF so that your donations can be put to good use as soon as possible.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Anne Hampton (21).

St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF): Congratulations to this week's winner, Drew Corstorphine.

SCIAF in St Mary's for Lent: The total raised so far for the SCIAF water project is £1,006. This is the money raised from the Sunday sale of goods. There will be no teas and coffees in St Mary's hall this weekend.

SCIAF (Ukraine) in St Leonard & St Fergus: The Cake & Candy Sale after Mass last Sunday morning raised £352. Thanks to all who provided such a variety of baked goods and to everyone who came in to support this fundraising effort. Our expanding waistlines are all in a good cause!

Fundraising Concert for Ukraine's Refugees: On Friday, 29th April at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church Hall, Kirkton Community Choir and Finmill Guitar Group will entertain in this fundraising concert. There will be stovies, and a raffle. You are invited to bring your own (liquid) refreshments. Tickets £5 available after Mass.

Mary's Meals: Mary's Meals is now feeding a daily nutritious meal to 2,279,941 pupils worldwide, an impossible task without the generosity of so many supporters. Further donations of £190 has been forwarded this week. Many thanks to all donors.

The Synod Process—Listening: I want to thank the parish facilitators who gave of their time to lead these meetings and who also very carefully and sensitively shared a summary of what had been said at the parish listening. They also gave of their time last Monday evening to meet and discuss with me the experience of leading these sessions. The overwhelming response of the facilitators was a sense of gratitude and privilege for what they had experienced and how humbling it was to experience the depth of faith shown by the participants and of the love expressed for the Church and for our parishes. Thank you to our facilitators and all who participated at any level in the Synodal process.

St Mary's Finance Committee: By Canon Law, each parish is required to have a finance committee. St Mary's Finance Committee met for the first time this past week. The committee serves to oversee the financial working of the parish and can be consulted in matters of spending. For the first meeting we reviewed the finances for 2021. In broad terms the situation for St Mary's is as follows. **Total Income was £118,558.** (including offertory £68,635, Gift Aid Repayments from HMRC £3,912, restoration fund £24,574, special collections £14,813, candles £1,621, St Anthony Fund £551, Donations £2,500) **Total Expenditure was £70,294** (clergy £3,589, heating and lighting (church, hall and house) £8,603, insurance £2,655, diocesan levy £16,146, domestic costs £2,921, special collections £14,813, property costs—repairs £9,240). **The surplus for 2021 was £48,264** of which £24,574 was for the restoration fund which is ring fenced for that purpose with ongoing repairs coming from the ordinary parish funds. At the moment there is £93,296 in the Restoration Fund with an approximate target of £125,000. The bank balance to date is in the region of £63,355 (available for parish use). While this looks to be, and is, a very healthy bank account, we are all aware that whenever any repairs need done to a building of this age, we are always talking in the thousands and tens of thousands of pounds. I have tried and will endeavour to continue to be a good steward of the money that you donate so generously to the church. I hope to meet with Finance Committees for the other two communities and have a similar presentation over the coming weeks. I am happy to answer any questions that anyone might have.

Church Cleaning: In preparation for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations, there will be a thorough cleaning in **St Mary's** on Friday 8th April after the 10am Mass and in **St Columba's** on Saturday 9th April after the 9am Mass. I am assured there will be jobs for all abilities, so even if you cannot commit to helping regularly, anyone who is able to lend a hand would be most welcome.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him." (2nd reading) Perhaps you feel there is more to life and more you can give than what you see around 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