

Confessions: Saturday 10.30-11am

Saturday 3.30pm-4pm

Fridav 8.30am **Confessions after Saturday Mass** Confessions: Saturday 5.15-5.45pm

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Sunday 2nd October—27th Sunday of Year C - "Increase our faith."

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Marie (widow of Peem) Brewster, Thomas Ravey, Tomas Feeney, John Dailly, William Costello, Rose Honsby, and Ella Hay who have died recently; and Charles Warden, Elizabeth Berry, Gordon Duguid, James Folan, Mary Noonan, Helen Heron, Colin Russell, Jim Russell, Br Joseph Hynd, Patrick Okpala, Gerry Monteith, Arthur Biagi, Agnes Scott, Elizabeth Berry, Robert Vannet, and Billy Milne 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. The 10am Saturday Mass in St Mary's will be offered every week for the sick of the parishes.

The Month of the Holy Rosary: October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. You are invited to join our parish Communities in praying the Rosary before Mass, Monday to Saturday. Family Rosary is also encouraged.

School Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus Church: Friday's at 9.30am to which parishioners are welcome.

Tea in the Hall after Sunday Mass: Please come along and enjoy the company (and baking) of your fellow parishioners.

Enrollment of St Mary's Children for the Sacraments: This Sunday the children of St Mary's who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion (in June next year) and their sponsors will sign the Book of Enrollment. This is a public pledge that they are committing themselves to the necessary work, prayer, and attendance at Mass, in order to receive Holy Communion worthily and to persevere in the practice of the faith. Please encourage and support them with your prayers.

The children and staff on St Mary's will lead the 10.30 Mass this weekend through proclaiming the readings, and the Prayers of the Faithful, whilst performing the Offertory Procession, as well as choosing the hymns for the Mass. Thanks to all those involved in organizing this.

Fr John McFadden C.S.Sp: expressed his delight at the welcome he received from parishioners last weekend.

Student Family Accommodation: thanks to those who helped secure accommodation for the two Asian families in St Mary's parish, and thanks to those who have been holding them in prayer.

Dates for your diary:

Mass marking 10 years since the kidnapping of Fr Jean-Pierre: St Peter & Paul's on Wednesday 19th October at 7pm. As many of you will remember Fr Jean-Pierre was the affable Chaplain to Wellburn with a big smile who was abducted shortly after returning home. The whereabouts of Fr Jean-Pierre, and his confreres Fr Edmond and Fr Anselme, has never been ascertained. Please keep them, and their families, and religious congregation of the Augustinians of the Assumption (Assumptionists) in your prayers.

"CELEBRATION OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITY", SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2022, DUNKELD DIOCESAN PASTORAL CEN-TRE FOREBANK, 10 AM TO APPROXIMATELY 3.00PM with mass.

Today Scotland is regarded as mission territory. We can see that with many foreign priests working in all our Dioceses. Often we think that they are just filling in the gaps temporarily until we have enough of our own priests. However, the majority belong to missionary orders or Dioceses who have a strong sense of mission. We are rarely sending out missionaries but rather on the receiving end. What brought about this change? Has there been a change? How do we feel about this? Does it make a difference to our parishes? What are the practical consequences and challenges? This is our theme for the day. The day will be led by Fr. Dermott Byrne MHM. He is the Regional Superior in the UK of the Mill Hill Missionaries. He has been involved in Mill Hill taking responsibility for 3 parishes in England. Two recently ordained missionaries from Cameroon and Kenya were given their first appointments to them. These were well thought out decisions and part of a vision of evangelization.

It would be wonderful if you could send some representatives. Looking forward to meeting them.Fr. Mike A. Freyne, MHM, VE Mission, Justice & Peace

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Collections: Ordinary: St Mary's £1045|| St Columba's £346|| St Leonard & St Fergus' £1031

Please consider Gift Aiding your collection if you are a tax payer. Thank you for your continuing generosity to the work of the Church and to those in need.

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club—Congratulations to this week's winner Maureen Murray, (28).

St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF): Congratulations to Mary Moodie this week's winner (No34)

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Janice Dobbins writes, "Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes and items for the various stalls. Well done to the hardy souls who braved the torrential rain to support the event. We raised £ 603.50 and can claim another £123 from gift aid. Special thanks to all who helped make it a success."

Mary's Meals update: Kathleen Tracy writes, "Many thanks for your continuing generosity which enabled a further £100 to be forwarded for the feeding programme."

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings: St Leonard & St Fergus Wednesday 5th October at 7.15pm in Parish Hall; St Columba's Tuesday 25th October at 7pm in Parish Hall. If you would like to raise any items at the meetings please speak with one of the PC's members.

SVdP Outreach to those in need: There are small wooden 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.

Reception of Holy Communion: Though it is recommended here to receive Holy Communion on the hand, we appreciate the fact that some would prefer receiving on the tongue. We still suggest that those who prefer receiving on the tongue exercise a little patience for those who receive on the hand to come first.

Altar Servers: It is a great privilege to be able to serve at the altar of the Lord. Please encourage your children to volunteer to become an altar server. Training will be given, and faith will be deepened.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin: Thanks to those who organized the buses for the veneration of the relics of St Bernadette. The feedback has been positive (although chilly on the Sunday) about the prayerful atmosphere and the effect of the relics. May St Bernadette pray for us.

As you may know Bernadette became a religious sister ...**Do you feel called to serve the people of God as a priest, religious or deacon?** Please speak to Fr Alex or Fr Jim about priesthood or religious life, email *Priests for Scotland* or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetworkScotland.

Deacon Len Moir: Bishop Stephen has appointed Deacon Len to St Mary's Parish. Deacon Len will introduce himself at the 10.30am Mass this weekend. As a retired Head Teacher it is appropriate he do this at the Enrolment Mass.

Dunkeld News: available online at <u>https://www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk/dunkeld-news-october-2022/</u> and hard copies coming soon.

Cosy Places: for all those interested in helping create a Cosy Place (a warm place where people can gather) in St Leonard & St Fergus Hall please see Rena Robertson.

Liturgy Matters— cleaning and beautifying our churches: thanks to all those who clean and those who arrange the flowers, this reveals a level of respect and dignity for the Sacred Liturgy that everyone visiting our churches can sense; especially those who attend funerals and are perhaps not regularly in church; in this sense keeping our churches clean and beautiful is a wonderful witness to our faith in a loving, beautiful God.

Property Matters discussed at the Diocesan Fabric and Planning meeting:

- **St Columba's:** Still waiting on Electrical Inspection Report; fitting of new lights delayed due to availability of shades.
- **St Mary's:** A High level inspection revealed loose masonry (and perspex sheeting) some of which has been removed for safety reasons. This will be reinstated during the renovation, whilst work to make the remainder safe is ongoing. Also, gutters were cleaned and tree removed.
- **St Leonard's & St Fergus:** The gas boilers for the house and church, and the gas supply to the hall have been switched off to make safe. Next week, in consultation with the diocese, we will explore ways to reinstate heating.

As can be seen from the above keeping our buildings safe is an ongoing matter which with a little organization and help can be a relatively straightforward process. If you have experience of buildings or administration and would be willing to help coordinate the now mandatory inspections please contact Fr Jim or Fr Alex. Several parishes working in conjunction with John O'Meara (Diocesan Property Manager) now have people fulfilling this role to the great benefit of their parish.

Please consider passing this Good-Newsletter on to anyone who might be interested.