





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

Saturday 9am

Confessions after Saturday Mass

Rosary before each weekday Mass.

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 10am

Monday & Wednesday 6.30pm

Wednesday 9.30am (School Mass)

Confessions: Saturday 5.15-5.45pm

Rosary before weekday Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration 6pm Wednesday.

Sunday 27th November, The First Sunday of Advent, Year A, The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect Mt 24:44

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers — Alexina Carr, Terasa (Terry) Kelly, Jim McKay and all those who have died recently; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ian Irons, Frances McKernie, Charlie McInally, Bernard Whyte, and Mary Whyte. 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.

Funerals: St Mary's: Monday 10am Funeral Mass of Alexina Carr;

Wednesday 1pm - Sturrock, Comb & Davidson Funeral Director Rooms, South Road, Service for Teresa (Terry) Kelly.

School Mass—Patronal Feast—Wednesday, 30 November, 9:30am Mass for St Andrew's Primary

Tea in the Hall after Sunday Mass: Please come along and enjoy the company (and baking) of your fellow parishioners. St Mary's after Mass - **The Chosen**: a wonderful new TV series about the life of Jesus continues this week.

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: Please encourage your children/grandchildren to participate in the Children's Liturgy as it's a wonderful way for them to hear The Word of God, and have it explained to them, in an age appropriate (& fun) manner.

Joint Christmas Pensioners Party (St Columba's and St Leonard & St Fergus parishes): Saturday 10th December, St Leonard & Fergus Hall, arrive 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm until 4.30pm. Sign up sheets in the back of both parishes. Please leave your name, address and telephone number, and tick if you need a lift (someone will be in touch a day or so before party to arrange transport). Also, please select your preferences. Names and numbers need be finalized by 4th December.

Lochee High Street Community Christmas celebration: Thursday 1st December starting 6pm Lochee Parish Church concluding with refreshments St Mary's Lochee. Donations of mince pies, shortbread etc greatly appreciated.

The Diocesan Choir needs male voices, for a Mass towards the end of January. Anyone interested can email Canon Golden on StAndrew@dunkelddiocese.org.uk for more details or simply come along to the Cathedral on Tues 29 Nov at 7pm.

Solemn Sung Vespers in the Cathedral at 4pm on Sunday 27 November to mark the First Sunday of Advent. All welcome.

Addressing the **Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency** (SCSSA's) first national conference, the Hon. Lady Rae (Board Chair) stressed that the agency will operate fully independently of the Church. "I personally recruited the Directors to the SCSSA Board; together we have appointed the agency staff. We are determining our own priorities, informed by research and developments in Safeguarding, and by the advice that we are seeking from practitioners and, in particular, from those who have survived abuse in the Church." (Full Safeguarding Newsletter Oct '22 on parish noticeboard, along with new Safeguarding Posters bearing Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators, and Diocesan Safeguarding Office, contact details.)

Do you feel called to serve the people of God as a priest, religious or deacon? If so, please speak to Fr Alex or Fr Jim, or email Priests for Scotland or see the website or Facebook pages: PFS or VocationNetwork Scotland.

Serra International is an organization of people who share a deep faith and love of the church. Our aims are to foster, and sustain vocations, to the priesthood and religious life as well as to encourage members to develop their own spiritual lives. **The Marguerite Apostolate** is a simple but powerful way of praying for priests. You offer a particular day each week for a priest. We aim to have someone praying for each priest every day. Please think about doing this. Leaflets at the back of the church. We meet for a holy Hour and Mass on the last Tuesday of the Month starting at 6pm for a Holy Hour, followed at 7pm with Holy Mass, and finishing with refreshments. Please join us this Tuesday in St Mary's, Lochee.

Collections: St Mary's £1,104|| St Columba's £405|| St Leonard & St Fergus' £923

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. This Sunday there will be a Special Collection for the **Poor Mission Fund**.

Would those with Collection Envelopes from 20 and above in St C's please make themselves known to Fr Jim or Fr Alex.

Double your love for **Mary's Meals** this winter! From 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023, donations made will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5 million. www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/double-the-love

SCIAF: Bishop McGee (President of SCIAF) has asked (on behalf of the Bishops' Conference) to consider coming together to buy the gift of water for a village (£1088) this Christmas. SCIAF Real Gifts will also be available to buy this Christmas.

Janice Dobbins (of St L&F) writes: 'Thank you to the anonymous donor of £200 which will be added to our parish's Water for a village collection.'

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club—Congratulations to this week's winner Irene Delaney, (26).

St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF): Congratulations to this week's winner Jennifer Grossi, (78).

SPUC: in lieu of the cancelled Coffee Morning there will be a Christmas Cake raffle and 'guess the number of sweeties in the jar' after Mass.

Christmas Cards on sale after 10am Mass in St L&F in aid of SCIAF; also on sale in St Columba's, £3.50 per box.

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.

Welcoming Places: St Columba's Wednesday's 11am-1pm; **St Leonard & St Fergus'** Wednesday 10am to 3pm; **St Mary's** (for Parishioners and Friends) after Mass on Thursday until 1pm; Community Café Saturday 12 noon until 2pm. Please pass the word and come along to enjoy a cup of tea, sandwiches and some comfort and cheer.

St Mary's Christmas Market after each Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass in the Car Park/Hall. Will run throughout Advent with all money raised being split between SCIAF and the Renovation Fund.

Catholicism—A series of programmes by Bishop Robert Barron exploring the beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith. Deacon Len has decided to run two courses: one for those interested in joining the Church, and another for parishioners simply wishing to deepen their own faith. This Tuesday is open to all.

Property Matters

St Columba's: Thanks to John O'Meara and the members of St Columba's Fabric Committee for organizing all the inspections, quotes and associated reports. These will be integral to the Diocesan F&P Committee discussion on 29 November.

St Mary's: All the fire extinguishers (and associated signage) were inspected, recharged or replaced in the Church, Hall and House. St Mary's is now complaint (along with St C's & St L&F) with the regulations, which is essential for insurance purposes.

The new Architect (appointed by the Diocese), John O'Meara (Diocesan Property Manager) and Sanam Ogden (Historic Churches Consultant employed by the Diocese), are due to visit again on Monday to survey the hall and house.

St Leonard's & St Fergus: As you might have heard the church car park was closed at various times throughout the week. This was done in consultation with the Head Teacher of St Andrew's P.S., the Diocese and our insurers. We continue to work together to arrive at a suitable arrangement.

Thanks to those parishioners who organized the removal of the contents of the under hall storage.

Liturgy Matters

As we move into Advent, a period of waiting for Christ to come, our liturgy takes on a more solemn tone, marking the fast before the feast of Christmas. We don purple vestments, there is no Gloria, and we will sing the chants from the Missal. These are simple and dignified, and easily picked up. Please do your best to join in with these prescribed texts.

Advent Liturgies

St Leonard & Fergus — Sunday's 3pm — Benediction and Evening Prayer St Columba's - Friday's 3pm - Holy Hour with Adoration

St Mary's - Saturday's 4pm - The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary (livestreamed)

Penitential Services (with General Absolution)

Monday 19th December 6pm St Leonard's & St Fergus;

Wednesday 21st December 6pm St Mary's, Lochee

Finance Matters

Having met with the newly formed Finance Committee of St L&F this past week I would like to thank Rosemary Chivers and Paul Kennedy for agreeing to be members alongside Gerry Laing. Each parish must have a Finance Committee as laid down in Canon Law to 'provide the parish priest with valuable insight and advice, so that he may act more effectively in the interests of the parish.' (para 1067 The Canon Law Letter & Spirit).

A prayer intention box will be placed at Our Lady's altar in St Mary's and intentions remembered during the Rosary.

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