

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF  
ST FERGUS, FORFAR & ST ANTHONY'S, KIRRIEMUIR  
E-mail: - [ssfergusandanthonyparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ssfergusandanthonyparish@yahoo.co.uk)  
Website: - <https://www.stfergusrc-forfar.org.uk>

PARISH PRIEST  
REV. FR. DR. TOBIAS O. OKORO  
Mobile No: - 07488 276858 - Tel No: - 01307 641201



St Fergus  
94 Glenogil Terrace  
FORFAR  
Angus DD8 1NG

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
Vigil Mass on Saturday – 6.00pm  
Sunday - 11.15am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Wednesday 9.30am  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Immediately after Mass**  
Thursday 9.30am

Saturday 4.30 – 5.30pm  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation, or on request**

**SUNDAY MASS**

Sunday - 9.15 am

**WEEKDAYS**

Tuesday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation in Forfar,  
or on request**



St Anthony's  
3 St Mary's Close  
KIRRIEMUIR  
Angus DD8 4GW

**09.15 Mass**  
Catherine Carr

**First Reading**  
Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12  
**Response to the Psalm 117**

**11.15 Mass**  
Margaret McCauley

*The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

Catherine Carr

**Second Reading**  
1 John 3: 1-2

Margaret McCauley

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;*

*I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

Catherine Carr

**Bidding Prayers**

**Gospel**  
John 10: 11-18  
Margaret McCauley

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION & DONATIONS**

St Fergus – Vigil	£65.00
St Anthony – Sunday	£90.00
St Fergus – Sunday	£59.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£214.00</b>

**Building Fund** £520.00

**SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

**Sadie Callan, Eileen Morgan, Aaron Durning,  
Felix Baird, Thelma Ellis, Andrzej Axenti, Annete Fraserburgh**  
the recently deceased

**Sheila (Whitmore) Norrie**

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*May their souls and the souls of the faithful  
departed through the mercy of God rest in peace*

**DEAR VISITORS,** If you would like to help our small parish, you can do this by “Gift-Aiding” your collection to us today. If you are a tax payer, simply put your offering in the envelopes provided in the church porch and complete your name, address and date. We will then receive an additional **25p** per **£1.00** of your offering which would make a big difference to us. Many thanks.

#### RECYCLED BLISTER PACKS

There is a box at the back of the church labelled Recycled Blister Packs. If you put any used, empty blister packs from medicines in there I will get them to the organisation recycling them instead of them just ending up in landfill sites. Thank you. – **Lynda Stobbs**

#### SCIAF – Time to return WEE BOXES

Although Lent has come to an end, you still have time to send in WEE BOXES and double the money raised. All public donations to our appeal will be doubled by the UK government until **Tuesday 11th May**. You can donate online at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/donate/one-off> or over the phone but we know bank transfer is often easiest, so here's how you can pay money directly:

- Send your donation to SCIAF by using sort code **83-21-08** and account number **16021287**.
- Please use your postcode as a reference.
- Follow this action up with an email to [finance@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:finance@sciaf.org.uk) confirming that you have made a deposit by bank transfer. In the email, please confirm the amount you have deposited, parish name and address, and that the donation relates to the WEE BOX appeal.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give us a call on 0141 354 5555.

#### ETERNAL SHEPHERD

In John's gospel there are a number of times when Jesus uses a very common phrase but invests it with much more meaning. The phrase is “I am”. Sometimes this phrase means nothing more than “I am” but on other occasions it is the way that Jesus hints at his oneness with God, saying “I share the timeless existence of the Father”. Among these famous phrases are “I am the bread of life”, “I am the way the truth and the life”, “I am the light of the world”, “I am the door” and “I am the resurrection and the life”. Next week we will hear him say “I am the vine” but today we come across Jesus saying “I am the good shepherd”.

We don't follow Jesus because we feel he has some good ideas that will help us get through hard times. We don't follow Jesus because he has a philosophy that makes us feel good and improves our self-image. We don't follow Jesus because we're just like sheep that would follow anyone who promised grass and water. We follow Jesus the Good Shepherd, because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God and because the pastures that he offers us do not simply promise a better life but life itself.

The shepherd leads his sheep. But we are not simply sheep that aimlessly follow wherever we are led, because there are some paths that we need to avoid. And so we need to listen out for the true voice of Jesus amid the conflicting sounds of our world as they lure us into thinking that they have the solution to all our promises. Where do we look to in order to hear this word? Where would we expect to find the word of God? We find it in the Church, in the sacraments and in the proclamation of scripture. And we find it in the voice of those who speak with God's accent.

Yet there is no compulsion about belonging to Christ's flock. Christ is the shepherd not the sheepdog. We enter the fold of our own free will and we remain there on the same condition. What the shepherd offers is guidance and protection.

And so we can celebrate our liturgy about the Good Shepherd by painting a woolly picture of some sheep on a mountainside, or we can accept that if we want to get the most out of life, to eat and drink where pastures are at their freshest, then we have to recognize who our shepherd is and to listen out for where he is leading us.

**MASS ATTENTANCEE:** The Scottish Government has now published its **draft** guidance on COVID Physical Distance Based Capacity (PDBC). This is following the decision to remove the cap from 26 April. You can access it here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): calculating physical distancing capacity in public settings - draft - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-calculating-physical-distancing-capacity-in-public-settings-draft-gov.scot/pages/1_to_4.aspx). Although we are still required to book in for Mass in advance, no one should be put off from attending Mass, even if you forgot to book in advance. Thank you.