

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF
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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
Alan Draper

First Reading
Job 38: 1, 8-11

11.15 Mass
Geoff Bray

Response to the Psalm 106

O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

Alan Draper

Second Reading
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Geoff Bray

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. *Alleluia!*

Gospel
Mark 4: 35-41

Alan Draper

Bidding Prayers

Geoff Bray

OFFERTORY COLLECTION & DONATIONS

St Fergus – Vigil	£63.55
St Anthony – Sunday	£48.00
St Fergus – Sunday	£71.48
TOTAL	£183.03

Building Fund

£10.00

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,
Ann Saba**

the recently deceased:

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.

A HERE-AND-THERE GOD

Job is often credited with being a patient man. We talk of the patience of Job perhaps because so many awful things happened to him and yet he kept his faith in God. Yet it didn't stop him from having a go at God and complaining about his circumstances. In today's reading God comes back at him and says, “Where were you when I was creating the world?” Our relationship with God in Christ is a strange one. On the one hand we keep God at a distance, recognizing that he is all-powerful, that he is the author of creation and that we are nothing but impotent compared to the attributes of God. Yet on the other hand we claim enormous intimacy with God, calling him our Father, confiding our hopes and fears to him and expecting him to forgive our faults and failings.

The idea that God is up there in heaven and completely beyond our fathoming is called God's transcendence. The idea that he is very much present here on earth, accessible in Jesus and made visible in the lives of other people is called God's immanence. Today's scripture reveals that our God is both transcendent and immanent. He's both here and there.

When Jesus and the disciples are in the boat and it's in danger of sinking their natural reaction is to turn to Jesus who calms the storm. This teaches us a number of things. Firstly, it teaches us that God hasn't just made the world and then left it to its own devices. Jesus uses the power given by his Father to intervene. God is not simply transcendent, not simply up there. He's here as well. And secondly it shows us the closeness of Jesus' relationship with the Father that he could rebuke nature and it would obey him. This story is perhaps one way in which St Mark tries to let us know how the disciples gradually learned Jesus' secret: that he was the Messiah of God.

Unlike the disciples, Job had no trouble realizing that God was up there and yet down here. He recognized that God was responsible for creating the world and keeping it in being and yet he dared to call on God to engage in the most mundane things. If you were looking for God today, would you look up there or down here?

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN THE DIOCESE

Huge congratulations to Very Rev. Mgr. Basil Canon O'Sullivan of Holy Family, Dunblane and Fr. Johny Raphael CST of St. Ninian's Dundee who celebrated respectively, their 65th and 25th Ordination Anniversaries to the Priesthood recently. May God grant them many more years of happy celebrations in his Vineyard. The photos taken during the occasions can be viewed in the diocesan website: <https://www.dunkelddioocese.co.uk/> Thank you.

SCOTTISH BISHOPS RESPOND TO POPE'S INITIATIVE FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Scotland's Catholic Bishops have welcomed a call from Pope Francis for a Synod on the theme of Synodality, to be held in 2023. Commenting, Bishop Hugh Gilbert, said: “The Pope has called for a very participative process, engaging all the faithful, which will prepare for this Synod. We welcome the Initiative for a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission. As the principle and foundation of unity in our dioceses, we look forward to the launch of the Synodal journey, a period of consultation and discernment in our local Churches, on Sunday 17 October this year and preparations are now being made for this. We ask all the faithful to pray for the success of this initiative and to open our hearts and listen to the Holy Spirit speaking through all of us in the Body of Christ.”