





Vigil Mass 4.30pm

Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)

Monday-Saturday 10am

Confessions: Saturday 10.30-11am

Saturday 3.30pm-4pm

Rosary before each weekday Mass. Novena to St Anthony after Tues Mass Adoration: Saturday 10.30-11am Sunday 11.30am

Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am

Wednesday 9am (All Souls)

Saturday 9am

Confessions after Saturday Mass

Rosary before each weekday Mass.

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 10am

Monday & Wednesday 6.30pm

Friday 8.30am

Confessions: Saturday 5.15-5.45pm

Rosary before weekday Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration 6pm Wednesday.

Sunday 30th October, 31st Sunday of Year C, Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus (Lk19:1-10)

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Hannah Clark, Bridget Wade, Bob Findlay, Graeme Mill who have died recently; and Evelyn Laing; Catherine Turnbull, James Webster, Wullie Bird, Agnes Prenderast, Silvia Delnevo, May & Jim McCormack, Sylvia Angelosanto, Teresa Henderson, Marian Jones, Alex Marris Jnr, & Brida Basquill whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also remember all those mentioned in our books of remembrance.

All Saints Day (Tuesday 1st November) - Holy Day of Obligation - Masses as follows: **St Leonard & St Fergus** 6pm Vigil, 11am St Fergus P.S. and parishioners, 1pm St Andrew's P.S; **St Columba's** 9am; **St Mary's** 4.30pm Vigil, 10am Mass led by St Mary's P.S., Evening Mass 6pm. **November lists** available at the back of each church. Every Mass during November is offered for the repose of All Souls. Mass for deceased priests, deacons and religious of the Diocese: Cathedral 10 Nov @ 12.

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.

Funeral: St Columba's; Hannah Clark, Reception of Remains 5pm Thursday 3rd; Funeral Mass 11:15am Friday 4th Nov. St Mary's, Bridget Wade, Reception of Remains 5pm Thursday 3rd; Funeral Mass 10am Friday 4th November.

Tea in the Hall after Sunday Mass: Please come along and enjoy the company (and baking) of your fellow parishioners. St Mary's T in the Hall accompanied by **The Chosen**: a wonderful new TV series about the life of Jesus starting 30 Oct.

Hall Use: please note that our halls are available for private lets and community use at very competitive rates, including children's parties. For further information please contact Anne McGregor (St L&F) or Anne Hampton (St Mary's). St Columba's hall use to be reviewed at next Parish Council meeting.

Children's Liturgy: each week in St Columba's and St Leonard's & St Fergus, and starting in St Mary's on Sunday 30th October. Please encourage your children/grandchildren to attend as it's a wonderful way for them to learn about Jesus and their Catholic Faith in an age appropriate manner. Resources can be found at www.teachingisbelieving.org.

Care Not Killing (CNK), supported by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, has launched a petition which aims to stop plans to legalise assisted suicide. Liam McArthur MSP, has indicated that he expects to introduce his assisted suicide bill at Holyrood in early 2023. Please sign CNK's petition at Church today, or online at www.carenotkilling.scot

A Celebration of Missionary Activity was held at the Diocesan Centre on Saturday 22nd October: Father Dermott, a Mill Hill father who had spent many years in Uganda gave a very comprehensive insight into the missionary work of priests in Africa. He highlighted how the priests rely on support from the communities because of the vast areas to be covered and delegation of work was necessary to allow development of the church. Now these Church communities that Missionaries helped to grow are sending Priests here. Scotland could now be considered as mission territory. The supply of Priests from Ireland has declined and we now rely on missionary Priests from Africa, Asia and Poland to support our communities.

The audience was then challenged, in buzz groups, to consider what was meant by missionary work and how it might relate to their own communities. The main focus was on how to welcome people back to the church and indeed questioned if we are genuinely welcoming. Do we welcome strangers visiting our Church? In particular how do we respond to people of different cultures, are they made to feel welcome? Do we encourage people to participate in Church activities to allow the Church to expand and develop? Do parents have a responsibility to teach their children the faith? Children and parents are involved in many developmental activities that may clash with Church attendance. Which is more important? All thought provoking questions.

We are dependent on Missionary Priests. Do we make them welcome? They leave their home, families, loved ones and culture to do mission work here? This is now a time of reverse Missionary activity and perhaps there is also a place for greater delegation of activities within the Church to allow development here as has bannened abroad.

The way forward of the issues raised might have benefitted from a more structured feedback. The event also highlighted the need for a more targeted approach of those already involved in the various Ministries and activities within the Church. This however did not detract from Father Dermott's valuable input. (Thanks to Eric and Ann Corstorphine for this food for thought, and to the other parishioners from our parishes who attended.)

Collections: St Mary's £1,496; Missio £459 || St Columba's £376; Missio £83|| St Leonard & St Fergus' £1,035; Missio £435 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.

Thank you for responding to Missio Scotland's World Mission Sunday Appeal last weekend. Your donations and prayers will go towards supporting the work of our missionaries worldwide. Furthermore, your example, like that of our missionaries all over the world, will serve as an inspiration to others to live out their Baptismal mission and play their part in the universal Church. Thanks to your generosity, Missio Scotland has been able to send much-needed funds totaling millions down throughout the years to support a great number of projects across the five continents. Thank you!

Anne Kelly's Funeral Collection came to £1535 which she (and the family) wanted to go to St Mary's Renovation Fund. May Anne rest in peace as her good works go with her.

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club—Congratulations to this week's winner Christopher Berry, (60).

St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF): Congratulations to this week's winner Elizabeth Mulligan, (81).

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting: St Mary's, Tuesday 8th November at 7pm in Church House. 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.

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 VocationNetwork Scotland.

St John's High School: P6/7 Information Evening, Wednesday 2 November, 6.30pm—9pm

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; and in St Mary's Anne Hampton or Anne Singleton. St Columba's are also considering starting up a "Cosy place" to help the local community over the winter period. There will be a meeting after this Sunday's Mass in St Columba for anyone who is interested. For further information please contact Angela Norman.

St Columba's Seniors Party: Sunday 11th December, 1 -4pm in the church hall. There's a list at the back of the church to add names and menu choice. All welcome.

Catholicism—A series of programmes by Bishop Robert Barron is being used by Deacon Len to prepare people for joining the Catholic Church. If you are interested please come along after the Tuesday 10am Mass in St Mary's starting 8 Nov.

World Youth Day Deadline fast approaching: A pilgrimage to Lisbon with young people from across the Diocese to meet, and pray with, other young Catholics from around the world. The DYS are asking **pilgrims** to ensure they have completed the online registration form (https://forms.gle/mEwNmNkGPkvWw86Y9) and provided them with a £50 deposit to secure their place by no later than **Friday 4th November.** If you are between 16 & 35 and would like assistance from your parish please let Fr Jim or Fr Alex know asap.

Property Matters:

St Columba's: It was decided at the PC meeting that until a wet and dry rot inspection was carried out on the church, the roof and sill repairs would be put on hold, in order to determine the likely over-all cost of repairs. In the meanwhile various options are being looked into regarding fabricating a flu for the boiler and alternative means of heating.

Given the mild weather predicted for this Sunday Mass will be in the Church, so bearing in mind there will be no heating please dress appropriately, thereafter Mass will be held in the hall or the church depending on the temperature.

St Mary's: After a meeting with Malcolm Veal (Chancellor of Dunkeld Diocese) and John O'Meara (Diocesan Property Manager) it was agreed that responsibility for the Renovation of St Mary's would be handed over to a Diocesan Team headed by John O'Meara and Sanam Ogden (a consultant Project Manager working for the Diocese). A small Liaison Group will be formed of St Mary's parishioners to liaise with the Diocese and keep us informed of progress. Of course our fund raising work is more important than ever given the increase in costs.

St Leonard's & St Fergus: Hall floor renovation, and car park usage still under investigation. Mandatory Asbestos Inspection revealed two areas that need to be treated: storage area under the hall and roof panel in house. Experts say that these are safe as long as undisturbed; storage area will be cleared this Sunday at 3pm.

Thanks to Martyn Norman, Ian Craig and Bill Hutton for agreeing to form a Fabric Committee in St Columba's. They will liaise with John O'Meara, myself and the Parish Council regarding the maintenance of the fabric in St Columba's whilst providing on the spot help enabling access for workmen etc. Thanks also to Allan Blyth for agreeing to a similar role in St Mary's.

John O'Meara agreed at the PC meeting to provide a training session for our Fabric Committees. Once we've established a Committee in each parish we will approach John for a date. Please consider joining/forming one of the Fabric Committees as they are essential for the safe running of our parishes.

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