



Vigil Mass 4.30pm  
 Sunday 10.30am (livestreamed)  
 Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat Mass 10am  
 Tues & Weds Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
 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 8.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
 Thursday 8.30am  
 Saturday 9am  
 Confessions after Saturday Mass  
 Rosary before each weekday Mass.

Vigil Mass 6pm  
 Sunday 10am  
 Monday 6.30pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
 Wednesday 6.30pm  
 Friday 8.30am  
 Confessions: Saturday 5.15-5.45pm  
 Rosary before weekday Mass.  
 Eucharistic Adoration 6pm Wednesday.

**Sunday 11th December, The Third Sunday of Advent, Year A, 'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen' Mt 3:1-12**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Purves Blyth, Derek Nolan, Bob Muirhead, Ken Murray and Isobel Schweikert ; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peggy Stewart, Tony Carlin, Maureen Laing, Martha Walker, Annie McLeah, Jim Turnbull, Pat & Cathie Doulan, Mary Hanlon, Ken Hart, Gillian Ballard, Angela Quinn, Frances Reilly & Patricia McFarlane. 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 (w.beg 19th Dec) - Derek Nolan, 10am Funeral Mass, Mon 19th Dec;  
 St Ninian's—Isobel Schweikert, 2pm Funeral Mass, Tues 20th Dec. May their souls rest in peace.

**No school Mass** St Leonard & St Fergus, this Friday 16th December.

**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).

**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.

**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 way of praying for priests. You offer a particular day each week for a priest. Please think about doing this. Leaflets at the back of the church. We meet in St Mary's for a holy Hour, Mass and refreshments on the last Tuesday of the Month starting at 6pm. Next Mass and meeting January.

**Dunkeld Jubilarians and Staff at St Andrew's Day Celebrations Scots' College Rome.** Rector Canon Mark Cassidy alongside Fr Rogi Thomas (previously St Clement's), Mgr Pat McNally (Coupar), Canon Andrew Clark (Retired Prison Chaplain), Fr Malcolm Hutchison (Priest student). As several people have enquired of Fr Mark's whereabouts at Christmas, please know that he will be in residence in St Andrew's Cathedral after Christmas.



**Bambinelli Sunday:** St. John Paul II began a tradition where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home. He then blessed the 'Bambinelli' of those present and told them to assemble before the manger scene with their family in a spirit of prayer. Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have continued the tradition, and in recent years it has started to expand to other places outside of Rome. This Sunday each of the children at Mass will receive a 'Bambinelli' to be blessed and take home.

**Mass Attendance Census** will be taken up at all Sunday Masses today (including Vigils) throughout the Diocese.

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**Collections; Poor Mission** St Mary's £1164|| St Columba's £324|| St Leonard & St Fergus' £1051

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](http://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 James Young,(85).

**St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF):** Congratulations to this week's winner Aileen Blake,(17), and last week's winner Bette Girvan (1).

**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.

**Open Doors: St 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 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 it's open for anyone who is interested.

**St Columba's Property Matters:** After the meeting of the Diocesan Fabric & Planning Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> November (during which St Columba's was discussed), the Bishop will consult with the priests of the Diocese (this coming week) regarding the future provision of parishes throughout the Diocese, thereafter he will attend the Parish Council meeting at St Columba's on 10<sup>th</sup> January, before inviting all parishioners to meet with him at the end of January, thereafter he will meet with the Diocesan Strategy Planning Group in February, and to conclude the process he will meet with the Trustees at the beginning of March 2023.

A questionnaire will be taken up prior to the Bishop's attendance at the Parish Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January to enable him to have a sense of the people and of the options.

In the meanwhile we will continue to celebrate Mass in the hall, although the Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated in the Church with the provision of temporary heating.

I hope this helps to clarify the timescale and process that the Bishop has agreed; principally in response to queries that he has received. (This text has been approved by the Bishop and the Chancellor).

**St Leonard's & St Fergus:** PC meeting—presentation by Scottish Water and DCC outlining plans for St Mary's area drainage scheme including possible redevelopment of church car park and grounds. Trustees of the Diocese to be consulted.

Heating Survey discussed and decided to persevere with present system whilst waiting for plausible alternative, in the meanwhile insulation of the hall seen as a priority. (Minutes on display in church foyer)

Quotes for Projector-Screen System V's Large Monitors have been received. To be discussed with Finance Committee.

### Liturgy Matters

#### **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

**First Reconciliation for Children of St Mary's**

Tuesday 20th December 6pm St Mary's Lochee

### Finance Matters

Thanks to all those putting together a Finance Committee in St Columba's.

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

**Advent** is the fast before the feast, the absence that makes the heart grow fonder, the empty manger, the longing for the Second Coming of Jesus. Please wait for Christmas, don't spend yourself completely beforehand!

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