



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

Saturday 9am

Friday 8.30am

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### Sunday 8th May—4th Sunday of Easter (C)

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**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers — George Traynor, Louise Clark, Canon Willie Dunnachie and Bishop Ted Luscombe (retired Episcopal Bishop of Brechin) who have died recently and Agnes Taylor, Kathleen Jordan, Geoff Smith, Harry McManus, Alice Hanlon, Ronald Pankhurst, Willie and Alison Hardie, Caley Day, Peter and Doris Markie, Veronica Sreenan Bernard Gallacher, Brian Jordan, Robert (Rab) Sandeman, William Black, Mary Grieve, Bob Denney, Bill Arnot, John and Catherine McGuire, Euphemia Cleary, Stella and Alec Young and Davina and John Lawson 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:** Monday 9th May, Dundee Crematorium 9.30am—George Traynor.

**Sign of Peace:** Although things in general have returned to 'normal' in many ways both in society at large and in the Church in particular, we are advised that if any Sign of Peace is to take place during Mass, then for those who are not in family / household groups the Sign of Peace should take the form of a bow / nod to one another rather than a handshake. I know that sometimes we forget and automatically put out our hand—but please do not be surprised or offended if someone declines to shake hands. As Christians we are called to show respect to others at all times—the same respect that we would give to Christ himself.

**Masses for the Parish of St Peter & St Paul:** We will now be providing weekend and funeral cover for our neighbouring parish from next Sunday, 15th, through May and for some weeks in June. The times of the Sunday Masses at St Peter and St Paul are changing—the Vigil will remain at 6pm but there will be only one Sunday morning Mass at 10am. We will supply St Peter and St Paul's on a rotation so that, in our own communities, you will continue to see each priest once in every three Sundays.

**Children's Liturgy:** There will be children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass at St Leonard & St Fergus—this is for children who are aged 4+ to end of P4. The children's Liturgy will also be available during the 11.30am Mass in St Columba's. The children will be invited to leave Mass after the greeting and will return at the Offertory.

**Pastoral Council Meetings:** There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Council for St Mary's, this Tuesday, 10th May at 7pm. Thanks to all who came to the meetings last week for St Leonard & St Fergus and St Columba's. The meetings looked at the proper structure of Pastoral Councils and there was good discussion on ways forward, including membership of the councils. There will be another meeting in mid-June when other members of the parish will be invited to join the Pastoral Councils.

**Faith Sharing on the Sunday Readings:** For the next two weeks we will continue to offer an hour of spiritual reflection on the readings for the coming Sunday. The meetings will be held in the church at St Mary's on Thursdays at 7pm. The readings this Thursday will be for next Sunday, 5th Sunday of the Year (C). I will send out copies of the readings in advance. Copies will also be available on the evening. (For those who wish, there will also be evening prayer at 6.40pm.)

**First Communion Celebrations:** The First Communion Mass for the pupils from St Mary's PS will take place next Saturday, 14th May at 10am in St Mary's. Please pray for these children as they take this important step on their journey of faith. Please pray also for the children's families—that they will find their own faith renewed through the celebration of the gift of the Eucharist.

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

**Easter House Blessings / Visits:** Thank you to those who have already submitted forms for the house blessings. There should still be forms at the back of each of the churches, so, if you haven't already filled in a form but would like 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.

**Readers:** Recently we have welcomed new volunteers who have asked if they can help with the Ministry of the Word by reading in church. We are, of course, delighted that people are willing to come forward and help in this way—again, if you feel that you would like to serve the parish communities in this way, please speak to any of the priests.

**Collections: Ordinary || SCIAF Boxes: From this weekend the totals for the parishes will include the donations given by Standing Order averaged out per week.** St Mary's £1335 || £167; St Columba's £380; St Leonard & St Fergus' £922 || £225. Thank you for your continuing generosity to the work of the Church and to those in need. **SCIAF—Ukraine:** There was a donation of £132 from the Lochee Craft group which will be forwarded to SCIAF for the appeal. Thanks to all who contributed.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner, Liz Low (29). There was a total of £663 added to the Restoration Fund Total which came from the proceeds last week's monthly raffle and from the 100 Club as well as individual donations. Once again, thank you for your continuing support.

**St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF):** Congratulations to this week's winner, Mary Moodie (34).

**Retreat for Secondary Age Pupils– From Dunkeld Youth Service:** Calling all S1-S6! Join us as we team up with NET Scotland to bring you some fun-filled retreat days in the diocese. Come to one day or both, meet new people, and encounter your faith in a whole new way! Register for free using the links below, and make sure your responsible adult fills out the online consent form too! More information about NET Scotland and the retreat days can be found on the Eventbrite pages - just use the links below. You can also follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on everything that's going on for young Catholics in your diocese. Just search for "dunkeld youth service" on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. Hope to see you there! **The retreats are next weekend: Saturday 14th May—St Columba's, Cupar and Sunday 15th May—St Mary's, Forebank (Hall).** Sign up at [www.dunkeldyouth.org.uk/sign-up](http://www.dunkeldyouth.org.uk/sign-up)

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

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Is that 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@dunkelldiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk)

**For the Discernment of a Vocation:** Loving God, your Son, Jesus, has shown us that an open heart finds the way. Help me to find my way in this world. Keep my heart open to following Jesus' way of serving others in love. Give me the courage to accept the guidance you offer me through my family, my friends, and my parish community. Through the Holy Spirit, you call me to a particular way of life. If it is the way of a priest, sister, brother or deacon, then help me to walk it in joyful service to your people. With you, my God, I know I can find my way. Amen.

**Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Our prayers and good wishes go to all those, especially our own parishioners who are travelling on the Jumbulance for the Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes—we ask them to remember us at the shrine of Our Lady.

**Advance Notice: Healing Service—Saturday 4th June:** Joe Livingston will lead a healing service on the theme of Forgiveness in St Mary's church hall, Lochee on the eve of Pentecost. The service will start at 2pm.

**Declaration of Friendship:** The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will be invited to welcome an historic Declaration of Friendship with the Catholic Church in Scotland that offers 'a decisive and irrevocable statement of our friendship with one another, based on our shared faith in Christ.' The declaration speaks of the shared faith and common ground that unites the Churches, saying: "We recognise each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, and we wish to express our friendship and respect for one another as fellow Christians, citizens and partners in announcing the kingdom of God in our land." The full text of the declaration can be found on the Diocesan Website.