

<p>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 Tues Mass Adoration: Saturday 10.30-11am</p>	<p>Sunday Mass 11.30am Thursday 8.30am Saturday 9am Confessions after Saturday Mass Rosary before each weekday Mass. Adoration 8.30am Saturday</p>	<p>Vigil Mass 6pm Sunday Mass 10am Monday & Wednesday 6.30pm Friday 8.30am Confessions: Saturday 5.15- 5.45pm Rosary before weekday Mass. Adoration 6pm Wednesday.</p>
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Sunday 12th February, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors... Mt 5:13-16

Responsorial Psalm : **They are happy who follow God's law.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal 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, Marie Borzoni, Mary Angus, William Donaldson, Jimmy Russell, John Cord, Marion Agle and Mike Payne; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr Ben Donachie, Norman Crighton, Ellen Squire, May Short, Mabel Scott, Evelyn Stewart, Caroline Rice, Christopher Gallacher, Michael Prendergast, Nan Halliday, Helen Prophet, Etta Dickson, Catherine Ravey, Anna & Alex Small, Anna Rosina Biagi, Mary and Albert Tambini; Jane Donnet; Billy Donnet, Ethel Smith, Len Smith, Jimmy Carroll, Mary Tinney, Alice Kelly, Ellen Squire, Louise Hayes, Martha Lamond, Chic Lamond, Jim Traynor, Kathleen Traynor, Frances Sreenan.

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: Paul Markie, Kevin Moore, Marion Cabrelli, Ged Farrell, Kym Edwards. (this list will be cleared each calendar month)

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;

Marie Borzoni, Reception of Remains 6pm, Monday 20th; 10am Funeral Mass, Tuesday 21st February;

SS Leonard & Fergus:

Marion Agle; 9am Funeral Mass, Tuesday 14 February,

Bishop Emeritus Stephen Robson visits on Sunday, 26 February to confer the sacrament of confirmation on pupils of St Andrew's and St Fergus.

9:30am schools Mass on Friday.

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.

Last week's collections: St Columba's £402

SS Leonard & Fergus £988

St Mary's £1586

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 Steve Keanan, (76)

St Mary's Restoration Fund: £1000 donation from John Reilly in memory of his late wife Mary.

St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF): Congratulations to this week's winner Liz Flight (93). 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.

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.

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 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 14th to 21st 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 or 07801 227443.

Members of the **St Mary's Restoration Liaison Group** met with Sanam Ogden (Historic Churches Consultant employed by the Diocese) and John O'Meara (Diocesan Property Manager) to discuss prospective grant applications: an application will be made in March to Historic Environment Scotland for St Mary's roof and excess water management, and another application will be submitted for the Hall's 5 flat roofs.

From the Bishops' Conference Commission for Marriage and the Family:

We are looking to increase the provision of marriage counselling available to Dioceses in Scotland.

If you are an experienced counsellor, we offer you an interesting opportunity to broaden your professional practice. You will be provided with CPD training to help equip you for the role.

We would be looking to expand upon a service already used in some areas of the country that supports couples married in the Catholic church and is underpinned by the Christian tradition.

Essential criteria:

Current registration with a professional counselling body including BACP, COSCA, UKCP or registered equivalent. Hold a minimum of a Diploma in Counselling or equivalent.

Have a minimum of 450 client hours (post qualifying) experience.

Interested? Please contact us on 07706 063936 to have an initial chat. We look forward to hearing from you.

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.

Diocesan SCIAF Training Session

A training session for the SCIAF Lenten Campaign 2023 has been arranged for Saturday 25th February, 2023 at St Joseph's, Wilkies Lane, Dundee. The session will be lead by **Steve McManus**, SCIAF fundraising manager, and will commence **at 10.30 a.m.**

Tea and Coffee will be served from 10.15 a.m. All are welcome. It would be great if each parish were represented.



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.

Fr Tony's Talk:

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 sessions whereby we'll discuss the book ***Divine Renovation: Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission***. This book is quite difficult to get so I've ordered copies for the parish.

Divine Renovation Lenten Faith Sharing Groups:

- ◆ St Columba's after Sunday Mass
- ◆ St Mary's after Sunday Mass, and 6.30pm on Thursday
- ◆ SS Leonard & Fergus after Sunday Mass, and after 6.30pm Weds Mass

The heart of religion

This list of some of Jesus' sayings give an indication of what is important to him. He states the religious tradition of the people when he says that he has not come to abolish the old religion, and that religion must go much deeper and be an affair of the heart. He asks for forgiveness and reconciliation when he speaks about leaving a gift at the altar to go for reconciliation. He commends marriage, and faithfulness in marriage, in his views on divorce. He believes in the respect for sexuality that is shown in not using a person. This collection of Jesus' sayings form a background to how he lived his life himself. He lived out these sayings in many of the events of his life, which we hear about on other Sundays. The Sermon on the Mount, of which this is part, is the backdrop to much of Jesus' life and mission, a sort of vision statement for his life and ministry.

Much of this went against the religious practice of his people, which was centred mostly on externals. He saw the ritual and the law of religion as important only if it came from the heart. This is the challenge always to religion - to live heartily what it enthusiastically believes. Practices in ritual and in religious custom and laws may change with different cultures and times; what is important is the way we live our lives, following Jesus and knowing that all our efforts to live like him are praised and rewarded. Pope Francis says, 'It is not enough to just respect the commandments and do nothing more. Christian life is not just an ethical life: it is an encounter with Jesus Christ' (9 May 2016).

*Repeat a favourite gospel phrase as you breathe in;
your outbreath is your thanks for this help in your life.
Lord, your will be done each day in my life.*

Donal Neary SJ:
Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew
www.messenger.ie

THE REPOSITORY: We have a lovely one at St Columba's. Come and have a look. Also hoping to start up our bonus ball again; I will ask for names on Sunday (written by Kathy Hutton)

SS Leonard & Fergus Finance Team met Monday 6th February and the Summary Accounts for the year were presented, and the full accounts looked over, previous years compared, and Projected Accounts for 2023 presented and discussed. Also, the provision of two screens and projectors were approved for the church; the financial priorities were recognized as lower gate repairs, hall stair repairs, the insulation of the hall, and the hall floor. Also discussed were investment strategies, photocopier leasing, hall hiring insurance requirements, and dissemination of accounts via Newsletter. Meeting concluded by acknowledging the good work carried out by Gerry Laing on behalf of the parish vis-a-vis finance.

The annual SPUC Dundee **Afternoon For Life** will be held at the Pastoral Centre at Our Lady of Victories, Forebank, on Saturday 4th March. Tea and coffee and a chance to catch up with friends from 12 noon; and talks from 12.30-3.30pm. Please come along for all or part of the afternoon. For enquiries please contact mcgraw.clare@gmail.com

People in Syria and Türkiye urgently need your help.

In the early morning of 6 February, multiple earthquakes, the largest being of a devastating 7.8 magnitude, struck large areas of northern Syria and southern Türkiye with devastating effects.

With the situation worsening by the day, the need for your help only grows. Tens of thousands of families' lives have been torn apart with at least 24,000 people dead and over 60,000 injured. With freezing temperatures, and thousands left homeless, these numbers will only continue to rise.

The impact across the region has been devastating. But no place more so than in north-west Syria, where over 4 million people were already living in need of aid as the result of the ongoing civil conflict and current cholera outbreak.

As soon as the earthquake hit, SCIAF was able to act, sending £30,000 of initial support to provide emergency food, shelter and medical supplies across north-west Syria, through our local partners in the area.

As the days pass, the death toll will sadly continue to rise as significant numbers remain trapped in the debris of collapsed buildings, and many more struggle to access much needed aid in freezing temperatures.

We must do all that we can to prevent further deaths and help survivors to recover. Please give what you can today.

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/475-2023-syria-turkey-earthquake-appeal>

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Prize Bingo, Friday 24th February, St Mary's Church Hall, Doors Open 6.30pm, Eyes Down 7pm, Refreshments included, in aid of Restoration Fund.

Sanctuary Reordering: the new baptismal font was delivered for St Mary's last week, and at the same time the craftsmen measured up the Sanctuary in SS Leonard & Fergus for preparation for the Jubilee Refurbishment.

Ash Wednesday is a week on Wednesday (February 22nd).

Mass times with Distribution of Ashes:

St Columba's 9am

SS Leonard & Fergus 11am (Schools attending), and 6.30pm

St Mary's 10am (School attending), and 6pm.

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent, a 40 day period of repentance when Catholics take time to remind themselves that life indeed is limited: that we will die.

The Ash Wednesday ritual is simple. Catholics place ashes on their foreheads as a visible reminder to others that they acknowledge that their bodies will turn to ash one day, that life is indeed precarious, but that they are also a resurrection people.

Catholics believe that more lies beyond this end, and so the ashes are marked by the sign of faith — the cross — at once a symbol of God's destruction and His greatest triumph.

We listen to the words that the priest or minister says to us as he places the ashes on our forehead: "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." Or, "Turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel.

Some questions to reflect on during the 40 days of Lent are: What is it that holds us back from really living our best life? What do we have to die to — or, at the very least, fast from — in order to liberate ourselves from our bad habits? What do we have to give of ourselves to others, to causes, to God, so that we may stretch ourselves into new ways of being? How does prayer center us into growth?

This is the stuff of Lent and Ash Wednesday kicks off the Lenten season for Catholics and other Christians.