

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

### 09.15 Mass

Margaret Newton

First Reading

Amos 7: 12 - 15

### 11.15 Mass

Maureen Jackson

Response to the Psalm 84

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

Margaret Newton

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

Maureen Jackson

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:*

*you have the message of eternal life.*

**Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mark 6: 7 - 13

Margaret Newton

Bidding Prayers

Maureen Jackson

### READERS / BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 18 JULY 2021

Catherine Carr

Helen Flight

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION & DONATIONS

St Fergus –	Vigil	£65.00
St Anthony –	Sunday	£58.00
St Fergus –	Sunday	£69.60
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£192.60</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>		<b>£60.00</b>

### SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

**Sadie Callan, Eileen Morgan, Bruce Durning, Ann Saba**

**Felix Baird, Thelma Ellis, Andrzej Axenti, Annete Fraserburgh**

the recently deceased:

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

**Elizabeth Sturrock, Mary Steele**

*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.

### **STOP ABORTION UP TO BIRTH – ASK YOUR MP TO VOTE AGAINST ABORTION UP TO BIRTH**

The abortion lobby, led by the UK’s largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds. [www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth)

### **KIRRIEMUIR CHURCH FLAT**

I am delighted to announce that the Church Flat in Kirriemuir is now ready for renting. The Agent responsible is Wardhaugh of Forfar. If you, or anyone you know, would like to downsize and take advantage of this renovated one bedroom flat adjoining the church, please contact the parish priest directly on **01307-641201** or the Agent on **01307-463657**, for viewing. Thank you.

### **GIFT-AID AND LOOSE CASH DONATIONS 2020-2021 TAX RECLAIM**

At the end of the 2020-2021 Financial Year on 5<sup>th</sup> April, the parish Gift-Aid and Loose Cash records during the said period were updated and submitted to the Diocesan Finance Office for Tax reclaim. I am delighted to inform you that the sum of **£6,999.88** was reclaimed from gift aided donations, and **£1,549.84** from the non-gift aided Small Donations Scheme, making it a total of **£8,549.72** reclaimed from HMRC during that Tax Year. Many thanks to all of you for your kind generosity, including those who have been unable to attend Mass because of Covid restrictions, yet still sent their weekly contributions.

### **DIAL-A-DISCIPLE**

Have you noticed how as a society we are becoming less “hands-on”? We seem to do things at a distance or get others to do things for us that previously we would have sorted out ourselves. I know someone who has never done her own cleaning, washing and ironing for years because she has a woman who comes in and “does” it for her. Recently, it has become popular to go on the internet and get the supermarket to deliver the groceries to your front door. You never have to leave home or enter a store again! On a more serious level we have for years handed over the care of our loved ones to “professionals” claiming that we cannot cope with them at home. And at the drop of a hat we invite people into our homes, from decorators to funeral directors, on the grounds that if we pay them they will do the job for us.

In today’s gospel Jesus summons the twelve apostles together and sends them out in pairs to teach people all that he himself has been teaching them since they met him. They are to be disciples, people who learn at the feet of their master and then in turn become devotees of his teaching and witnesses to its power in their own lives.

The call to be a disciple is one that Jesus continues to make in our day. If we agree to be Christians then we are signing on the dotted line to being disciples who pass on the message of eternal life.

But how exactly are we doing this? Do we make a conscious effort to be mouthpieces of the gospel in our neighbourhood, on the streets where we live and in the places where we work? Are we active apostles, bold believers or just closet Christians? If people wanted to have some idea of what it meant to follow Christ would they pick up any clues from the way we live and behave?

It would be understandable, but sad, if we fell into the trap of “distance discipleship” and “hands-off” Christianity given the way that today we put a premium on convenience rather than involvement. Yet no one else can do what Jesus asks of us. There is no person who can come in and “do” for us, no website that can absolve us from preaching Christ on the front line, no professional clergy or teachers who can make life easier for us. There’s no such thing as an armchair Christian; being a disciple is a “hands-on” job.