

Sunday 29th January 2023, 4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A,'How happy are the poor in spirit.'Mt 5:1-12a

**From Fr Mark:** Many thanks to all the parishioners for their expressions of sympathy on the death of Susan. All of us who were close to Susan deeply appreciated the thoughtfulness of those who travelled to Perth to be with us, those who offered their condolences and those who asked for Mass to be celebrated for the happy repose of her soul. It eased our burden. Mass will be offered for your intentions. Personally, could I offer my own condolences on the death of Trixie (Gallagher) Findlay (St Mary's). I know that her family and many in the community of St Mary's and Lochee will be deeply saddened at the news of her death. I can only offer my prayers for her and for all who mourn.

**Funerals: St Mary's:** John MacGillvaray, 10am Funeral Mass, Monday 30th; **St Mary's:** Isabella (Isa) Hancock, 10am Funeral Mass, Friday 3rd; **Ss L&F:** Clare Nichol, Reception of Remains, Monday 30th at 4.30pm, Funeral Mass, Tuesday 9.30am. Therefore, there will be **no Mass in St Columba's at 8.30am on Tuesday.** 

Tuesday 10am Mass in St Mary's led by the P2's. Please come along and support the children with your prayers.

**Communion Procession Refrain (St Mary's Sunday Mass):** We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts. Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ

**SS Leonard & Fergus:** Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion Candidates: Sunday February 5, 10am; Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday, 26 February, 10am

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

**The Chosen:** wonderful series telling the life story of Jesus continues this Sunday after Mass in St Mary's Church House. Warmth and refreshments provided.

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick,** Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Mass, Monday 13th February at 7pm in St Mary's, followed by refreshments. Mgrs Aldo & Neil Gallagher will attend and preside. Everyone welcome.

**Thanks** to all those who expressed concern over my health last Sunday. I suffer from a condition known as Dystonia which effects the muscles of my neck and shoulders and periodically results in severe headaches. Unfortunately one of these struck during Mass. Please keep me in your prayers, Fr Jim

**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.

From this week a separate sheet will be sent out via email and the Parish Facebook page bearing the names of our recently departed, and the anniversaries of our loved ones, and those who are in need of prayers due to illness. The names of the sick will remain on the list for a calendar month after which the Sick List will be cleared and start again. The printed version of the newsletter will continue to carry our beloved dead and anniversary names.

**The Round Britain Sailing Pilgrimage** to celebrate 100 years of the Stella Maris charity serving seafarers has a leg sailing from Dundee to Aberdeen. Organised and skippered by vessel owner Russell Fairman (MCA RYA Commercial Yacht Master with 30 years experience) they're looking for an adult volunteer to join the crew for a day. Absolutely no previous experience is necessary. If you're interested in this unique opportunity to combine some fun and prayer please contact **Mike Barile for more information 07743043811** 

Please bring last year's **palms** back to be burnt for Ash Wednesday.

## Please consider passing this Good-News letter on to someone else...

Collections:	St Mary's £1980	St Columba's £531	SS Leonard & Fergus' £1016 + £100 donation
Justice & Peace	St Mary's £398	St Columba's £91	SS Leonard & Fergus' £200

St Mary's exceptional collection this week was partly due to a generous couple contributing their entire year's giving in a oner, which was also Gift Aid eligible. Many thanks to all who contribute to the upkeep of our parishes, and the support of those in need.

Please consider giving via Standing Order, forms available at the back of each church. Gift Aiding your collection (if you are a tax payer) means that we can claim the tax back on your donation at no extra cost to yourself.

Last chance to 'Double your love' for **Mary's Meals:** donations made by this Tuesday (31 January) 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, 'a further donation of £80 to be forwarded to Mary's Meals for the feeding programme. Many many thanks.'

**St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club**—Congratulations to last week's winner David Pillen (115), and this week's winner Gary Clark, (96)

**Renovation Fundraiser:** Thanks to all those who organized the Scottish Afternoon Tea in St Mary's Church Hall. The ambience, the food, and the chat were wonderful, as was the £463 raised.

**St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF):** Congratulations to this week's winner Linda Taylor (84). Subscriptions can be paid in the hall after Sunday Mass as well as the usual envelop system.

**SVdP Outreach:** 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**—(Tuesday after Morning Mass in St Mary's) A series of programmes by Bishop Robert Barron exploring the beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith. This week Episode 8 explores *A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints*. Everyone welcome.

**St Columba's Property Matters:** The Diocesan Fabric & Planning Board have sanctioned the installation of a new boiler in order to heat the Church. Work will commence as soon as possible.

**St Columba's Parish Council** met last Tuesday, and minutes will be displayed in due course, in the meanwhile please note the following: Finance Team has been through Diocesan training and will take over counting the collection and inputting OPAS (Online Parish Accounting System) from 5 February; Utility bills/Meter readings etc now being looked after by the Finance/Fabric teams; Divine Renovation to be adopted by the Parish, attendance at talk by Fr Tony Lappin on Sunday 19th to be encouraged; Sign up Sunday after Easter; Fabric Team reported on ongoing issues; Fr Alex to have parish prayer printed on cards; Fr Jim to arrange introduction of Ann Craig (PC Chair) with Head Teacher of St Paul's in the hope of closer ties; Various ideas discussed re best use of excess space in Church: from collaboration with the Council to creating a Parish Meeting/Prayer space. One suggestion that met with general approval was to cordon off the pews in the back 1/3 of the church in order to create a more community feel to Sunday Mass. If there are no serious objections brought forth this week I will ask the Fabric Team to do so for next Sunday.

**SS Leonard & Fergus Parish Council** will meet on Wednesday 1st February at 7.15pm. Please pass on any items for the agenda to one of the members, or send direct to the parish email address.

**SS Leonard & Fergus Finance Committee** next meets on Monday 6th February at 7pm in Church House. We would hope to have summary accounts in the Parish Newsletter shortly thereafter.

**Kingdom Builders Required**: we will shortly 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. Please pray about becoming a Welcomer, Cantor, Reader, Cleaner, Flower Arranger, Fabric Team Member, Finance Team Member etc. **Sign up sheets will be handed out prior to Lent in order to allow you to pray during Lent about how you might engage more fully in the life of the parish ...** 

**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.

**Dunkeld Serra write:** The next Holy Hour (6pm) and Holy Mass(7pm) to pray for Vocations and for our priests is on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January in The Immaculate Conception, Lochee. Please join us.

**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 <u>stleonardandferguschurchhall@outlook.com</u> or check out St Leonard and Fergus Church Hall Facebook Page; and for St Mary's Hall please contact Anne Hampton.



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**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Eileen Jackson, Anna Kelty, John MacGillivray, Clare Nichol, Jane Murray, Martin Treays, Patricia (Trixie) Findlay, Catherine Coffey, and Clare Nichol; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Naughton, Tom O'Donnell, Alice Walls, Amedeo Rocco Pietro Soave, Moira Allan, Murray Moodie; Tam Flynn, Kenny Bain, Mary and Daniel McCluskey, William Robertson, Bridget Watt, James Galligan, Thomas Galligan, William Galligan, Mary-Ann Finnan, Ellen Squire, Norman Crighton, Moira Allan, Pear Hearn, Margaret Young, and John Gunning.

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: Sadie McInally, Paul Markie, and Alex Toshney.



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.

Please send the names to the parish email address of stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk or alternatively write them on the list at the back of the church.

"To the world, hope seems in short supply. But inside our churches, we know otherwise: Hope is abundant, because Jesus is with us. The trouble is (and this is hard to hear), the Church has lost its enthusiasm for sharing that Truth.

And so parishes are aging.

Congregations are shrinking.

Priests are discouraged and disengaging.

## Together, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can bring life back to parishes and people to Jesus."

Fr Tony Lappin (a priest from St Andrew's & Edinburgh Archdiocese) has agreed to visit our parishes on Sunday 19th Feb, and as well as preaching at St Columba's and Ss Leonard & Fergus' morning Masses, he will also give a talk on Divine Renovation to start our Lenten Journey.

Fr Tony has first hand experience of how Divine Renovation can reinvigorate a parish community. This is a Tri-Parish event. Please come along and allow the Holy Spirit to inspire you at the beginning of Lent.

## St Leonard & Fergus Church Hall, Sunday 19th February, 1pm until 3.30pm.

https://divinerenovation.org/

NOVATION

During Lent each parish will have a weekly faith sharing session whereby they'll discuss the book *Divine Renovation: Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission*. Please purchase the book. It's a small price to pay for something that could (with God's help) transform our parishes. The parish will purchase copies for those that struggle to get a copy.

More details next week regarding time and place of Divine Renovation Lenten Faith Sharing Groups.