

**Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.**

**Sunday Mass 10.30am** (livestreamed)

Mon - Sat Mass 10am

**Confessions: Saturday 10.30-11am**

**Saturday 3.30pm-4pm**

**Stations of the Cross before each weekday Mass except Saturday.**

**Novena to St Anthony Tues Mass**

**Adoration: Saturday 10.30-11am**

**Sunday Mass 11.30am**

**Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am**

**Saturday 9am**

**Confessions after Saturday Mass**

**Stations of the Cross before each weekday Mass.**

**Adoration 8.30am Saturday**

**Vigil Mass 6pm**

**Sunday Mass 10am**

**Monday & Wednesday 6.30pm**

**Friday 8.30am**

**Confessions: Saturday 5.15- 5.45pm**

**Stations of the Cross before weekday Mass.**

**Adoration 6pm Wednesday.**

**Sunday 26th February, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), The Temptation in the Wilderness, Mt 5:38-48**

Responsorial Psalm : **Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Communion Procession Refrain (St Mary's): **Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.**

**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 appropriate to sing the Latin chants provided in the Missal. It is 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.



**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Eleanor (Nellie) Wright, Ged Farrell, Ellen Feeney, Dianne Hill, Mary Walsh and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Andrew Bourke, Maureen Denney, Rose Sandeman, Jessie Robertson, Margaret McSheery, Isabella & Ann Taylor, Joe Grant, Catherine McNally and John Brown. 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, Kym Edwards, William Reid, Gordon Pirie. (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 10am Saturday Mass in St Mary's will be offered every week for the sick of the parishes.

Last week's collection/**Ecclesiastical Students Fund:**

St Columba's £308/**£67** SS Leonard & Fergus £1094/**104**

St Mary's £1306

As there was no Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund taken up last week in St Mary's it will be taken up today.

Your parish relies on your financial support. Please consider Gift Aiding your collection and/or paying by Standing Order. Forms available in the foyer. On behalf of those whom your generosity supports 'Thank you'.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner David Pillen (115).

**St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF):** Congratulations to this week's winner Alison Colgan (21).

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

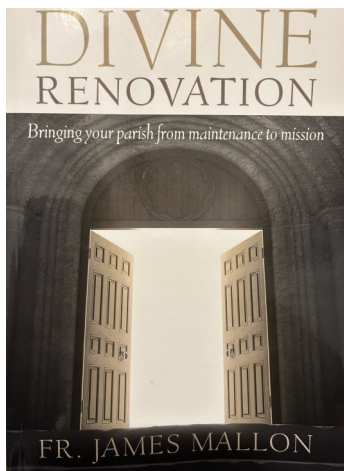
**Diocesan Lenten Day of Renewal and Prayer**

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.

**Fire Risk Assessment (FRA):** St Mary's Church, house and hall went through an extensive FRA this week, this will result in a report that will recommend improvements in our Fire Safety protocols as well as providing accurate capacity figures for the hall. Each parish in the diocese will be required to conduct a FRA so SS Leonard & Fergus, and St Columba's will have their turn.

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

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



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***. 70 copies of the book have been ordered. In the meantime photocopies of each chapter will be made available at the back of each church. All are welcome.

#### **Divine Renovation Lenten Faith Sharing Groups:**

- ♦ St Columba's after Sunday Mass
- ♦ St Mary's after Sunday Mass (12noon until 1pm), and 6.30pm on Thursday
- ♦ SS Leonard & Fergus after Sunday Mass, and after 6.30pm Weds Mass.

From Audrey Toshney regarding this Sunday's meeting for Divine Renovation in SS L&F: "I propose to start at 12 mid-day in the Church, as some of the participants are involved in the tea and coffee for those making their confirmation. Subsequent meetings will commence at 11.30 am."

### **Co-creators**

**J**esus is tempted to use creation just for himself.

**T**his can happen with money, other people, the environment and religion. We are called to look after God's creation, not control it.

**T**o be co-workers with God is our call – to focus on people as well as plans, to feel the needs here and abroad.

**O**ne view of God is that he looks after the world for good or bad, and we are just the receivers. The other is that we are co-workers in developing the world and God's creation. Jesus was tempted to throw himself away from the world as he knew it, but he did not. He would live by the word of God, and God would care for him as for the parents in the first reading.

**'A** Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us' (Pope Francis, 2015).

**T**he temptation to **J**esus was to take him off the path of his father. Like him, we are often tempted to use the creation of God just for our benefit. Our call is to be co-creators of the world with God.

*Imagine a garden where everything is beautiful. It is the 'creation' of a gardener.  
Then imagine that someone has ruined one corner of it  
– notice the difference.*

*Apply this to how we treat God's creation.  
May we care for your creation, O Lord, with the love you have*

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

**Thanks to Fr Greg Murphy O.P.** as he covers Mass in St Columba's this week as Fr Alex helps with Confirmations.

St Mary's **Prize Bingo** in aid of Restoration Fund raised £641. Thanks to all those who supported an enjoyable night.

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

**Cecilian Choir Concert**, Wednesday 22nd March, 7-8pm in St Mary's Church followed by refreshments in the hall.

**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](mailto:gerardfulton@yahoo.co.uk) or tele 07496 539968

**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:** Ellen (Nel) Feeney, 10am Funeral Mass, Wednesday 1st March; Eleanor (Nellie) Wright, 10am Funeral Mass, Thursday 9th March;

**SS Leonard & Fergus:**

A warm welcome to Bishop Emeritus Stephen Robson who will confer Confirmation on the pupils of St Andrew's & St Fergus this Sunday. May the Holy Spirit be forever their guide and comfort, and keep them faithful to God's commandments and to the Church.  
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.

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

**World Day of Prayer:** Friday 3rd March, in Logie & St John's (Cross) Church, Shaftesbury Terrace (off Blackness Avenue), 2.30pm. All Welcome. 'I have heard about your faith' (Eph 1:15) written by Christian Women of Taiwan.

**Sung Vespers** (with the Diocesan Choir) & **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** this coming Sunday 26 February, the First Sunday of Lent at 4pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

Would you like to join Fr Johney Raphael and parishioners of St Clements/St Ninians on their **Pilgrimage to Fatima**? It is 5 days/ 4 nights – 20th to 24th June 2023. Flight from Scotland to Lisbon Tentative Cost £ 700/ £750 based on 2 sharing. If you would like more information please contact Fr Johney 07831 580 361 or Bernadette Dailly 07919106129 email bdailly@btinternet.com

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.

**Money Matters:** Each parish has submitted its end of year accounts to the Diocesan Office, and has had an internal audit conducted by the Diocesan Accountant and her assistant.

**Internal Audits:** "A review of the accounting records of St Mary's, St Leornard & 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)

**SS Leonard & Fergus Summary Accounts 2023**

Income		Expenditure	
Offertory & Gift Aid	£60,134	Priests Salary & Clergy	£ 3,659
Candles	£ 1,444	Travel & hospitality, Retreats & Conferences	£ 4,544
Hall income	£ 7,375	Property costs inc. maintenance hall consumables	£14,890
Misc. income inc. donations, interest	£32,134 *	Liturgical & Pastoral inc. papers, books, wine, flowers	£ 8,086
Parish special collections	£ 8,049	Special collections e.g. J&P wee boxes etc.	£ 9,890
100 club	£ 1,090	Office expenses inc. stationary, printing	£ 1,538
		Establishment costs inc. church, house, hall heat & light	£ 8,582
		General Purpose levy	£10,280
		Insurance	£ 2,725

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£110,226</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£64,194</b>
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Includes single donation of £28,100 to the Jubilee fund

<b>Balance in bank account as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022</b>	<b>£82,085</b>	<b>Flagstone Investment Management</b>
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