





Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

Sunday Mass 10.30am (livestreamed)

Mon - Sat Mass 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 Confessions after Saturday Mass Rosary before each weekday Mass.

Sunday Mass 11.30am

Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am

Saturday 9am

Vigil Mass 6pm Sunday Mass 10am

Monday & Wednesday 6.30pm Friday 8.30am

Confessions: Saturday 5.15-5.45pm

Rosary before weekday Mass.

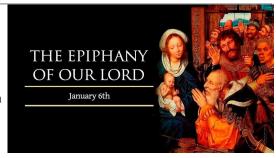
Eucharistic Adoration 6pm Wednesday.

## Sunday 8th January 2023, The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A,

While the hustle and bustle of Christmas ends for many people on Dec. 26, throughout Christian history Christmas lasts for twelve days – all the way until Jan. 6. The feast marking the end of Christmas is called "Epiphany" although some say the feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of Christmastide.

In the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but also in his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana. While the traditional date for the feast is Jan. 6, in Scotland, the celebration of Epiphany is moved to the Sunday between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

The Visit of the Magi Mt 2:1-12



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord—Monday 9th January not a Holy Day of Obligation but a wonderful celebration.

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Patricia Williams, Anne Markie, Basil Joseph, Maureen Sturrock, John Slammon, John Davie, Teresa Nicol, Honor Taylor, Mary Reilly, Patricia Williams, James Davie, Margaret Selvey, Ricardo Bareja and James Feeney; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jacqueline, Jimmy, & Mark Devine, Gary Strachan, May Brown; John Brown, John Cleary, John Scott, Iwan Warski, John & May Black and James Edwards.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**: may this good & faithful servant rest in peace.

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** 

Anne Markie, 10am Funeral Mass, Tuesday 10th January; John Slammon, 10am Funeral Mass, Thursday 12th January; Teresa Nicol, 12.45pm Funeral Service, Friday 13th January; Maureen Sturrock, 10am Funeral Mass, Tuesday 17th; Mary Reilly, 10am Funeral Mass, Wednesday 18th January;

**St Leonard and St Fergus** Patricia Williams, 10am Funeral Mass, Wednesday, 11 January **Our Catholic Schools: St Leonard & St Fergus** The School Mass resumes, every Friday, 9:30am

St Mary's start of year School Mass, 10am Monday 9th January.

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

**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 and bookings please contact <a href="mailto:steenardandferguschurchhall@outlook.com">steenardandferguschurchhall@outlook.com</a> or check out St Leonard and Fergus Church Hall Facebook Page; and for St Mary's Hall please contact Anne Hampton.

**Children's Liturgy** helps ensure our young people hear the Word of God, and understand it, in an age appropriate way. Please encourage your child/children to attend.

**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.

We (**Fr Alex, Deacon Len and myself**) would like to express our thanks for your love, prayers, beautiful cards and generosity over the Christmas period. We pray that Mary Our Mother watch over you, and your families, in the coming year.

Collections: St Mary's £1216 St Columba's £362 St Leonard & St Fergus' £1107

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.

After discussion with members of St Mary's Finance team I have decided to reinstate the collection as part of Holy Mass in St Mary's. The three main reasons are: 1) the Collection and Offertory are integral parts of the Mass, strongly symbolizing our giving of ourselves to the Lord; 2) it is easy to forget and pass the Collection bucket, and 3) the increased cost of electricity and gas. This starts this Sunday 8th January. As a further means to support the parish please consider giving via Standing Order. This means that you support the parish every week whether you can attend or not, and makes for easy book-keeping. Forms are available at the back of the Church. If you give by SO please don't feel embarrassed to allow the plate to pass you by, also if you genuinely can't afford to give please don't feel embarrassed to let the plate pass you by.

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

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club—Congratulations to this week's winner Ellen Laidlaw, (52). Anne Creegan writes 'As well as water for a Village & Emergency Water for 25 families for 1 year a further £228 was sent to SCIAF for Real Gifts. Many thanks to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.' Also, 'For our next Renovation Fundraiser we plan to have a Scottish Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 25th January 1-4pm in St Mary's Church Hall. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend priced £5.'

**St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF):** Congratulations to this week's winners: Kathleen Burns (59). Kathleen Tracey writes: 'Mary's Meals: A further £100 has been forwarded for the feeding programme. This qualifies for the double the love initiative. Many many thanks'

**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.

**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 week is for those looking to join the Church.

## **St Columba's Property Matters:**

The Parish Council meeting on 10th January at 7pm in the Church Hall will go ahead with a delegation from the Diocese attending on a fact finding and listening basis. Bishop Emeritus Stephen Robson is hoping to attend as a member of the Diocesan Team. This delegation will then present their findings to the new bishop when he is appointed. So, please complete the questionnaire and hand them in no later than Sunday 8th January, and come along on the 10th and have a say.

As the Parish Council meeting on 10th January will be devoted entirely to the Listening Session, an extra PC meeting has been scheduled for 17th January at 7pm in St C's hall to deal with other matters.

To help establish the facts about heating the Church for an ordinary Sunday; we will celebrate Mass in the Church this Sunday. The Fabric Team will monitor the length of time required to heat the Church and the temperature achieved so that the cost, and the health and safety implications, can be presented to the Diocese. Also, having spoken with Fr Alex we are agreed that weekday Mass will be in the hall, and any Funeral Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus.

**Church Workers:** A big thank you to all those who helped to prepare our Churches for the birth of Our Lord Jesus. These include our church and hall cleaners, those who serve refreshments, the flower arrangers, the readers, Eucharistic Ministers, cantors, musicians, SVDP members, Café volunteers, and those who have worked diligently to ensure that our churches are reasonably heated.

In the New Year we will be endeavouring to recruit more people to take an active role in the church. Everyone has something to contribute in the building up of God's Kingdom through the Church.

Canon Kevin Golden elected Diocesan Administrator - please hold Kevin in your prayers.

The Very Rev Canon Kevin James Golden MPS, currently Parish priest of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Victories



and Administrator of the Cathedral in Dundee. Canon Kevin is also a Trustee of the Diocese and has held the post of Vicar General for the past four years. Canon Kevin Golden was born in Dundee to devout Catholic Parents on 13th May 1966. After Catholic primary School, Kevin prepared for entry into senior seminary through admission to St Mary's College Blairs, Aberdeen, the National Junior Seminary from 1978-1984. He then entered the Senior Seminary of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh 1984-1990, and he was ordained priest in Dundee on 23rd November 1990 by Bishop Vincent Logan. Subsequently Bishop Stephen Robson appointed him to be Vicar General and, later, he became a member of the Chapter of Canons in St Andrew's Cathedral in 2021.