

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

Catherine Carr

First Reading

Isaiah 50: 5 - 9

11.15 Mass

Maureen Charlton

Response to the Psalm 114

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Catherine Carr

Second Reading

St James 2: 14 - 18

Maureen Charlton

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8: 27 - 35

Catherine Carr

Bidding Prayers

Maureen Charlton

READERS / BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 19 September 2021

Georgina Sampson

Geoff Bray

OFFERTORY COLLECTION & DONATIONS

St Fergus – Vigil £59.00

St Anthony – Sunday £50.00

St Fergus – Sunday £83:65

TOTAL £192.65

SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Sadie Callan, Eileen Morgan, Bruce Durning, Ann Saba, Felix Baird

John Quinn, Gerry Quinn, Thelma Ellis, Andrzej Axenti, Annete Fraserburgh

the recently deceased:

Paula Gowans, Faye Patterson

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Kenneth Walker

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

Building Fund £75.00

Votive Candle from Forfar £20.12

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.

APPLY TO WORK FOR RIGHT TO LIFE UK

Are you looking to leave a corporate career and instead use your skills and energy to make a significant positive difference to this world? Right To Life UK are currently hiring for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations. In particular, they are looking to urgently fill positions in their Public Affairs team, to ensure that they have the right team in place ahead of their opposition making further attempts to introduce radical changes to abortion and assisted suicide legislation. They are looking for highly-skilled, hard-working, professional individuals to join them. If this is of interest to you or if you know of anyone that would be suitable for one of the positions, please visit the link below to view the roles they are looking to hire for and learn how to apply. www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/

GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT

Today’s scripture readings have caused much trouble in the past. Martin Luther had no time for St James and his letter, and in fact referred to it as “a work of straw”. The hub of the dispute is about faith and good works. Are we saved simply by faith or do we also need good works to accompany it before we can be saved? Some people’s faith is almost exclusively intellectual. It’s all in the mind. They can dissect complicated questions of doctrine, hold forth on the divinity and humanity of Christ as well as the complex relationship between the members of the Trinity. There is nothing about the Creed that they don’t know. But it doesn’t make them love God. In fact, some of the most intellectually gifted people remain on a very dry level of faith. Other people learn all these teachings of faith and understand them but their response is only emotional or cultural. They go into raptures at the sight of a beautiful stained-glass window, a magnificently carved statue of Virgin and Child, or the sonority of a cathedral organ. Their emotions are stirred by “Abide with Me” on Cup Final Day and their sense of cultural propriety is bolstered by the flags and colours of the regiments that hang from the ceilings of some of our churches. But it doesn’t make them love God. In fact, some of them even equate Christianity with their own political leanings. St James speaks out forthrightly today about the type of faith required if we are to be saved. It must be an active, dynamic faith. It’s true that we’re saved not by our own merits but solely by the grace of God made visible in Jesus Christ. But if faith is the root of the tree of salvation then good works are its fruit. It makes no sense to profess a faith whose primary tenet is love of God and neighbour without showing any evidence that we care at all for our neighbour. Having an active faith shows that we do indeed love God. It shows that our faith is not all talk but is also walk; we get up and do something about it. It’s a very delicate balance between faith and good works. But, of course, before you can have a balance you need to have two things to weigh.

MONTH OF CARE OF CREATION

It is our common responsibility and the mission of the church to care for our home – earth. We are constantly being made aware by the mass media and Church documents that our response to climate change is now critical. As faith believers we have to ask ourselves: what can we contribute? **September** is the Month of Care of Creation (**1st Sept to 4th Oct. Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**) both as a world Ecumenical movement and a call by Pope Francis for us to respond. Parishes are seriously invited to consider during this time to make a commitment, as Christians, to becoming Eco Friendly Parishes. There are many resources and organisations offering help online. But as a starting point, the following has been recommended: www.ecocongregationscotland.org

MASS OF CHRISM: St Andrew’s Cathedral Tuesday 14 September at 7pm

“The Cathedral will operate a **booking system** for reserving a space at the Chrism Mass which will take place on Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 7pm. It’s important that those who wish to attend book a place for the Mass in advance as demand is expected to be high. A number of seats will be ‘socially distanced’, whilst the remainder are not. The seat categories are as follows: Downstairs ‘Socially Distanced’ Seating; Downstairs Non Socially Distanced Seating; Upstairs ‘Socially Distanced’ Seating; Upstairs Non Socially Distanced Seating. Please note that there is no disabled access or lift to the upstairs seating, and that tickets booked upstairs are not transferable downstairs on the day of the Mass.

Tickets can be booked online on the **Eventbrite** website by clicking or typing in the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chrism-mass-at-st-andrews-cathedral-dundee-tickets-168107535163>

Alternatively, you can search for ‘Chrism Mass at St Andrew’s RC Cathedral, Dundee’.

If you have no internet access, a limited number of tickets have been set aside for booking over the phone. This can be done by calling or texting 07561 699557 and leaving a message with your name, contact phone number, the type of seat(s) you require and for how many e.g. one upstairs socially distanced seat. If you don’t hear back from the Cathedral Mass Booking Team, your booking is confirmed.

Items for the newsletter please email Maureen Jackson at bctj02@outlook.com

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