

<p><b>Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.</b>  <b>Sunday Mass 10.30am</b> (livestreamed)  <b>Monday—Saturday Mass 10am</b> except Friday which has Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</p> <p><b>Confessions: Saturday 10.30-11am</b>  <b>Saturday 3.30-4pm</b></p> <p>Rosary before each weekday Mass            Novena to St Anthony Tues Mass            Adoration: Saturday 10.30-11am.</p>	<p><b>Sunday Mass 11.30am</b>  <b>Tuesday 8.30am</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  <b>Thursday 8.30am</b> Mass</p> <p><b>Confessions: on request</b></p> <p>Rosary before each weekday service</p>	<p><b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>  <b>Sunday Mass 10am</b>  <b>Monday 6.30pm</b> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  <b>Wednesday Mass 6.30pm</b>  <b>Friday 9.30am</b> (Class) Mass (parishioners welcome)  <b>Confessions: Saturday 5.15-5.45pm</b></p> <p>Rosary before each weekday service            Adoration: Wednesday 6pm</p>
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**Sunday 7th May, 5th Sunday of Easter, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life John 14:1-12**

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

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.**

**No one can come to Father except through me. Alleluia!**

**Communion Procession Refrain (St Mary's): God so loved the world He created, that He gave his only Son.**

**Not to condemn but rescue His People: All who believe in Him shall have life!**

**Recessional Hymn: Regina Caeli, Regina Caeli, Laetare. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.**

**Quia quem meruisti portare, quem meruisti portare. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

**Resurrexit sicut dixit (x2) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Sign-Up Sunday has been extended please take the time to fill up a sheet and deposit in the box/basket:**

God our Father, enflame your Spirit in my heart. Help me to be generous with my time, my talents, and my resources in serving your Kingdom through our parish.

Thank you for the gifts you have given me, and allow me to put them at the service of my parish. And this I make as a prayer through Christ your Son. Amen.

**A prayer for Fr Keith Herrera & the Renewal of our Parishes: Loving Lord,**

We have set out on the path of Divine Renovation trusting in your abundant goodness. As Pentecost approaches we await the Holy Spirit to breath now life in us, and in our parishes. Inspire Fr Keith Herrera's words to put new heart within us, and allow us to put out into the deep, courageous in our attempts to draw others into our parishes and Your loving embrace. Amen.

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Sheila Smith, John McGhee, Philip Reilly, Margaret Le Roux, Kenneth McMinn, Jean McLaughlin; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Michael Milton, Margaret Petrie, Euphemia Cleary, Stella Young, Alec Young, Davina Lawson, Johnny Lawson, William Black, Agnes Taylor, Robert Sandeman, Sean Hearn, Charles McCluskey, Kathleen Jordan, Veronica Sreenan, Paul Cumming, Sheila Grieve, Brian Jordan, George Chmielewski, and Helen Kelly.

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: Denny Reid, William Reid, Andy Madoc Jones, Paul Markie, Allan McCaig, (this list is 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.

**Funerals:** St Mary's: Jean McLaughlin, Funeral Mass, Tuesday 16th May at 10am, thereafter Birkhill Cemetery.

St Mary's, Margaret Traynor, Funeral Service, Friday 12th May at 2.15pm.

May they rest in peace.

**Finance Matters:** Easter Sunday / Last week's collection / **SCIAF Wee boxes**

St Columba's £357

SS Leonard & Fergus £891/**£267**

St Mary's £1485

Next **Special Collection** is for the Apostolate of Communications and will be taken up on 21st May.

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 supports the parishes; and enables the Church to reach out to those in need.

**Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner Sally Dyer (25).

**SS Leonard & Fergus 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner George Creegan (39)

**St Columba's Bonus Ball** is now up and running.

**Blackpool Comes to St Mary's** turned out to be a musical extravaganza thanks to Gary White and his team. Many thanks to all those who made it such an entertaining afternoon, including the raffle organizers and refreshment providers. The final total raised for St Mary's Restoration Fund was £1254.

**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 continue to prayerfully support** Susan Milne and Lewis Donnelly as they settle into life as full members of the Catholic Church.

**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 (14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July)** (<https://joewalshtours.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](mailto:ruthanne@pobox.com) or 07801 227443.

**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 30th May in The Immaculate Conception, Lochee. Thanks to those who support this important initiative.

**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 ([arthurtmcewan@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**St. Columba's Open Door Café** welcomed four senior pupils and their headteacher from St Paul's Highschool. The young people came to entertain us with their musical skills. The performances were of such high quality that we'd like to advertise their end of session performance of the musical 'Frozen'. Tickets will be available from the school for the 13th, 14th and 15th of June.

**Mgr Aldo Angelosanto's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood:** Monday 3rd July at 6.30pm in St Anne's Church, Carnoustie. If anyone requires transport please sign the sheet at the back of St Mary's. If there is enough interest we'll hire a bus. The sign up deadline is Sunday 11th June, as the organisers require numbers.

**Mass Cover:** Fr Greg has generously agree to help out with some weekday Masses whilst Fr Alex enjoys a well earned rest. Mgr Martin Drysdale continues to cover in St Mary's whilst I say the Sunday Masses in SS Leonard & Fergus, and St Columba's. Deacon Charles Hendry is once again helping out with a Funeral Service in St Mary's. Please keep all priests and deacons in your prayers (in this time of fewer priests when we are all being stretched thin) as well as Bishop Stephen who is recovering from surgery. Please note that Bishop's retiral Mass planned for this Thursday has been postponed until his health improves.

**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.

### **Dates for your Social Calendar:**

**Pentecost Sunday Mass 10.30am in St Mary's** – Celebrating Our Diversity and Catholicity followed by an International party in the hall.

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. Thanks to Wendy Sinclair (et al) who has agreed to coordinate this event, and for all those who attended last week's meeting and agreed to help. To coordinate this celebration Wendy and Irene Delaney are sending out a form to the delegates of the various nationalities for them to sign up to various liturgical ministries and activities. The **next preparation meeting is this Sunday (7th May) after 10.30am Mass**.

St Columba's Social Committee is holding a **Beetle Drive** on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale shortly, priced £3 per adult, £1 per child. Any donations for raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Further suggestions on how to raise funds for the Church's upkeep would be gratefully received.

**Oggie! Oggie! Oggie!** - a one man play about the life of St Augustine will be performed in St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday 29th July at 7.30pm. Stephen Callaghan: the writer and actor of the play is also Creative Director of the Archdiocese of Glasgow Art Project. More details to follow.

### **Property Matters**

**St Columba's:** Thanks to those who have arranged the removal and redesign of the back pews in St Columba's. This initiative (enabled with the help of Men's Shed volunteers) should create a flexible space at the back of the church for welcoming, prayer groups, a parish library, alpha courses, etc. All this is aimed at creating an Evangelizing parish reaching out with the Good News as Jesus commanded us to do, but first of all we have to be evangelized ourselves, set aflame with the Holy Spirit, contagious to the world. This new space is first and foremost to accommodate this.

**St Mary's:** The Restoration Steering Group met recently to create an action plan to fulfil the requirements of the various grant providers. We are due to meet again this coming Friday with Saman Ogden (Historical Consultant employed by the Diocese to apply for grants) and John O'Meara (Diocesan Property Manager) to hone the plan. We have been advised that we need to expand our team to include people with expertise in local history, fundraising, and the environment. To this end several individuals within the parish have been approached, however, if you have any experience in these areas please contact Fr Jim.

**Fr Donal Neary, S.J**

**Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew**

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

### ***The Centre holds***

The gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life'. The Christian centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus'. This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group. We follow him as one we know, not a stranger.

We study his life and times, getting to know the places and events of his life, we become familiar with the gospels and get to know him in the heart. Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong. Freedom grows and we begin to find him everywhere.

Different types of people and spirituality stress different aspects of Jesus. The Eastern approach to Jesus is very much the 'way'; while the African is the 'life'. The European stress is the 'truth'. In Europe we need to rediscover also the joy and vibrancy of the African and Latin American expressions of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions. We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to Jesus - way, truth and life. Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them.

**Jesus, our way - guide me in life;  
Jesus, our truth - teach me your meaning of life;  
Jesus, our life - love me always.**

**Key themes of Divine Renovation: Theme 5—Giving Priority to the Sunday Masses** - Fr Mallon pointed out that as a young priest he spent most of his time and energy on things that happened during the week such as funerals and house visits until he realized that the one time in the week when most of the people are gathered, the Sunday Liturgy, was receiving very little of his attention. He then decided to shift his attention to the Sunday Masses concentrating on the 3 H's: Hospitality, Hymns and Homily. This makes sense as the highlight of our week as a Catholic Christian Community is our celebration of Sunday Mass (be it the Vigil or Sunday Morning). It should therefore be receiving the lion's share of our time, talents, and resources.

Fr Mallon also points out that for someone exploring the Catholic Faith that Mass can seem quite foreign and daunting, whilst at the same time acknowledging that Sunday Mass is the main source of catechesis in the parish: the place where we all learn and grow in faith. He recommends (and his experience has shown) that the Alpha course is the ideal first step for someone exploring the Christian Faith. He also recommends it for every parishioner as it renews our faith and gives us the courage to invite others into this wonderful family we call Church.

Giving priority to our Sunday Liturgy is an ongoing process and for the remainder of the Easter Season (until Pentecost Sunday) we will be singing a familiar Communion Hymn so that we can process to receive Communion whilst singing, thus allowing silent thanksgiving once the last person has received Communion. We will also sing the Regina Caeli to conclude Mass. This is the traditional Easter hymn to Our Lady. Working to enhance our Liturgy is one of the main ways in which we give praise to God and show enquirers how seriously we take our faith. Thanks to the organists and choir members who support us in our joyful praise to God.

Another of Fr Mallon's interesting observations was that the Church used to operate out of a Believe, Behave, Belong process, whereby you had to first believe what the Church taught, and then behave accordingly before you could belong, however, he now says that people need to feel they belong, before they start to believe and behave in a Christian manner, thus stressing the priority of being a welcoming, hospitable community that helps people feel that they truly belong. This is something that every parishioner can help create.

**Sign Up Sunday** is being extended to allow those who weren't at Mass last Sunday to hand in their forms...please place your completed form into the box provided...the information will then be collated and stored in a database...thanks to the small team in SSLF who are working with the Diocesan Team to make sure this is done in compliance with GDPR legislation. In the meanwhile St Columba's and Ss Leonard and Fergus are organizing for representatives of the various ministries to be available after Sunday Masses to answer any questions regarding their ministry. This will take place over the next couple of weeks to allow the database to be established and for people to attend Fr Keith Herrera's talk on the Holy Spirit (and Alpha) in preparation for Pentecost.

My hope is that Fr Keith's talk will enhance the influence of the Holy Spirit in our parishes, and enliven our personal relationship with Jesus, so that we may ever more generously engage in the life of our parish, and are encouraged to take the Good News of Jesus to those outside the Church.



**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 Sunday 14th May starting at 2.30pm and concluding at 4.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Gray's Lane, Lochee. DD2 3AP

In preparation for Fr Keith's talk and Pentecost please pray to the Holy Spirit:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



**Please note** that the Minutes for St Mary's Parish Council, and St Columba's Parish Council, are on the Noticeboard, and copies are available in the foyer for anyone who would like to have a closer look. Thanks to Emily Murphy, and Martyn Norman, the Parish Council Secretaries. The next Parish Council Meeting for St Mary's is Wednesday 10th May at 7pm in the Church House. St Columba's next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 30th May at 7pm in the Church Hall.

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