

<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>Stations of the Cross before each weekday Mass except Saturday.</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>Tuesday &amp; Thursday 8.30am</b>  <b>Saturday 9am</b>  <b>Confessions after Saturday Mass</b>  <b>Stations of the Cross before each weekday Mass.</b>  <b>Adoration 8.30am Saturday</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday Masses back page</b></p>	<p><b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>  <b>Sunday Mass 10am</b>  <b>Monday 6.30pm</b>  <b>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Friday 8.30am</b>  <b>Confessions: Saturday 5.15- 5.45pm</b>  <b>Stations of the Cross before weekday Mass.</b>  <b>Adoration 6pm Wednesday.</b></p>
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**Sunday 19th February, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A),**

**Love your enemies**

**Matthew 5:38-48**

Responsorial Psalm : **The Lord is compassion and love.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them. 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: Marie Borzoni, Douglas Baillie, Ellen Feeney and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alec Miller, Vera Miller, John Miller, Angela Fortuna, Presentacion Bareja, George Stephen, Martin Boag, Theresa Folan, Peter Gallacher, Gordon Jeeves, Gerard Cabrelli, ; Anne O'Hara Birmingham, Frank and Ellie Joyce.

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, William Reid. (this list will be cleared each calendar month)

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 or alternatively write their names on the list at the back of the church.

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland: **Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse:** Friday 24 February 2023

The Bishops of Scotland have established a Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse to be marked each year on the Friday following Ash Wednesday. 10am Mass will be offered on Friday 24th in St Mary's for all those who have suffered abuse at the hands of priests or church personnel.

This week our 3 Parish Safeguarding Coordinators have helped to complete the annual online Safeguarding Audit. Our thanks to Emily Murphy (Immaculate Conception), Susan Ertle's (St Columba's) and Helen Grossi (SS Leonard & Fergus) for fulfilling such an important ministry. These are well know, and respected, figures in our communities whose contact details are available in the foyer of each church.

A prayer provided by the Bishops' Conference for use on the day:

**God our Father,**

***as we gather today in solidarity with victims and survivors of abuse,***

***grant us forgiveness for our sins against them and against you.***

***May your Son walk beside us and enlighten our way***

***as we seek healing from the wounds inflicted on your innocent children.***

***May the presence of your Spirit among us bring renewal and courage.***

***Through Christ our Lord.***

Last week's collection/**SCIAF Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal:**

St Columba's £332/£194

SS Leonard & Fergus £1123/£1546

St Mary's £1375/£1088

**May God bless your compassion and generosity.**

This Sunday's Special Collection is for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund.

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.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club**—Congratulations to this week's winner Jim Low, (53)

**St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF):** Congratulations to this week's winner Stephanie Ritchie(53).

**SCIAF Daily email Lenten Reflections:** sign up sheet in SS L&F (email address required) or simply go their website.

**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.

**Intensive Preparation for Reception into the Church at Easter** will commence after Tuesday Mass with Deacon Len. All those looking to come into full communion with the Catholic Church should attend. The Rite of Enrolment will take place during Mass next Sunday in St Mary's for Susan Milne and Lewis Donnelly. Please support them with your presence and prayers.

**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.

**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.

**Diocesan Lenten Day of Renewal and Prayer**

This will take place on Saturday 11th March, 2023, the theme being "Water, Light and Life" focusing on the Initiation Gospels of the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, at the Pastoral Centre, St. Mary's Forebank Church Hall, Forebank Road, Dundee. Poster and full details to follow.

**Internal Audits:** "A review of the accounting records of St Mary's, St Leonard & St Fergus and St Columba was carried out by the diocesan accountants and no matters of error came to their attention. This provides reasonable belief the accounting records are kept in accordance to Accounts Regulations.

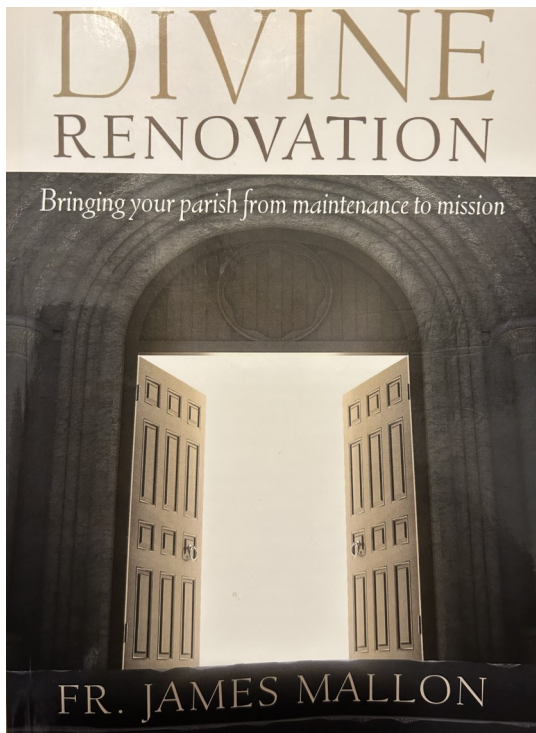
Melissa and Lily wish to express particular thanks to all those involved in the meticulous financial record keeping of the parishes from Counters, Cash Depositing, Recording, Gift Aid and OPAS input." (Melissa Walton Diocesan Accountant)

**Please submit names and items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening.**

## Diocesan SCIAF Training Session

A training session for the SCIAF Lenten Campaign 2023 has been arranged for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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/>

If anybody needs a lift to the talk from St Columba's please seek out Martyn Norman after Mass.

If anybody needs a lift from St Mary's please meet in St Mary's Car Park at 12.45pm.

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 (starts this coming Thursday 23rd Feb)
- ◆ SS Leonard & Fergus after Sunday Mass, and after 6.30pm Weds Mass

### ***Give good to an enemy***

This is quite a tough gospel. We sometimes like to get our own back. We know the desire for vengeance in family and other groups, and in national groupings. The 'eye for an eye' brings no peace, just a quiet lull in violence.

**We** know the opposite. People see the enemy walking the street and know that the only way forward is to make peace. This may not mean forgiveness immediately. Some can find a way for-ward only gradually.

The forgiveness of the gospel is a slow journey. We have small hurts and have ways of dealing, with them. But the big ones are there too - maybe someone getting a job over someone dishonestly, being abused, family being mocked, bullying. Healing, freedom and forgiveness takes time.

**We** need to understand our own vengeance and at times for-give ourselves for it. The love of God is the love that helps us love the self in the normal hurts and grievances of life. The love of God is a grace, filling that space in us that is open to love - the grace of loving self and others.

**To** be perfect is to become like God in compassion and in love. This is a wonderful vision for ourselves, our church and our world. It is the dream of God that all God's children live in love, peace and justice.

*Prayer helps ... can you bring someone to God - to the cross?  
Pray with someone at the cross; it makes a difference.  
Lord, help me to forgive and, when I cannot,  
to be patient with myself as you are with me.*

Donal Neary SJ: Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew [www.messenger.ie/bookshop/](http://www.messenger.ie/bookshop/)

**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.

**Funerals: St Mary's:** Marie Borzoni, Reception of Remains 6pm Monday 20th; 10am Funeral Mass, Tuesday 21st; Ellen Feeney, 10am Funeral Mass Wednesday 1st March;

**SS Leonard & Fergus:**

Bishop Emeritus Stephen Robson will confer Confirmation on Sunday, 26 February to pupils of St Andrew's & 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.

**St Columba's & St Mary's Repositories:** why not spread the faith by giving your friends and family a religious gift.

**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

**Dates for your Social Calendar:** (all proceeds to St Mary's Restoration Fund)

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

**Blackpool Comes to St Mary's**, Afternoon of Music with Gary White, St Mary's Church Hall, Sunday 23rd April at 2.30pm. Tickets £7 from gerardfulton@yahoo.co.uk or tele 07496 539968

**Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday (February 22nd), and is a day of fasting and abstinence.**

Mass times with Distribution of Ashes:

St Columba's 9am

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

St Mary's 10am, 2pm (School attending both), and 6pm.

**The Season of Lent** once again sees us enter into more solemn liturgy: with the altar bedecked in purple, the glorious Gloria suspended, flowers noticeable by their absence, we forego singing Alleluia and thus the Gospel Acclamation changes, and hymns are chosen of a more somber nature. It is also a season when silence reasserts itself. To enable this Lenten atmosphere to deepen in our Sunday Liturgy the post Communion Hymn will be replaced by silent thanksgiving. In St Mary's the Communion Refrain will change and will cease once the last person has received Communion to allow for silent thanksgiving.

As both the Fabric and Finance of our parishes require constant attention and care even more so the liturgy. The Sacred Liturgy is the most important thing we do together as Christians and should be given the lions share of our time, and the very best of our resources. To this end please consider giving of your talents to enhance our liturgies.

This Sunday the **Ministry Sign-Up Sheets** will be distributed with the Newsletter. Please keep them as a focus of your prayer throughout Lent so that at Easter you have a good sense of what God's asking of you with regard to engaging in parish life.

May the Holy Spirit inspire you in prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent, and engage you ever more fully in the life of your parish, and of God.