



Vigil Mass 4.30pm

Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)

Monday-Saturday 10am

Sunday 11.30am

Tuesday **No Mass**

Thursday 8.30am

Saturday 9am

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 10am

Monday & Wednesday 6.30pm

Friday 8.30am

Sunday 10th July—15th Sunday of the Year (C)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — John Robbins, Muriel Smart, Eleanor Vogan and Cath Carnegie who have died recently and Frances Kelbie, Brian (Steve) Stephens, John Mulreany, Nan and Kevin Grant, Molly Gowrie, Dave Currie, Agnes, Sam, Michael and Janice Prendergast, Abbi Lee, Rose Lee, Irene Dillon, Joyce Inglis, Margaret and Constance Russell, John Joseph Russell, Mary Morgan, May Hart, and Theresa Kennedy 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.

Funeral: Tuesday 12th July, 11.30am, St Leonard & St Fergus—John Robbins.

Ordination: Congratulations to Fr Malcolm on his Ordination to the Priesthood. It was lovely to see so many from our three communities present in the Cathedral to support Malcolm. We pray that he has many fruitful years serving the people of the Diocese.

Think Vocations / Pray for Vocations

“The word is very near to you.” If you think God might be calling you to bring God’s word to his people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated 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.

Appointment: I have been overwhelmed by the messages of support and good wishes on the news of my appointment to the Pontifical Scots College in Rome as Rector. You will understand that I have not been able to respond to each one of your messages individually, but I do appreciate your kindness. There are many challenges ahead for me in this role and I ask for your continued prayerful support. There will be time in the next weeks for more to be said about my appreciation for the years I have spent in these wonderful parishes. I trust that you know how happy I have been ministering here. The Bishop intends to announce my successor in the very near future and I know that whoever is appointed to come to the parishes will find a warm and generous welcome. My last weekend in the parishes should be 13-14th August and I hope to be here for a few days until the schools return.

Absence from the Parish: Fr Alex will be away at the start of this week for a meeting with the priests of his diocese in Nigeria who are working in the UK. As there is a funeral Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus on Tuesday morning, there will be no early morning Mass in St Columba’s. **Holidays:** I will be away from the parish from 26th July until 6th August.

Fr Jean: Will return to Malta on 19th July for the summer and return to St Andrews in September for another year of study / work at the university. Fr Jean will be helping out in parishes in Malta over the summer as well as catching up with family and friends. We wish him every blessing during his time at home.

Pilgrimage to Carfin—Postponed: Thank you to all who responded positively regarding the trip to Carfin. Unfortunately we were unable to secure any transport for this week. It is hoped that we will arrange transport for the Diocesan Day at Carfin when the relics of St Bernadette are there. I will keep the lists and those who have signed up will be at the head of the queue for that trip!!

Collections: St Mary's £1203 || St Columba's £358 || St Leonard & St Fergus' £1079. Thank you for your continuing generosity to the work of the Church and to those in need. **This weekend we celebrate 'Sea Sunday': there will be a second collection at this weekend's Masses for Stella Maris—for the care of seafarers.**

St Mary's Restoration Fund 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Elaine King (93). The proceeds from last week-end's sale and money from the 100 club added another £459 to the Restoration Fund. Thank you for all your support.

St Mary's Summer Fayre: Sat 30th 11am-2pm. The fundraising activity for the end of July for St Mary's Restoration Project will be a summer fayre. Keep the date free—details to follow.

St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF): Congratulations to this week's winner Aileen Blake (17).

Mary's Meals: A donation of £20 was forwarded to the charity.

St Columba's Thursday Afternoon Teas and Coffees—has stopped for the summer and will resume after the school holidays.

Book of Remembrance (St Mary's): There are forms at the back of the church for those who would like names added to the Book of Remembrance held at St Mary's. I would ask you to return your forms as soon as possible so that we can have the names added over the summer. If you wish to make a donation, this will go to the Restoration Fund.

SVdP Outreach to those in need: The Conference at St Columba's have decided to adopt an approach similar to the other two conferences as regards outreach to those in need. There are boxes at the back of the churches where anyone in need can place their name and phone number. These requests will be treated in the strictest confidence. Alternatively, you can use an envelope with the same information, mark it clearly SVdP and drop it into the collection box/plate. These will be passed directly to a member of SVdP without being opened by anyone else, including the priests.

Collection of Foodstuffs: You should find boxes at the back of our churches for any donations which can be distributed to those in need. Non-perishable items would be appreciated.

Production of 'Skail Daze': Thank you to all who attended the recent production of the play. Almost £1,700 was raised which was shared between SCIAF and the parish of St Mary's, Forebank.

Feedback from the Synod Process: The Synod Synthesis can be found on the Diocesan Website. One of our parishioners having looked at the synthesis wrote: "I have just skimmed this, and really need to read it in detail but I feel proud to be a Catholic tonight. I have always been proud to be a follower of Our Lord, but frankly, at times I have felt shame in the way the Church has dealt with some issues. I feel we have turned a significant corner and pray the Pope Francis, Bishop Stephen and our priests can continue to lead us on the way forward.

Key themes were:

1. The love and commitment which many people have in sharing and living their Catholic faith.
2. The active ways through which parishes are welcoming and build a real sense of community.
3. The support which parishes can give to those in need, locally and globally.
4. How to strengthen the voice and engagement of lay people, including particularly women, in the Church at parish and diocesan level.
5. How to re-engage our young people and adults from 20-50.
6. The need to help people deepen their understanding of the prayers of the Mass, the key teachings of Vatican II, and the lived experience of the Holy Spirit.
7. Recognise the real concerns about the sexual abuse scandal and keep people informed about ongoing work to embed safeguarding procedures locally and in the global Church.
8. Improve communication at parish, diocesan and global level.
9. Develop a Church open to all, more inclusive and less judgemental.
10. Help Catholic schools revisit and renew their mission to be communities of faith.
11. Provide guidance to help parish priests share best practice at parish level, including parish councils in every parish and the Diocesan Pastoral Council.
12. Continue to promote and develop Synodality at parish and Diocesan level.

I encourage you to read the Diocesan Synthesis as it will form the basis for any parish and diocesan pastoral planning for the foreseeable future.