

**Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.**

**Sunday Mass 10.30am (livestreamed)**

**Mon - Sat Mass 10am**

**Friday Mass 10.30am**

**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 12th March, 3rd Sunday in Lent (Year A), A spring of water welling up to eternal life, John4:5-42**

Responsorial Psalm : **O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts."**

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

Communion Procession Refrain (St Mary's): **Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Peter Reilly & Agnes Crystal; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Laing, Jane Robbins, Gerry Hendry, Veronica Jackson, Mary & Frank McCabe, Tom Rooney, James Fagan, Helen Fagan, William Bird, Richard Halliday, Eddie Folan, David & Nan Hynd, and Mary Love . 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, Archie MacCallum, Winnie McKenzie, William Reid, Alison Hogg, Agnes Mulligan & 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:** Peter Reilly, 11.45am Funeral Service, Monday 13th March;

Agnes Crystal, 11.45am Funeral Service, Monday 20th March.

**St Leonard and St Fergus**

First Reconciliation: Thursday, 1:45pm, for First Holy Communion Candidates from St Andrew's and St Fergus Primary Schools.

Catechism Class in preparation for First Holy Communion, for children who attend Non-denominational schools on Fridays at 4pm. Any child in primary 4 and above are welcome.



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.

**Finance Matters:** Last week's collection:

St Columba's £276

SS Leonard & Fergus £1011

St Mary's £1448

Next week **Special Collection:** Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF)

Please consider Gift Aiding your collection and/or paying by Standing Order (forms available in the foyer). Gift Aid donors are reminded that they need to ensure that they have paid sufficient tax to cover claims.

Thanks to everyone who financially support the parishes; and enables the Church to reach out to those in need.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner Willie Grant (116).

**St Leonard & St Fergus 100 Club (SCIAF):** Congratulations to this week's winner Linda Costello (64).

**St Columba's Bonus Ball** has restarted please see Kathy Hutton for details.

**St Columba's:** would the person who uses the No.6 Gift Aid envelope please make themselves known to a member of the Finance Team.

**SCIAF WEE BOX:** please pick one up; as you know the money is targeted to some of the poorest people on our planet. As they say: the Wee Box makes a Big Difference.

**Tri-Parish Matters:**

**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](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.

**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:** Thanks to all those involved in the ongoing work in St Columba's Church House.

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.

## **CONCERT**

An evening of music and song performed by Cecilian Choir

**St Mary's Lochee**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**7pm-8pm**

(Doors at 6.30pm)

(Refreshments afterwards)

**FREE ENTRY**

Optional donation on departure in aid of St Mary's Renovation fund

**Parish Safeguarding** Coordinators: Emily Murphy (Immaculate Conception), Susan Etle (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:**

**Mini Market**, in St Mary's Hall after the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass. Proceeds to SCIAF.

**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. Proceeds to St Mary's Restoration Fund.

**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** (14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Would you like to join Fr Johny 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 Johny 07831 580 361 or Bernadette Dailly 07919106129 email bdailly@btinternet.com

**Youths (18-30years) residing in Dundee** are invited to a half-day Lenten retreat. The retreat will be held in St Andrews on Saturday 18th March, from 10am to 1pm. The retreat will conclude with lunch together. All those interested can sign up by scanning the QR code on the poster, or by contacting Fr Jean Gové for more information.

### ***The well is deep***

**A** famous picture has the Samaritan woman looking into the well and seeing there her image - and the image of Jesus. In the depths of the well of her life is the presence of Jesus.

In the depths of the well, when we are in love, pain, death, decision, joy, we find God. God is near when we are near to our-selves, even in shame and sin. We thirst for meaning in life, for knowing we are totally loved, for community and companion-ship - and God offers all this.

This is the offering of God - the living water is the Holy Spirit. We thirst for inclusion - the disciples in this story did not want Jesus talking to a woman. So much of the religion of the time separated people. In the depths of the well we are all equal.

**We** find the mercy of God in the well. As we go into the depths of prayer and ourselves we are open to mercy. We may put conditions on God's mercy - naming our sins, or numbering them. At the bottom of the well is the water of mercy.

**Of** the mercy of God, Pope Francis says that '*there is no sin or crime of any kind that can erase from the mind or heart of God even one of the children he has created*' (November 2013).

*Imagine yourself looking into a well;  
see the face of Jesus looking at you from its depths.  
He looks at you with love. Lord, send me the living water of the Holy Spirit.*

**Donal Neary SJ:**

**Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew**

[www.messenger.ie/bookshop/](http://www.messenger.ie/bookshop/)

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

## Minutes of St Columba's Parish Pastoral Council 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Attending

Martyn, Ann, Ian, Bill, Kathy, Sylvia, Brian, Arthur, Sandra, Sue, Father Jim, Father Alex, Eddie, Jackie, Sharon, Monica, Catherine and Susan.

The meeting was presided by Chair (Ann). Father Alex opened the meeting with prayers.

**Apologies** Were tendered by Angela.

Minutes of the previous *PPC meeting* were approved by Catherine and Sandra and the Minutes of the *PPC extraordinary meeting* were approved by Bill and Sandra.

**Amendments and follow up from previous meetings.** These were read out by members to include.

Update on the Tasks of the Parish. Heating update. Sue gave a report on increasing numbers to the Parish through open doors. Report of Cosy Café included funding, advertising, banners and other ways to promote. Finance and Grants.

**Finance report.** Was read out by Ian, that included: Finance commitments; Collecting; Gift Aid; Admin. Procedure; Property Costs; Consumable Costs

Ian also reported bank balances from the previous 3 years. Current Balance is approximately £120,000.

Finance discussion was opened up to the committee and suggestions to raise money were put forward to include: 100 Club; Mass announcement to increase donations; Coffee mornings.

Briefly a leaflet drop was discussed, however Father Jim suggested this would be better after we have fulfilled *Divine Renovation*.

**Sign up Sunday and Divine Renovation:** Father Jim guided the group through the process of Divine Renovation that includes: Studying the writings; Passing on faith; Encouraging others; Involvement; Faith sharing; Educating; Hard work.

Father Jim went on to explain that Tony Lappin will attend our Mass on February 19<sup>th</sup> to address a talk. Then we are invited to attend an event at Saints Leonard and Fergus to hear about the ALPHA course.

**Social Media:** Martyn suggested a Parish Facebook page. He explained social media could be made to promote local interest. Some members were unsure. However, Martyn explained that it's a modern way of communicating a Faith message and many churches have one, he was asked to create one and he asked others to share the page as widely as they can.

**Fabric Report:** Martyn ran through the continuing issues of repairs and maintenance, to include: Ian monitoring the temperature and humidity in the Church building and house; Heating replacement boiler has been approved and an up to date quote is to be given by the previous preferred bidder; Temporary heating installed since December 18<sup>th</sup> has been a success and is allowing continued use of the Church building for having Mass on a Sunday; Flooring imperfection has been identified by the Fabric committee as bad workmanship by the damp inspectors who relayed the floor badly; Fabric team will assess the damage done to the church house by the recent water damage.

### **AOCB: Pilgrimage**

Angela through Martyn's proxy has suggested a pilgrimage to Iona as a way to renew the Parish. Angela reported by proxy that we should open it up to all three Parishes. A date of June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 was agreed provisionally. Martyn and Angela have the experience and can organise, however additional help is needed from the following temporary positions in the council: Bookkeeper; Money collector; Fixer.

**Ideas: Secular sharing of St Columba's estate.** Martyn briefly presented an out the box idea to create a *faith\secular* arrangement to generate money for the Parish and Diocese. He introduced an engineering drawing and business plan. However, it was not a proposal agreed to pursue further by council. Martyn submitted the documents on approval to the Diocese Fabric Committee.

**Parish Prayer:** Father Alex thought the old Parish Prayer should be brought in during the Mass. Father Jim objected to it during the Mass, but saw no reason to say it after the Mass. Others agreed they could say it silently during the Mass. Brian suggested spending 5 minutes at the end of Mass to recite the prayer.

### **Footnotes:**

Issues of temperature fluctuation in the hall refrigerator was raised and Father Jim was asked if money can be released to buy a new one.

**Date of Next Meeting** Sue suggested the next meeting be brought forward since there is a time limit on Parish survival. **March the 14th 2023 was the agreed date**

With no other business the meeting closed with prayers said by Father Alex.