# 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C

#### WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF

# ST FERGUS, FORFAR & ST ANTHONY'S, KIRRIEMUIR

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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

£150.00



3 St Mary's Close **KIRRIEMUIR** 

09.15 Mass 11.15 Mass **Helen Flight Alan Draper First Reading** Zephaniah 3: 14 - 18

Response to the Psalm: Isaiah 12

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Second Reading** Philippians 4: 4 - 7 **Helen Flight Alan Draper** 

**Gospel Acclamation** 

Alleluia, alleluia! Gospel

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me., Luke 3: 10 - 18 He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

**Alan Draper Bidding Prayers Helen Flight** 

# READERS / BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 19th December 2021

Alisdair MacDonald Jim Johnston

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION & DONATIONS** SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES St Fergus -Vigil £57.10 Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: St Anthony - Sunday £104.20 Sadie Callan, Eileen Morgan, Helen Philip, Jenny Robertson, St Fergus – Sunday £79.00 Sheena Gallagher, Bruce Durning, Annete Fraserburgh, **TOTAL** £240.20 Anne Marie Bray, Ann Saba, John Quinn, Gerry Quinn, **Building Fund** Thelma Ellis, Andrzej Axenti £74.00 Repository – Forfar £69.25 the recently deceased: **GA Donation for Hall**

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, Amen

**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.

# **GENERAL ABSOLUTION**

The Bishop has kindly extended the permission to all priests working in the diocese of Dunkeld "the faculty to grant General Absolution" according to Rite 3 in the Ritual of the Sacrament of Penance during the season of Advent, up to and including the Solemnity of Christmas. Therefore our Advent Reconciliation Service with General Absolution will hold as follows: Forfar – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, and Kirriemuir – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Please, endeavour to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare spiritually for Christmas. Thank you.

### FORFAR – SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

There will be the christening of Jan Moscicki, son of Robert Moscicki and Eva Beth Docherty, during the 11.15 am Mass in Forfar today. Please, keep him in your prayers.

# ASK YOUR MP TO END 'DIY' ABORTION

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

# ASSISTED SUICIDE IN SCOTLAND

"A public consultation has been launched on a bill proposed by Liam McArthur MSP to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. It is important that as many people as possible respond to this consultation. We must send a strong message to Mr McArthur, MSPs and the Scottish Government: that assisted suicide is a dangerous and unethical practice that must never be legalised in Scotland or any other part of the UK. The consultation is running until Wednesday 22 December 2021. Please complete the questionnaire as soon as you can and encourage others to do the same. You can find resources to help you do this at: https://www.spuc.org.uk/assisteddyingscotlandconsultation"

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please, remember to make use of you Christmas Offering Envelopes to make your donations to the parish for Christmas. For those who don't have gift-aid envelopes, or who make their Offerings by Standing Order, you may make a separate online transfer with reference as 'Christmas Offering', or consider dropping your collection in the basket during the Christmas Mass. Thank you.

#### THE BIG SING

St Margaret's are holding the Big Sing on **Sunday 19th December** at **7.00pm**. There will be mince pies and tea/coffee served in the hall afterwards. Proceeds from the evening will go to Christian Aid. Two volunteers are required from our church to help them with the "cuppa" through in the hall at the end of the evening. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know or email: **maureen.fenton2@btinternet.com** Thank you.

Items for the newsletter please email Maureen Jackson at <a href="mailto:bctj02@outlook.com">bctj02@outlook.com</a>