

## Front Page Good News...

**Please put everything else aside to attend The Triduum: these 3 celebrations combine to form one Liturgy in which we as a Catholic Christian Community celebrate our Lord's Life, Death & Resurrection.**

**It is central to everything we do and are.**

### **Lenten Service**

Tuesday 28th March at 6pm in St Mary's **Reconciliation Service** for those children (and families) making their First Holy Communion this year.

Friday 31st March at 2pm in St Mary's **The Way of the Cross** enacted by the P7 pupils

### **Holy Week Services (Mon 3th—Sat 8th April 2023)**

#### **Confessions during Holy Week**

St Leonard & St Fergus—Monday 6pm: Penitential Service with General Absolution

St Mary's—Tuesday 6pm Penitential Service with General Absolution

Saturday mornings—after Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

#### **Masses: Monday—Wednesday**

Monday: St Mary's 10am; St Leonard & St Fergus 6.30pm

Tuesday: St Columba's 8.30am; St Mary's 10am

Wednesday: St Mary's—Mass 10am; St Andrew's Cathedral—ChrisM Mass 7pm.

**Please note there will be no Mass in St Leonard & St Fergus on Wednesday evening.**

Thursday: **No morning Masses.**

### **The Sacred Triduum**

#### **Holy Thursday - 6th April**

**St Mary's**—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm; Watching at the Altar of Repose ending with Night Prayer at 9pm;

**St Leonard & St Fergus'**—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm; Watching at the Altar of Repose ending with Night Prayer at 9pm;

#### **Good Friday (A Day of Fasting and Abstinence) - 7th April**

**St Mary's**—Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10am— to which we welcome our Christian Brothers and Sisters from the other denominations; **Passion of the Lord 3pm; Stations of the Cross 7pm**

**St Leonard & St Fergus**—Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9am; Stations of the Cross 12noon

**St Columba's**—**Passion of the Lord 3pm.**

#### **Holy Saturday - 8th April**

**St Mary's**—Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10am;

**St Columba's**—Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9am.

(Confessions available only in the morning after the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer)

***Easter Vigil: St Mary's 8.30pm; St Leonard & St Fergus 8.30pm.***

(Refreshments in St Mary's Church Hall after Vigil. Please come and continue the celebration )

**Easter Sunday:** Masses as usual—

St Leonard & St Fergus 10am; St Mary's 10.30am; St Columba's 11.30am.

**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 26th March, 5th Sunday in Lent,**

**I am the resurrection and the life**

**John 11:1-45**

**Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**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: Alison Hogg, Anne McGregor, Tom McAfeaty, May Weir and Anne Flight; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bernard Robertson, Mgr Hugh McNally, George Fleming, Stephen Keenan, Mark Vannet, Francis Rice, Bob Sharp, Betty Inglis, Susan Ogilvie, Corrie Dempsey, Teresa Dempsey, Jacqueline Dempsey, James Goodman, Edward Burns, Ann Duffy, Francis Duffy, David Keir, David & Nan Hynd.

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: Andy Madoc-Jones, Scott Brown, Gordon Pirie, Marie Miller, Brian Davie, Archie MacCallum, Winnie McKenzie, William Reid, 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 Leonard and St Fergus**

Anne McGregor - Reception of Remains Mon 5.30pm

Funeral Mass, Tuesday 28th March, 11.30am.



### **St Leonard and St Fergus**

Heartfelt condolences to Mike McGregor and family. As many of you know Anne was a stalwart of SSL&F and was the church hall keeper for over 20 years. In this position she raised considerable funds for the parish. In her last days Anne even persuaded her daughter Alison to take over as Hall keeper. May the angles lead you into paradise Anne.

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.

Linda Costello writes: 'After many years Benny Robertson is resigning as treasurer of the Ss Leonard and Fergus Conference of St Vincent de Paul. Is there anyone in the parish who would be willing to take on this task? We thank Benny for doing such a good job over the years.'

**Finance Matters:** Last week's collection/**Papal Charities including SCIAF**

St Columba's £448/£122

SS Leonard & Fergus £1010/£245

St Mary's £1349/782

Next **Special Collection** is for the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land which takes place on Good Friday. 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 Lisa Gauld (114).

**Heartfelt thanks** to God, the Cecilian choir, Mary Veal (Harpist & Conductor), Mhairi Shrimpton (pianist), Kevin Veal (organist), and the ladies of the parish (caterers) for a wonderful evening of music, song and hospitality. In the process £495 was raised for St Mary's Renovation Fund. Special thanks to Deacon Len for coordinating this.

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

**Please** bring your SCIAF Wee Boxes to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It is appropriate that they be brought down in the offertory procession on that Holy Night.

**Parish Councils:** St Columba's and St Mary's have both had PC meetings in the last couple of weeks. Minutes of which will be displayed in the near future.

**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 Tuesday 25th April 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. 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; and for St Columba's Arthur McEwan.

**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.

'A group of us have started up an Open Doors Café, on Wednesdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm in **St Columba's church hall**. It has been up and running for a few months now and we would love to welcome more people. Particularly for those who live in the Kirkton area, could you have a chat with people in your street that you talk to and invite them along? If you would like to know more about the café, you could have a chat with one of us. Angela, Sue, Susan, Monica, Rosalind and Ann.'

**St Columba's Social Committee** up and running if you'd like to help please speak to either Kathy, Sue or Ann.

**Pentecost Sunday:** St Mary's is planning a *Celebration of our Diversity*. Would all the different nationalities attending St Mary's think about how they could contribute to the Mass e.g. sing a hymn in Tagalog, a reading in Tamil. Then after the celebration of Holy Mass we would celebrate our different cultures through dance, song, national dress, and food in the hall. Please start to think about how we can truly celebrate our Catholicism, our Universal Church, our diversity in unity, in our good God.

**Property Matters:** John O'Meara addressed St Mary's Parish Council on Thursday and informed us that the major grant application for Historic Environment Scotland will have to be dramatically reduced as the funds available are much less than previously. Basically, the project will have to be broken down into smaller jobs and smaller separate grants applied for. Thank God we are being guided by John O'Meara and Sanam Ogden.

**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.

'Receiving the Bread of Life, the disciples of Christ ready themselves to undertake with the strength of the Risen Lord and his Spirit the tasks which await them in their ordinary life. For the faithful who have understood the meaning of what they have done, the Eucharistic celebration does not stop at the church door. Like the first witnesses of the resurrection, Christians who gather each Sunday to experience and proclaim the presence of the Risen Lord are called to evangelise and bear witness in their daily lives.' (John Paul II, Dies Domini, 45)

The supplier of the DV book says that he will send out the remainder of our order on Monday. Fingers crossed!

### **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://joewalstours.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 – 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### ***A Human Heart***

**W**hen people read this they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God, God of heaven, man of the earth, weep-ing over a friend.

**H**is was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there - the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence.

**T**he one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. The one who'd give a wink at the sign of peace! Not always so serious, even about religion. There's no such thing as a sad saint!

**H**e is a good friend. Friendship gives new spirit.

When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more im-portant than our own.

**S**o the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us.

*Picture your friends and those you love and give thanks to God for each of them.*

*Lord, help me to keep love and friendship alive in my life.*

**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. Once again thanks to Mgr Ken McCaffrey for printing off our newsletters. This might become a more permanent arrangement, as sharing a photocopier would be a considerable saving for both parishes.**