



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 9.30am

Sunday 15th May—5th Sunday of Easter (C)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Dorothy Chmielewska who has died recently and James Timmons Snr, Jimmy Boag, William Kane and George Chmielewski 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. Lists for prayers for deaths and anniversaries and for the sick are available at the back of the church.

Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus: This Friday's Mass will be at 9.30am to accommodate some of the school children.

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 this Sunday, 15th, through the rest of May and for some weeks in June. The times of the Sunday Masses at St Peter and St Paul are: Vigil Mass at 6pm and 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.

Faith Sharing on the Sunday Readings: Our final meeting for a spiritual reflection on the readings for the coming Sunday will take place this Thursday at 7pm. The readings this Thursday will be for next Sunday, 6th Sunday of the Year (C). I will send out copies of the readings in advance. Copies will also be available on the evening. **If anyone has any suggestions for continuing these kinds of meetings or for other opportunities for coming together for prayer or faith sharing, please speak to one of the priests.**

First Communion Celebrations: The First Communion Mass for the pupils from St Mary's PS took place yesterday, (Saturday). Our thanks to the school staff who prepared the children for receiving the Sacrament, especially to Mrs Gould who acted as their Catechist this year. Thanks too to the members of staff who decorated the church and also to our own parishioners for making sure that the church was as clean and tidy as always and for preparing the wonderful floral decorations for the altars. Thanks too to the parents, carers, and members of the children's families who have helped prepare the children and have supported them throughout their journey to this great moment in their lives. We continue to pray for these children and their families—that faith may be strengthened and renewed through the celebration of the gift of the Eucharist.

Registering of Children for Holy Communion in 2023: We will look at having some form of registration of next year's children before the summer break. There will be more information in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Parish Pastoral Councils: My sincere thanks to all who managed to attend the meetings of the three Pastoral Councils. Part of each meeting was spent identifying others who could help in this important ministry of giving advice and good counsel to the priests about the life of our communities. We will hold meetings again in June and I will invite individuals to come and help us in this work. The meetings next month will once again be open to anyone who would like to be present.

House Blessings: We are continuing with the house blessings and will be in touch with those who have requested visits to arrange suitable times.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound: Please contact us if you know of people who now need to receive Holy Communion at home. This is an important part of our ministry as priests and also of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers). As priests we try our best to see everyone on our lists at least once a month and the Eucharistic Ministers generally visit once a week.

Collections: Ordinary || SCIAF Boxes: St Mary's £1184 || £369; St Columba's £367; St Leonard & St Fergus' £959 || £428. 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: We will publish the names of the winners for 15th & 22nd May, next weekend.

St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF): Congratulations to this week's winner, Margaret Cooper (69).

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. Arrangements are well underway for the Pilgrimage. However, there is a need for two more nurses to help care for our invalided pilgrims. If you, or someone you know is a Registered Nurse or Healthcare Assistant and would be willing to join the Pilgrimage, please speak to one of the priests as soon as possible. **ACROSS Pilgrimage:** Please remember in your prayers all those (including some of our own parishioners) who left from Dundee on the Jubilee on their Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

"Paul and Barnabas put fresh heart into the disciples." Could you be called like Paul and Barnabas to encourage people in their faith, to find joy in it and comfort in hardships? 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 Vocations: Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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. **Could I ask people to let me know as soon as possible if they are likely to attend the healing service.**

Prayer

You are risen as you promised, Lord! You are alive and you are with us!

Life has conquered death. Love has conquered sin. Faith has conquered doubt. Hope has conquered desperation.

Love has conquered selfishness. Prudence has conquered impulsiveness.

Justice has conquered iniquity. Fortitude has conquered fear.

Jesus, Son of God, Our Lord and Brother, You conquered because You entrusted Yourself to the Father, because You placed Yourself into His hands.

Jesus, my Friend and Brother, help me to entrust myself, to place myself into the hands of Your Father and our Father.

Help me to go beyond, far beyond, to arrive where You are. Help me to live Your Risen Life! (Father Andrea Vena)