



Vigil Mass 4.30pm
Sunday 10.30am (also streamed)
Monday-Saturday 10am
Thursday 6pm (Patronal Feast)
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
Friday 8.30am
Confessions: Saturday 5.15-5.45pm
Rosary before weekday Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration 6pm Wednesday.

Sunday 4th December, The Second Sunday of Advent, Year A,

A voice cries in the wilderness,

Mt 3:1-12

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Purves Blyth, Derek Nolan; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frances Mary McKernie, Ian Irons, Derek Milne, Pat & Cathie Doulan, Mary Hanlon, and Charlie McNally. 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.

Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary: Thursday 8th December, St Mary's, 10am Whole School Mass, 6pm Parish Mass. All welcome.

Advent is about the three comings of Christ: one that has yet to be (the Second Coming), the readings emphasize this up until 17th December. Secondly, Jesus' first coming in the stable at Bethlehem, the readings from 17th December to Christmas Day remind us of this, and thirdly, Jesus coming into the hearts of believers encouraged and supported by stories of His first and prophecies of His Second Coming. Maranatha (an ancient Aramaic word/prayer) meaning 'Come, Lord!'

Tea in the Hall after Sunday Mass: Please come along and enjoy the company (and baking) of your fellow parishioners. The Chosen will resume after Christmas in St Mary's.

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.

St Mary's Christmas Party—this Sunday 12.30 for 1pm. Thanks to all those organizing both parties.

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. Next Mass and meeting January.

St Leonard & St Fergus Parish Council meeting this coming Wednesday at 7.15pm in Church House. Please approach a member of the Council (their names and faces are on the noticeboard in the foyer) if you wish anything raised.

Dunkeld News (new edition) available at the back of the church and online: <https://www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk/dunkeld-news-december-2022/>

Children's Mass: this week's 10.30am Mass will be led by the children of St Mary's P.S. supported by all the children of the parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they lead us in our praise of God, and in our expectant waiting.

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Collections; Poor Mission St Mary's £1171; £173|| St Columba's £327; £72|| St Leonard & St Fergus' £850; £133
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.

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
Kathleen Tracey writes: '£200 has been sent to Mary's Meals which will be doubled. Also, a recent box of cartridges earned £13.10, a previous box earned £17.35 - enough to feed 2 children in Malawi for almost a year. Many thanks to all contributors.'

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.

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club—Congratulations to this week's winner, (103).

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: **Columba's** Wednesday's 11am-1pm; **St Leonard & St Fergus'** Wednesday 10am to 3pm; **St Mary's** 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 plan to restart in the New Year.

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.

Lochee Christmas Light Night: thanks to those who helped make this a joyous occasion: Lochee Parish Church for hosting the service, the choirs from St Mary's P.S., and from Ancrum Road P.S., the Lochee Linties, and St Mary's hospitality team for providing the refreshments.

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 for those interested in joining the Church.

Property Matters

St Columba's: The Diocesan F&P Committee met on 29th November and amongst other things discussed St Columba's Church. It was decided that Mass would continue in the hall, and that their discussion be fed into the Strategy Planning Group that the Bishop chairs which is looking at the future provision of the Diocese.

St Mary's: The new Architect (appointed by the Diocese), John O'Meara (Diocesan Property Manager) and Sanam Ogden (Historic Churches Consultant employed by the Diocese), visited again this week to survey the hall. Also, steeplejacks spent a couple of days securing the plastic sheets covering the church windows.

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 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.