



Vigil Mass 4.30pm

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)

Sunday 11.30am

Sunday 10am

Monday-Saturday 10am

Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 am

Monday & Wednesday 6.30pm

Tuesday 7pm

Saturday 9am

Friday 8.30am

Sunday 24th April—2nd Sunday of Easter—Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Maureen Brown, James Walker, Moira Fallone and Iris Haymon who have died recently and Mary Laing, Maureen McCarra, George Craib and Fidelia Esenwa 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 this Week: Tuesday 26th, St Mary's 10am—Maureen Brown; Friday 29th, St Mary's 12.15pm—Funeral Service for James Walker (Please note 10am Mass as usual).

St Leonard & St Fergus—Children's Liturgy: From this Sunday there will be Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass. This will be for children who are aged 4+ to end of P4. The children will be invited to leave Mass after the greeting and will return at the Offertory.

Celebration in Honour of Divine Mercy: Today, Sunday, we will hold a service in **St Columba's** to mark the 2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a service including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 4pm.

Mass for Vocations: In St Mary's this Tuesday at 7pm there will be the monthly Mass organised by SERRA to help us in our prayer for Vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood for our Diocese. The fervour of our prayer reflects the depth of our need. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm (silent prayer) and Benediction at 6.45pm.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

Could you be called to be like the apostles, who testified to the resurrection of Jesus with great power, bringing healing to people's lives as a diocesan priest, a deacon or religious? 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

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 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.

Fundraising Concert for Ukraine's Refugees: This 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.

Accommodation for Ukrainian Family: Thank you to those who have already offered space to those fleeing the situation in Ukraine. One family is in need of accommodation near family members who already live in Dundee. If anyone has accommodation available for 2 parents and 2 children in a central location (possibly DD2) then please contact one of the priests.

Collections: Ordinary & Easter || SCIAF Boxes: St Mary's £1241 || £543; St Columba's £396 || £46; St Leonard & St Fergus' £1,189 || £441. Thank you for your continuing generosity to the work of the Church and to those in need. **SCIAF Boxes:** Please hand in any further SCIAF Boxes as soon as possible.

St Mary's—Money for Flowers and Repository: Now that the SVdP can hold their collection boxes at the door, the wall box near the double door exit is now designated for flowers for the altar and there is now a wall box for any money for the Repository. These are clearly marked.

SCIAF—Ukraine: Although we have now ceased the official collection, another £203 was donated through St Mary's last week.

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Anne Laing (17).

St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF): Congratulations to this week's winner, Mike Barile (70).

Mary's Meals: Another donation of £50 was forwarded to the charity. Thanks again for your generosity.

St Columba's Playgroup: Meeting in the hall at St Columba's on Thursday mornings from 9.30-11.30am.

Return to Normal

Faith Sharing on the Sunday Readings: For the remaining weeks of Eastertide, we will offer an hour of spiritual reflection on the readings for the coming Sunday. The first of these meetings will be held in St Mary's hall this Thursday, 28th May at 7pm. The readings will be for next Sunday, 3rd Sunday of the Year (C). If anyone is intending coming and wishes a copy of the readings in advance, please contact me and we will arrange copies to be printed. Copies will also be available on the evening.

Pastoral Council Meetings: We would like to suggest a preliminary meeting of the Pastoral Councils on the following dates: **St Leonard & St Fergus—2nd May 7pm; St Columba's—3rd May 7pm; St Mary's—10th May, 7pm.** Please do not wait for an invitation to attend these meetings if you are interested, they are open to anyone who would like to be involved. I would also invite the facilitators from the Synod Process to attend in their parishes so that we can have a discussion on how to carry forward some of the initiatives suggested in the Listening Meetings.

Welcoming Groups: One of the characteristics of any Christian community is the welcome that people receive when they arrive in church. This is especially important for people who are coming to a particular church for the first time or returning to Church following a period of absence. Those who fulfilled this role in the past know how important it is and I am sure will again resume this service to the community, but it would also be good to see new volunteers coming forward. We will leave lists at the back of the church for you to sign up!

Offertory Processions: Again, an important part of the Liturgy at Sunday Mass is the Offertory Procession when we bring forward the gifts to be offered on the altar. The offering is also symbolic of the offering we make to God of our whole lives which will also be blessed and renewed through the saving action of Christ at each Mass. Part of the role of the welcoming group will be to ask people to bring the gifts forward. If you are approached, please do not shy away from taking part—you are among friends!

St Vincent de Paul Society: The members of the SVdP will once again stand with the boxes as we leave the church. The calls on the SVdP for help and support in these financially challenging times are growing and your donations to the SVdP are helping local need.

Collections: I would like some feedback on whether people want to see a return to the traditional basket collections or to leave things as they stand—there have been views expressed in favour of both. Please speak to any of us to make your views known...but perhaps leave it until next weekend!

Easter House Blessings / Visits: Just before the beginning of restrictions two years ago at the start of the pandemic, we had offered the opportunity for house blessings and visits. We now feel that with the last of the major restrictions lifted, we can once again offer these visits. There are forms at the back of each of the churches: if you wish a visit, please fill in the forms and hand them back as soon as possible. One of the priests will be in touch to arrange a suitable time for a visit.