

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; 9.30am (School Mass)

Confessions: Saturday 5.15- 5.45pm

Stations of the Cross before weekday Mass.

Adoration 6pm Wednesday.

Sunday 5th March, 2nd Sunday in Lent (Year A),

His face shone like the sun,

Mt 17:1-9

Responsorial Psalm : **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ**

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.



San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.
 Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.
 Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in
 ex-cél-sis.
 A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
 A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
 A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Eleanor (Nellie) Wright, Roma Rankie, Cathy McNally & Kevin Moore; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Chris Convery, Fausto Reyes, Clair Gibb, Michael Fleming, Veronica & Carlo Assenti, Andrew Brouke, Patrick Stewart, Thomas Laing, Kate Brogan and Mary Regan. 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: Marie Miller, Brian Davie & Paul Markie (this list will be cleared each calendar month). Please send any names for these lists to the parish email address or add them to the lists 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.

Funerals: St Mary's: Eleanor (Nellie) Wright, 10am Funeral Mass, Thursday 9th March; **St Leonard & Fergus:** Cathy McNally, Balgay Cemetery Main Entrance 2.30pm Wednesday 8th March.

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

St Columba's £436

SS Leonard & Fergus £1015

St Mary's £1498/**£412**

The next **Special Collection:** Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) is on 19th March:- 4th Sunday of Lent

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 benefits 'Thank you'.

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner Frances Traynor (18).

St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF): Congratulations to this week's winner Barbara Ashwood (46).

St Columba's bonus ball: started last week. Still money to collect. Winner will be announced on Sundays.

Mary's Meals: a further £250 was sent from SSL&F. Kathleen Tracey expresses her thanks.

SCIAF Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal: a further £530 was sent from St Mary's.

The Launch of our WEE BOX: From a parishioner who attended the training session last Saturday: 'Not many people know that SCIAF contributes relief to places closer to home. Especially the youth are interested in contributing to Ukraine and Syria. However we know that SCIAF distributes money fairly across every country it supports. Can you share this knowledge especially to concerned youth who relate more to disasters in their social media.'

Tri-Parish Matters: **Congratulations** to those children of St Andrew's and St Fergus' Primary Schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday in **SS Leonard & Fergus**. Please continue to keep all those children in our Primary Schools who are preparing to receive the Sacraments in your prayers. The parishes' thanks to those who provided hospitality to Bishop Emeritus Stephen Robson and the families of the children. A special acknowledgment of the sterling work Fr Alex does with the schools.

St Mary's Sunday Mass will be led by the children of the parish this week. Please support them by your presence and your prayers. This will hopefully become a two-monthly event alternating with a Mass led by the school.

St Mary's School Mass: 10am Wednesday 8th March led by P6. Please come along and pray for our young people.

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, place an envelope with the same information (mark it clearly SVdP) into the collection box/plate. These will be passed directly to a member of SVdP without being opened by anyone else, including the priests.

Please prayerfully support Susan Milne and Lewis Donnelly who are preparing to be received into Full Communion with the Church this Easter.

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. **Ministry Sign-Up Sheets** are available in the foyer. 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.

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: The next Holy Hour (6pm) and Holy Mass(7pm) to pray for Vocations and for our priests is this Tuesday 25th April in The Immaculate Conception, Lochee. Please join us. Thanks to Fr Greg Murphy O.P. for celebrating the last Serra Mass and for an entertaining informative talk afterwards.

Hall Use: please note that our halls are available for private lets and community use at very competitive rates. 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.

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.

Property Matters: **St Columba's new gas boiler** has been installed and should be operational on Sunday. Thanks to John O'Meara and the Fabric Team for all their work making this a reality. Thanks, also, to all those involved in clearing up St Columba's Church House after burst pipes caused considerable water damage.

Fire Risk Assessment (FRA): St Mary's Church, house and hall went through an extensive FRA, that will generate recommended improvements in 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 to come.

A Key Register Form has been placed at the back of each church to determine who holds keys for each parish. This is not just a matter of good housing keeping and security, but also handy for insurance purposes. If you have keys that you no longer use please hand them back.

Parish Safeguarding Coordinators: Emily Murphy (Immaculate Conception), Susan Ertle (St Columba's) and Helen Grossi (SS Leonard & Fergus) contact details are available in the foyer of each church.

Divine Renovation Lenten Faith Sharing Groups: do you desire to see your parish flourish...

- ◆ St Columba's after Sunday Mass
- ◆ St Mary's after Sunday Mass (12noon until 1pm), or 6.30pm on Thursday
- ◆ SS Leonard & Fergus after Sunday Mass (11.30am), or after 6.30pm Weds Mass.

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 or tele 07496 539968

Refreshments in the Hall after Sunday Mass: Please come along and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners.

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.

Diocesan News

The Dunkeld Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage (14th to 21st 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.

Diocesan Lenten Day of Renewal and Prayer

This will take place on Saturday 11th March from 10am—3pm, 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. To register, email StAndrew@dunkelldioocese.org.uk or text 07948 215010.

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

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

Background to this Sunday's Gospel Reading

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest. (loyolapress.com)

Baptisms: Please keep Arlo Alexander Mitchell (and his family) in your prayers as he became the latest edition to St Mary's Catholic Family after his baptism last Sunday. This Sunday Jacob James Carroll is due to be baptized. Please keep him (and his family) in your prayers as they make solemn promises to God to 'bring him up to keep God's commandments...and to train him in the practice of the faith.'

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

Minute of St Mary's Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 19th January, 2023

Present: Fr. Jim, Fr. Alexander, Deacon Len, A. Creegan, K. Duffy, L. Gould, A. Hampton, P. Johnston, A. Smith, L. Smith, E. Murphy **Apologies:** A. Singleton, G. Fitzpatrick, A. Mills

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a prayer and Anne Creegan welcomed Pauline to her first Parish Council meeting. The minute of the previous meeting was read and approved by A. Hampton and L. Gould

Matters Arising:

Sunday Mass - Sign up Sunday: To invite more people to help with various jobs in the church Fr. Jim gave everyone a copy of the sign-up-sheets which will be made available to all parishioners in the very near future. He also spoke about the decline in numbers of people attending church, not only in St. Mary's but all over, and said that a way forward would have to be found. He mentioned a book by Fr James Mallon called "Divine Renovation" illustrating what could be done to rectify this and he hoped to start a programme of workshops during Lent based on this book.

Children's Liturgy: Lynn said that this is going very well.

School-Parish Sacrament Preparation Programme: Lisa said that the pupils had completed the sacrament of Reconciliation on 20th December, 2022. Their second confession would be on 28th March, 2023 at 6.00 p.m. First Holy Communion would take place on Saturday, 3rd June, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Hall: Anne H. said that £8261.80 had been transferred to the OPAS Parish account. One of the stairs to the upper hall is closed due to water damage and access is now by one stairway only. We have been told that Fire Regulations now state that the upper hall capacity should be 60 and the lower hall 91.

Fabric & Planning:

Restoration Project: A copy of the minutes of two meetings, held in November, 2022, with the architects were distributed. The outcome of the meetings was that the group reluctantly agreed to delay the application so that a high standard application could be submitted.

Energy Use/Bill Monitoring: John Omeara will be in tomorrow to discuss bill procedures.

Church Heating: A copy of the report John O'Meara had prepared with regard to finding a heating solution for the church was distributed. He said that best type of heating could be infrared halogen heaters attached to the walls. There are two companies who provide free quotations and are church heating specialists. Further investigation reqd.

Fund Raising & Social Committee:

Programme of events to be discussed: 24th February, 2023 Bingo; March - St. Patrick's Night?
23rd April, 2023 - Sing along with Gary White

Finance Committee:

Fr. Jim and Pauline visited the diocesan office to discuss the working of OPAS in relation to Gift Aid.

Gift Aid envelopes will have to be ordered. (The last envelope date is 28th May, 2023)

Special Collection: Fr. Jim suggested that if it was thought that there were too many Special Collections it might be an option periodically to simply make a donation from Parish Funds.

SVdP: Alan said that they were helping more families and praised the generosity of the parishioners. They had bought £500 of vouchers from Farmfoods to be given to needy families. Personal items e.g. socks, blankets, etc. will be made available.

100 Club: Anne C said that we had 96-97 members.

Ecumenical: Emily said that the switching on of the Lochee Christmas lights went well. A short service was held before in Lochee Parish Church and refreshments afterwards in St. Mary's.

SCIAF: £1500 had been sent for the Water Project.

Kathleen said that SCIAF boxes would be sent to the church.

Grateful thanks from the recipients of the Christmas Sock Appeal.

She asked if the Stations of the Cross would be taking place on Friday

morning during Lent. It was confirmed they would - starting at 9.30 a.m.

AOCB: Fr. Jim said a big thank you to Anne Hampton and Anne Creegan for the work they did in organising the Christmas Party. It was very much appreciated.

The meeting was closed with a prayer from Fr. Alexander.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 23rd March, 2023