

<p>Vigil Mass at 4.30pm. Sunday Mass 10.30am (livestreamed)</p> <p>Mon - Sat Mass 10am</p> <p>Confessions: Saturday 10.30-11am Saturday 3.30pm-4pm</p> <p>Rosary before weekday Mass. Novena to St Anthony after Tues Mass Adoration: Saturday 10.30-11am</p>	<p>Sunday Mass 11.30am</p> <p>Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am Saturday 9am</p> <p>Confessions after Saturday Mass</p> <p>Rosary before weekday Mass.</p>	<p>Vigil Mass 6pm Sunday Mass 10am</p> <p>Monday & Wednesday 6.30pm Friday 9.30am</p> <p>Confessions: Saturday 5.15-5.45pm</p> <p>Rosary before weekday Mass. Eucharistic Adoration 6pm Wednesday.</p>
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) A sower went out to sow. Matthew 13:1-23

Responsorial Psalm: Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

SS L&F: Dumping at the back of the church, if any Parishioner has knowledge of whom the person is can they please inform the Priests. Thank you.

SS L&F: More volunteers are needed to help with the Slides at Weekend Masses, Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning. You can use the Sign-up sheet at the back of the Church or contact Marie Shafi on 07590048120. I hope our young people would like to give this a go.

SS L&F: There are still raffle ticket prizes to be collected after the recent coffee morning. Please check at the table at the back of the church.

Congratulations to Kimberley McLean and Ryan Leslie who were married in St Mary's last week. May the Lord keep them forever in His Love.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Margaret Cattigan, Denise Kennedy; Bette Gurvan and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barbara Reilly, Theresa Kennedy; Maureen and Roland Rose, Patrick Mulligan, Nan Grant, Kevin Grant, Alex Pankhurst, Frank Wilson, Mary Chivers, Mary Morgan, Frank Kelbie, Frances Kelbie. Antonio Penna, Mary Penna, Colin McMahan, Bella Bain, Maureen Gowans, John Gowans, Hugh Short; William Donnet Snr; William Donnet Jnr.; Mary McDermott, Nancy Dolan, Abbi & Rose Lee, Ted & Joe Trent, Sandra Lawson, Lynn Morris, Brian (Steve) Stephens
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: Allan McGaig, George Milne, Claire Walker, Paul Markie, John Boyle, Andy Madoc Jones, Donna Taylor, Susan Arnott, Kathleen Mitchell, Brian Davie, Lindsay Milton, Deoduth Jooty, Claire Walker; John Urquhart, Scott Brown, (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, Margaret Cattigan (Health Visitor/Brown Lady), Funeral Mass, Thursday 20th July at 10am, followed by Balgay Cemetery.

SS L&F, Denise Kennedy, Funeral Mass, Friday 28th July at 10am.

Finance Matters:

Last week's collection|**The Apostleship of the Sea** St C's £325|79 SS L&F £862|347 St M's £1392

A representative from Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) will give a short talk at each of the Masses in St Mary's this weekend as their annual Special Collection is taken up.

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.

Financial transparency: If any person/organisation wishes to collect in the church they must have the express permission of the Parish Priest, and abide by the protocols laid down by the Diocese as informed by OSCR.

SS Leonard & Fergus 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner Helen Grossi (47).

Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner Anne Singleton (38).

St Columba's Bonus Ball...why not join in...

St Mary's Summer Fayre: After Vigil Mass on Saturday and Sunday morning Mass. All proceeds will go towards the Restoration Fund. There will be Cake and Candy, Tombola, Bric-a-brac and the usual stalls.

Many thanks to the **St Mary's Parishioner** who handed in a cheque for £1,000 to the Restoration Fund on behalf of her late parents

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.

Refreshments in the Hall after Sunday Mass: 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 & family a religious gift.

St Mary's Repository (and Spiritual Library) have now moved into the room at the back of the Church which can be accessed through the door previously occupied by St Francis.

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: no meeting until August.

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:

- St Leonard and Fergus Church Hall Facebook Page or email stleonardandferguschurchhall@outlook.com
- St Columba's Hall please contact Susan Etle on settle123@hotmail.co.uk
- St Mary's Hall please contact Yvonne St Clair on yvonne_stclair@yahoo.co.uk or 01382-623618 Mob 07709040233

Open Doors: St Columba's will close for the Summer holidays and re-open on Wednesday the 16th of August . **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.

In order to financially support the St Columba's Open Door Café there will be a box (taking the place of the SVDP collection) at the back of St Columba's on the First Sunday of Each Month.

St Mary's—Choir Development. At the recent sign-up session a number of parishioners expressed an interest in joining the Choir. This is your opportunity! Our former organist, Jim Murphie (now trainee deacon) and our current organist, Karen Scott, are going to be collaborating on a project to expand and develop the Sunday Mass choir. It is hoped the enlarged choir will begin to sing at Mass after the school holidays, but between now and then, we would ask those of you who signed up for the choir – and anyone else who didn't sign up but are interested in singing with us – to come forward and speak to Jim and Karen after Mass on the next few Sundays. You don't need experience of singing in choirs, just natural enthusiasm and a willingness to come along to rehearse for one hour each week! 'He or she who sings, prays twice'! (St Augustine)

Dates for your Calendar:

St Mary's Guided Tour of Church Monday 17th July at 6pm; entrance free, refreshments afterwards.

Oggie! Oggie! Oggie! - (as part of a Pre-Fringe Summer Tour) a New Modern Solo Play based on the Confessions of St Augustine. Written and performed by Stephen Callaghan will now take place in **St Mary's Church** (rather than hall) on Saturday 29th July at 7.30pm. Stephen is also Creative Director of the Archdiocese of Glasgow Art Project. **Tickets** from www.oggie-dundee.eventbrite.co.uk or 0749 534 7884 and a limited number are available from Norah Sloan (Vigil) and Maureen Murray (10.30am) after Mass in St Mary's

The Mass to mark Bishop Stephen's retiral has now been rescheduled. It will take place in St Andrews's Cathedral on Thursday 24 August at 7pm. An open invitation is extended to everyone. There will be light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall afterwards.

Mgr Aldo's 50th Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Friday 1st September at 6.30pm

St Mary's Doors Open Day (Saturday 23rd September, 11.30am until 4pm) Church tours & refreshments.

The People versus Jack the Ripper by Michael Mulford (Retired Investigative Journalist)—Saturday 7th October at 7pm in St Mary's Church Hall. More details to follow.

Parish Renewal Prayer Group—Every Thursday after Mass in St Mary's. This group will pray specifically for a renewal of faith and missionary fervour in our parishes. All are welcome. See prayer on back page.

St Mary's Reader/Eucharist Ministers Rotas Starting 23rd July available in foyer. as are **Welcomers/Offertory Procession Rotas**. Thanks to the small team that are organising these

SS Leonard & Fergus' Sanctuary & Gathering Space Reordering: Fr Alex, Fr Jim, John O'Meara and a couple of members of the Fabric Team/Parish Council met with the MD of Ormsby's Church Suppliers to discuss the reordering of SSLF's sanctuary. He will now produce a floor plan of the final format. It was agreed that a disabled toilet would replace the Confessional room as is, and that a new Confessional would be situated behind the altar. A foyer encapsulating the space at the back of the church would be created via a floor to roof screen of wood and insulated glass. Bruno Ormsby (the MD) revealed that the altar furnisher that was promised has been slow in being released by another diocese, however he and (John O'Meara suggested) Malcolm Veal (our Diocesan Chancellor) will approach said diocese. It was stressed that the alterations were required for the 2025 and the 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

St Columba's Six Month Review: Fr Jim, Fr Alex, and reps of the Parish Council met with Malcolm Veal (Chancellor of the Diocese) and John Smith (Vice Chancellor) for a six month review. This meeting is part of the process whereby St Columba's has been granted an 18 month window (starting January 2023) to show that it is a viable parish. The meeting heard how numbers attending St Columba's Sunday Mass were up slightly to approximately 50. It also heard that despite spending £10K on a new boiler that the finances were stable. An appeal from the Community Officer of Strathmartine for St Columba's to offer some of the services currently run from the library during its refurbishment in 12 months time was discussed. Fr Alex and PC members were asked to contact the Community Officer to discuss the length of cover required and other possibilities. The Council reached out to the Parish to see the possibility of temporarily providing some of the facilities needed for some Community services held at Kirkton Community Centre when the Centre is being renovated. The discussion is on-going.

As we look to renew our parishes through evangelising Bishop Robert Barron offers some insight:

"Friends, in today's Gospel, Jesus sends the Twelve to evangelize the countryside. To evangelize is to proclaim Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead. When this kerygma, this Paschal Mystery, is not at the heart of the project, Christian evangelization effectively disappears, devolving into a summons to bland religiosity or generic spirituality.

When Jesus crucified and risen is not proclaimed, a beige and unthreatening Catholicism emerges, a thought system that is, at best, an echo of the enviroing culture. Peter Maurin, one of the founders of the Catholic Worker movement, said that the Church has taken its own dynamite and placed it in hermetically sealed containers and sat on the lid.

In a similar vein, Protestant theologian Stanley Hauerwas commented that the problem with Christianity is not that it is socially conservative or politically liberal but that "it is just too damned dull"! For both Maurin and Hauerwas, what leads to this attenuation is a refusal to preach the dangerous and unnerving news concerning Jesus risen from the dead."

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

Thanks to Mgr Ken McCaffrey for his continued help printing this newsletter.

Divine Renovation + Building Restoration = Parish Renewal

St Mary's Restoration: Phase 1—Exterior (Stonework, Guttering, Roof) - Costing—£250,000

The Restoration Fund has raised £6,140 (since the May 31st Tele/Courier articles) principally through donations in memory of loved ones who were associated with St Mary's. We have been successful in applying for a £48K grant from the Fife Environmental Trust, and have submitted an application for £100K to Historic Environment Scotland. We need you to be involved: if you have any skills that might help or any contacts that might help, please be in touch. If you are unable to volunteer please keep St Mary's Restoration Project in your prayers.

Our Just Giving page is sitting at £3010. If anybody else would like to make a donation to the Restoration Fund please do so by scanning the QR code, or go to www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmarys-lochee



Thanks to those who have already handed in photos. If you have any photos of St Mary's, or photos of life in Lochee during St Mary's lifetime, please consider loaning them to the parish in order to create display boards at the back of St Mary's.

A significant aspect of St Mary's Restoration will be to create a greener environment around and within the church. If you have any experience and/or connections in the Environmental Field please come forward.

Pope Francis published an encyclical on the environment called **Laudato Si** (meaning "Praise be to You"):

"changes in climate, to which animals and plants cannot adapt, lead them to migrate; this in turn affects the livelihood of the poor, who are then forced to leave their homes, with great uncertainty for their future and that of their children". (Chapter 1:Paragraph 25)

St Mary's Heating System: In the last couple of weeks Heating Engineers have fitted valves to all the radiators in the church to make them more efficient, and have drained the system in preparation for two new more efficient boilers to be installed. All heating work will have to come from Church Restoration Fund as there are no grants available for heating

We have had an **Organ Specialist** from Harrisons & Harrisons (Durham) spend an afternoon inspecting St Mary's Organ with the view to producing a report that we can use for grant applications.

St Mary's Leadership Team: We are currently going through training and refining the parish's vision statement: "**St Mary's Vision statement:** "A place where people experience God in a personal way, so that they become delighted disciples, joyously putting God first, and willing to invite others to explore the love of God for them through our parish community." This is beautifully expanded in the words of this hymn. Let us learn this hymn so that we are all singing from the same hymn sheet when it comes to the future of our parish.

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions :

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace ;here as one we claim the faith of Jesus :

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face ;let us bring an end to fear and danger :

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter

This week we focused upon getting Alpha up and running in St Mary's. It is hoped that we'll be able to run an Alpha Course prior to Christmas; although Team training is the next step.

Alpha leaders...Jim Murphie has generously agreed to coordinate our Alpha Team in St Mary's. Please make yourself known to Jim (james.murphie@virginmedia.com) if you would like to help run Alpha. There's a place on the Team for everyone: Welcomers, Hospitality, Set up & clean up, Prayer Support, Hosts & Helpers, & Admin.

Alpha has the potential to become the heartbeat of our parishes drawing back our family, friends and newcomers. Please pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism Preparation Course: to help parents better appreciate baptism and the promises they make to God on behalf of their child. If you would like to be involved running this course please speak with Fr Jim.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth your Spirit and our parishes shall be renewed.