

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.

Many thanks to the P7 pupils for an excellent performance of **The Way of the Cross** on Friday. A credit to the school and their families. May God bless them abundantly over the Easter Holidays.

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' 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—10am Office of Reading and Morning Prayer; 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 - Weds Mass 10am
 Stations of the Cross before weekday Mass
 Novena to St Anthony Tues Mass

Sunday Mass 11.30am
Tuesday 8.30am
 Stations of the Cross before weekday Mass.

Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday Mass 10am
Monday 6.30pm
 Stations of the Cross before weekday Mass.

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Sunday 2nd April, Palm Sunday, The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Procession Refrain (St Mary's): And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Morag Mochan, Anne Flight; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barbara Cossans, Victoria Obiorah, Stella Stewart, Meg Marr, James Marr, Catherine Folan, Cathie Gibson, and Martin Begam.

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.



Received from Deacon Len:

'Dear Father Jim

Regrettably, it is time for me to retire as a Deacon. Age has caught up! You have given me a priceless chance to work and meet the lovely people of our parish. Many thanks for your support and giving me memories of everyone here that I wouldn't swap for anything. May God bless you all.

Love and Blessings

Len'

Deacon Len will attend the Easter Vigil as Lewis' sponsor, and then will come back for our Pentecost Celebration for a final farewell. On behalf of everyone in St Mary's I would like to thank Deacon Len for his 6 months of hard work and companionship. I'm sure his cheery presence will be missed by many. May God bless him and keep him.

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Serving Priests - Fr Jim Walls & Fr Alexander Obiorah; Deacon - Rev Len Moir

Tri-Parish Website - www.stmaryslochee.org.uk (stcolumbaskirkton.org.uk, stleonardandstfergus.org.uk)

Hospital Chaplain Mobile number 07821 624124; Safeguarding Coordinators: Emily Murphy, Susan Ettle, Helen Grossi.

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

St Columba's £325

SS Leonard & Fergus £975

St Mary's £1289/£155

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 Moira Green (57).

St Patrick's Night raised £661 for St Mary's Renovation Fund. Thanks to Steve Keenan for organizing this.

St Columba's Bonus Ball raised £70 many thanks.

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.

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.

Sign Up Sunday will be on the 4th Sunday of Easter (30 April). This will allow Avril Kidd (Chair of SSL&F) to present at the end of Sunday Masses about what Sign up Sunday is about, and what is required in the various ministries. **Ministry Sign-Up Sheets** are available in the foyer. Please continue to prayerfully discern how God is calling you to use your talents and time to more fully engage in parish life. Our parishes depend on each of us engaging.

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 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 (arthurtmcewan@gmail.com).

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.

2 year anniversary of our St Columba's cafe.

The cafe first began just after lockdown after a parishioner approached me telling me how lonely she felt having lost a few of her family and friends during the pandemic. After a productive conversation with Fr Mark and the support of Fr Alex and a few parishioners we opened our doors offering tea, coffee, cake and biscuits along with a chat on a Wednesday morning. However after a few months we were informed that "Taught by Mohammed" were offering a 3 course meal at the same time. We then decided to change to a Thursday 11-1pm and add soup to our menu. At that time the government were offering a small start up grant for local initiatives to help with the running costs to help with the cost of living crisis.

So along with "Faith in the community" group, who supported us offering free food hygiene and fundraising courses we were off. Things seem to be going well now and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and commitment and to Frs Jim and Alex for their continuing support. I'd also like to thank all the people who come to our cafe as without them it would be pointless. So if you haven't already been please feel free to join us. All are welcome. Angela Norman



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

Property Matters: John O'Meara addressed St Mary's Parish Council 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 Ettle (St Columba's) and Helen Grossi (SS Leonard & Fergus) contact details are available in the foyer of each church.

Thanks to all those who participated in the **Divine Renovation Lenten Faith Sharing Groups**, especially those who led the groups. It has been suggested that we meet one further time after Easter to round off our deliberations and discern a way forward. To this end I suggest that we meet in the same groups and same times during the Second Week of Easter (i.e. the week beginning Monday 17th April). In the meanwhile I'll endeavour to highlight some of the key themes: Theme 1—Recovering our Identity as a Missionary Church—a light to the nations—Jesus Great Commission centered upon his command to 'make disciples' - people to take the good news to the world—that is the *raison d'être* of the Church—to recover this as our deepest identity reorders all our activities to this end, and re-engages people in the church, and the life of the Spirit.

The next step... Fr Keith Herrera (Cathedral Administrator, St Mary's Aberdeen) has agreed to come and give us a talk on the Holy Spirit and Alpha on Saturday 6th May, 1pm to 3pm. Please book this in your diary.

'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)

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.

Pentecost Sunday Party - after Mass in St Mary's Church Hall—Celebrating our Diversity/Catholicity

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.

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.

The Dunkeld Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage (14th to 21st July) (<https://joewalstours.co.uk>) 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.

Would you like to join the parishioners of St Clements/St Ninians on their **Pilgrimage to Fatima**? 20th to 24th June. Tentative Cost £ 700/ £750 based on 2 sharing. For more information contact Fr Johny 07831 580 361 or Bernadette Dailly 07919106129 email bdailly@btinternet.com

He has endured the cross

Our gospel today is long; it is the first of two readings of the passion and death of Jesus; we hear many sayings and notice events that are familiar to us and to all Christians. Maybe during the week we could take time to reread the gospel account, and watch what happens, going a bit behind the externals.

We will see Jesus being mocked, tortured, hurt, ridiculed, beat-en and killed. We notice his fear in the garden of his agony, and also his willingness to go to the end for what he believes in and sees as his mission in life. We see him being treated unjustly, and a notorious thief being chosen over him for release. We see him on the cross, when he seems to feel neglected by his Father.

We notice also the help he received - the silent sympathy and love of his mother, Simon's help carrying the cross, the sympathy of the 'daughters of Jerusalem', and even the faith of the Roman who said he was a good man, a 'son of God'. We wonder about how he felt with the mockery and with the help he received.

We can identify with much of his suffering, in our own lives and the lives of people close to us. He is the one who 'has en-dured the cross and despised its shame' (Hebrews).

We can often take comfort and consolation from the fact that he identifies with the suffering of the human race, and that his resurrection is the basis of our faith, hope and love.

*Look at or imagine a crucifix, and pray as you feel drawn.
Lord, by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.*

Fr Donal Neary, S.J.
Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew
www.messenger.ie

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.