

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**

Georgina Sampson

First Reading

Kings 19: 4 - 8

**11.15 Mass**

Margaret McCauley

Response to the Psalm 33

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Georgina Sampson

Second Reading

Ephesians 4: 30 – 5:2

Margaret McCauley

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.*

**Alleluia!**

Gospel

John 6: 41 - 51

Georgina Sampson

Bidding Prayers

Margaret McCauley

**READERS / BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 15 August 2021**

**Alan Draper**

**Margaret Mitchell**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION & DONATIONS**

|              |        |                |
|--------------|--------|----------------|
| St Fergus –  | Vigil  | £45.00         |
| St Anthony – | Sunday | £60.00         |
| St Fergus –  | Sunday | £108.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |        | <b>£213.00</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:

**Building Fund £62.00**

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.

### **DUNKELD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

As the diocese is unable to go to Lourdes this year due to Covid, a video has been made by the Yellow T Shirts which may be of interest to some of you who have previously been on the Lourdes pilgrimage. Here is the link to the video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1cAIEsHwko>

### **ST FERGUS CHURCH IMPROVEMENT**

Those who will attend Mass in St. Fergus this weekend will see our new carpet. I am sure that you will all be as pleased as I am with this new flooring which enhances the beauty, improves the warmth, and helps with reducing noise in the church. I am very grateful to all who have continued donating to our Maintenance Fund, which has allowed us to pay for this church improvement. I must thank Mr Billy Flight in a very special way, who negotiated for a large discount in the cost, arranged and oversaw the entire project. I am most grateful. Thank you.

### **INDIGESTION?**

You'd think, wouldn't you, that after performing the miracle of the loaves and fishes, Jesus would have been fairly confident about getting the crowd to believe what he was teaching? Such a huge-scale miracle would surely have set tongues wagging and he would have been on a shoe-in when it came to street credibility. Yet moments after eating the food, the crowd starts questioning Jesus' status. We know who he is, so how can he claim to have come down with food from heaven? More is to follow in the next few Sundays as they go off and abandon him. They may have had their fill but indigestion has set in.

Jesus has strong words for the crowd. He tells them to stop moaning and he accuses them of missing the whole point of his teaching because they are more concerned about the free meal than about its meaning.

What Jesus told them, and is telling us today, is that the food which he offers is a food that will satisfy at the deepest possible level. His teaching is no passing fad that will be popular for a few years and then pass into history; it is the message of eternal life. It is what we need if we are to stop merely breathing and start the business of living. It's the difference between mere existence and glorious life. Your fathers ate manna in the desert, he tells the crowd, and they are now dead. But if you eat my flesh then you will live forever. Yes, you will suffer human death but you will transcend it. Christians believe that this invitation involves a number of things. Clearly it refers to eating and drinking at the Eucharist. By so doing we unite ourselves to Christ and we form a body of believers sharing communion among each other. We become what we eat: the Body of Christ. We sign on the dotted line to be like Christ to others as members of his Church on earth.

But first we have to make sure we have received the message of Jesus that comes from his word. Our sharing communion, our accepting to eat and drink the food of life, means first listening to the scriptures. Only when we are formed by the word of God are we ready to eat and drink. Like the crowd in today's gospel, if we rush straight in to the meal, we may end up full. And that's when the indigestion starts.

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