

<p><b>Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.</b>  <b>Sunday Mass 10.30am</b> (livestreamed)            Mon - Sat Mass 10am  <b>Confessions: Saturday 10.30-11am</b>  <b>Saturday 3.30pm-4pm</b>  <b>Rosary before each weekday Mass.</b>  <b>Novena to St Anthony Tues Mass</b>  <b>Adoration: Saturday 10.30-11am</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday Mass 11.30am</b>  <b>Thursday 8.30am</b>  <b>Saturday 9am</b>  <b>Confessions after Saturday Mass</b>  <b>Rosary before each weekday Mass.</b>  <b>Adoration 8.30am Saturday</b></p>	<p><b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>  <b>Sunday Mass 10am</b>  <b>Monday &amp; Wednesday 6.30pm</b>  <b>Friday 8.30am</b>  <b>Confessions: Saturday 5.15- 5.45pm</b>  <b>Rosary before weekday Mass.</b>  <b>Adoration 6pm Wednesday.</b></p>
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**Sunday 5th February, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Your light must shine in the sight of men, Mt 5:13-16**

Responsorial Psalm : **The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

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

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Patricia (Trixie) Findlay, Thomas Gowan, Paul-James McDonald, and John Cord; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Evelyn Stewart, Caroline Rice, Christopher Gallacher, Michael Prendergast, Nan Halliday, Helen Prophet, Etta Dickson, Catherine Ravey, Jimmy Boag, Len & Ethel Smith, Barbara Cossans Crichton, and Anna & Alex Small.

The Month's Mind Mass for Susan Cassidy will take place at the 6pm Saturday Vigil in SS Leonard & Fergus on 11th Feb.

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.

Please send the names of the recently departed, or those whose anniversaries fall at this time, or anyone who is in need of our prayers, to the parish email address (stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk) or alternatively write their names on the list at the back of the church.

**Funerals: St Mary's:** Thomas Gowans, Funeral Service, 11.45am, Tuesday 14th February;

Patricia (Trixie) Findlay, Reception of Remains 6pm, Tuesday 14th ; 10am Funeral Mass, Wednesday 15th February;

**School led Mass this Sunday in St Mary's.** Please support the children by your presence and prayers.

### **SS Leonard & Fergus:**

We pray for the First Holy Communion candidates from St Andrew's and St Fergus Primary schools who enroll today. Bishop Emeritus Stephen Robson visits on Sunday, 26 February to confer the sacrament of confirmation on pupils of St Andrew's and St Fergus.

There won't be 9:30am Mass on Friday as the schools are on holiday.

**Refreshments in the Hall after Sunday Mass:** Please come along and enjoy the company 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.

**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.

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

**Please submit names and items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening as it will be printed on Fri.**

Last week's collections: St Columba's £368

SS Leonard & Fergus £1094

St Mary's £1450

The next Special Collection will be for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund on **Sunday 19th February**.

Your parishes rely on your financial support. Please consider Gift Aiding your collection and/or paying by Standing Order. Forms available in the foyer. Your generosity also enables the Church to support those in need. Thank you.

**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.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club**—Congratulations to this week's winner Linda Thomson, (14)

**St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF)**: Congratulations to this week's winner Ann Wishart (96). Subscriptions can be paid in the hall after Sunday Mass as well as the usual envelop system.

**Mary's Meals**: a further £300 was forwarded by St L&F and £200 from St Mary's just in time to qualify for the double the love initiative. Many thanks.

**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.

**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 9 explores *The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit*.

**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 28th February 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 [stleonardandferguschurchhall@outlook.com](mailto:stleonardandferguschurchhall@outlook.com) or check out St Leonard and Fergus Church Hall Facebook Page; and for St Mary's Hall please contact Anne Hampton.

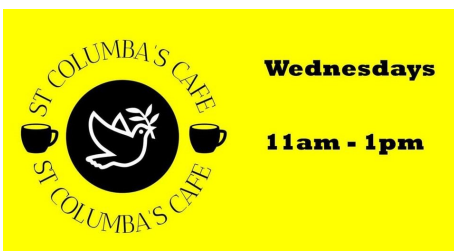
**The Dunkeld Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage** will take place this year from 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of July. You can currently place a note of interest with Joe Walsh Tours at <https://joewalshstours.co.uk> and application forms should be in parishes over the next few weeks.

If you, or anyone you know, would like more information about our pilgrimage, the services offered by the Dunkeld Lourdes Service (yellow t-shirts) or our medical team please contact Ruth Anne O'Neill on [ruthanne@pobox.com](mailto:ruthanne@pobox.com) or 07801 227443.

Members of the **St Mary's Renovation Liaison Group** will meet with Sanam Ogden (Historic Churches Consultant employed by the Diocese) and John O'Meara (Diocesan Property Manager) this Saturday to discuss prospective grant applications.

Thanks to **Mgr Ken McCaffrey** for helping to print this week's bulletin in a slightly different format. The amount of information being generated by our 3 parishes requires a slightly larger format. Also, to enable a less stressful production of the newsletter it will now be printed on Friday, so please note that the deadline for names or items for the newsletter will be Thursday at 9pm.

**Lochee Harp Football Club** donated £250 to St Mary's Community Café. Many thanks for your valuable support.



**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 Columba's launches its own Facebook page: St Columba's Parish Church Kirkton....please 'like' and share.

**New Dawn in Scotland** invites everyone to St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Dundee, on Saturday, 11th February, 2023.

The day will start at 10.00 a.m. with Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Stephen Robson, followed by praise and worship, inspiring talks, testimonies, workshops, reconciliation and an evening healing service, led by two or more priests.

New Dawn is a worldwide organisation of laity and priests, whose aim is to share and deepen our Catholic faith. It is Eucharistic centred, sacramental, Marian and spirit-filled.

As we all know, the world is in great turmoil at the moment, and we as Catholics need to be more than ever firmly rooted in our faith.

Come and be refreshed and share with us the treasures of the Catholic church and experience the healing power of Jesus.

More information and details are on the posters sent to diocesan churches and on the New Dawn in Scotland website and Facebook.

[www.newdawninscotland.com](http://www.newdawninscotland.com)

**“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/>

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. As discussed at SS L&F PC meeting the parish will order the books in bulk and thereby get a discount therefore please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you require a copy to give an indication of the number to order. A donation only will be required in payment.

Divine Renovation Lenten Faith Sharing Groups: St Columba's after Sunday Mass during Lent.

### **Salt for the Eucharist**

In Galilee around the time of Jesus, there was a flourishing fish-ing industry. Peter, James and John were part of it, and they were big-time fishermen. Fish from Galilee went all over the then known empire, and to Rome along the trade route, which went through Galilee. It was kept fresh, as much food was, as we kept food fresh for years before freezers - by salting it. The word of God is kept fresh within us by prayer; otherwise our Christian life may become weak and tasteless.

A big food of Jesus is the Eucharist. His bread of life can go stale unless we 'salt' it. We salt the Eucharist by our lives. We keep the Mass alive by the way we live.

The Eucharist is entrusted to us. God gives us his Son, his food, and leaves it to us how we live by it.

Jesus invites us to be the 'salt of the earth' - to be people whose lives are centred on helping others and making the places around us places of kindness, compassion, hope, fun and life. We don't say 'You're salt of the earth', if someone just receives communion. We are the salt of the earth if we live out our com-munion. The bread of Jesus is salted with the goodness of men and women, young and old, everywhere.

Our response then links in with the first reading - if we feed, shelter, clothe and help our neighbour, we are 'the light that rises in the darkness'.

- Recall when you helped someone recently.  
Give thanks you could do this. Lord may your kingdom come in every part of the world.

**Donal Neary SJ:**

*Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew*

Present – Father Jim, Father Alexander, Janice Dobbin, Rena Robertson, Linda Taylor, Claire Valentine, Avril Kidd, Helen Grossi, Gerry Laing, Marie Shafi, Audrey Toshney, David Bald

Apologies - none

- Divine renovation – similar to Renew. Program to try and engage people to keep Parishes full and thriving. About being involved, not a passer by, a stakeholder, more likely to be engaged in the Parish. Breaks down into weekly reflections, six weeks over Lent. Then handing out of Sign up sheets. Website has lots of information. Please encourage fellow parishioners to get involved, come on the 19th Feb to the meeting in the hall. Suggestion of purchasing books for parishioners, offering to take orders. Decision to buy 50 books in time for meeting on 19th February. Fr Jim to order, with some offering to purchase books and others made available for those who may need support to purchase.
- Finance – explanation of annual costs, income and expenditure. There is a surplus but decisions need to be made about spending on building/maintenance costs. Finance meeting on Feb 6th to discuss further. Parish to be audited this year.
- Website information passed on, looking for further discussion about how we can better use the three domains, which are paid up until June.
- Fabric – list of tasks listed from daily tasks to 2 yearly tasks. John O’Meara will train the fabric team and inform them what needs done and when and keep records of checks and maintenance. Discussion around fire drills and first aid kits. Avril to announce at mass and give out information about Fabric Team.
- Parish council minutes to be added to new bulletin/emailed in bulletin. Marie asked to update database for emails. Sign up sheets suggested to be available to hand out on Easter Sunday.
- Gas and electric meters need checked and updated with providers. Need volunteers to help check these meters regularly, photographed once a month and sent to Utility Aid, the brokers for utilities. Fr Jim to send photos on so we can see how these have to be taken.
- Low energy lights – approach someone in future to replace bulbs, pass to Fabric Team
- Heating system update- Fabric Team to discuss
- Car park maintenance – some completed , some areas still to be looked at. Allow gate to be fixed first then allow access to fix car park surface. Same for steps, awaiting quote.
- Sanctuary renovation update – measuring taken place yesterday.
- Schools – 2 pupils in St Fergus, 20 in St Andrews making sacraments this year. Pope Francis Faith award started. Minnie Vinnies not yet started due to staff absence. Youth workers suggested. Can newsletter be sent out to school families?
- St Vincent de Paul – want to let parishioners know what money is spent on and asked for this to be discussed. Money available for school families. Mention of the Family Fund in Glasgow. Please be aware that money is available if requested for any parishioners/families that may require financial support.
- Readings – rota available. Including pupils from schools and encourage pupils to be part of the rota.
- Safeguarding – issue with training postponed until May, making sure disclosures are in. Safeguarding email to go on website.
- Projector and screens – two quotes given, one decided – drop down screen. School to check budgets and procurement.
- Eucharistic ministers – each minister on rota every two months. Adequate number of ministers for rota.
- SCIAF – asked welcomers to hand out SCIAF boxes.
- Children’s liturgy – rota numbers healthy, Fr Jim suggested adding to resources.
- Cosy place – asked for money for a pot. Concern over the heating issues, not enough heat being generated to be comfortable. Suggestion of halogen lights used instead of heaters. Two heaters to be purchased. 13th Feb for Hygiene course.
- Floors – to be brought up again with John O’Meara.

Date for next meeting – 29th March 2023