

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF
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SUNDAY MASSES

Christmas Midnight Mass on Friday 24th – 11.30pm
Christmas Day Mass on Saturday 25th – 11.15am
Sunday Mass on 26th – 11.15am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 9.30am
No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 9.30am

SUNDAY MASS

Christmas Vigil Mass on Friday 24th – 5.30pm
Christmas Day Mass on Saturday 25th – 9.15am
Sunday Mass on 26th – 9.15am

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am
No Mass



St Anthony's
3 St Mary's Close
KIRRIEMUIR
Angus DD8 4GW

09.15 Mass

Alisdair MacDonald

First Reading

Micah 5 : 1 - 4

11.15 Mass

Jim Johnston

Response to the Psalm: 79

God of hosts, bring us back;

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Alisdair MacDonald

Second Reading

Hebrews 10 : 5 - 10

Jim Johnston

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1 : 39 - 44

Alisdair MacDonald

Bidding Prayers

Jim Johnston

OFFERTORY COLLECTION & DONATIONS

SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

READERS / BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 26th December 2021

Anne Pender

Anne Cormie

St Fergus – Vigil	£44.50
St Anthony – Sunday	£60.00
St Fergus – Sunday	£80.50
TOTAL	£185.00
Building Fund	£30.00

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:
Sadie Callan, Eileen Morgan, Helen Philip, Jenny Robertson,
Sheena Gallagher, Bruce Durning, Annete Fraserburgh,
Anne Marie Bray, Ann Saba, John Quinn, Gerry Quinn,
Thelma Ellis, Andrzej Axenti
the recently deceased:
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time
James Quinn, CLM Hay

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.

ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP – End of Life Skills for Everyone

Angus Health & Social Care Partnership's **Adult Palliative and End of Life Care Plan outlines** how we can improve people's experience of death, dying and bereavement. One aspect of this is to ensure people living in Angus are informed about palliative and end of life care. **End of Life Skills for Everyone** is a course designed to enable people to be more comfortable and confident supporting family and community members with issues they face during dying, death and bereavement. The course will aim to teach the basics of end-of-life care and address some of the fears and uncertainties frequently held by members of the general public so that they:

- Are better equipped to provide informal support to friends, family and community members dealing with death, dying and bereavement.
- Find it easier to deal with these issues when they have to face them themselves.
- Know where to find further information and support in relation to these issues.

This course will be delivered over four consecutive **Tuesday** evenings on **25th January, 1st, 8th & 15th February 2022 at 6.30 – 8.30 pm**. The course will be delivered using the virtual platform 'Microsoft Teams'. You will need a computer/laptop/tablet/mobile phone with adequate bandwidth, a microphone and webcam. Limited spaces are available. To register your interest, please email: tay.angushscp@nhs.scot by **Friday 7th January 2022**.

MY FAMILY VISIT

I will be travelling to Nigeria to visit my family from **28th December 2021 to 2nd February 2022**. During this period **Fr. Johney Raphael CST** of St. Ninian's Dundee will celebrate the Masses in my absence. He will only celebrate the **Sunday Masses** at **9.15am** and **11.15am** in Kirriemuir and Forfar respectively. During this period, there will be no Vigil Mass in Forfar and Weekday Masses in both churches. If anyone has an urgent pastoral need for a priest while I am away, please feel free to contact **Fr. Johney** on **01382-669966 (Mobile: 07831580361)**, or **Fr. Jim High** in Montrose on **01674-672208**, or any of the priests in the neighbouring parishes for attention. Thank you.

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/assisteddvinascotlandconsultation>**”

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE – Justice & Peace Scotland

In Scotland the Day of Prayer for Peace takes place on Sunday 2nd January 2022, Feast of the Epiphany. I have copied a letter from Bishop William Nolan of Galloway who's the President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland Justice & Peace Commission, for pick up as you leave. A collection for the work of justice and peace should be taken up on the day. For more information about issues of social justice, and to keep up to date with current campaigns, follow Justice & Peace Scotland on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or check out the website, www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please, remember to make use of your 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.

FORFAR: DONATION OF FOOD ITEMS FOR THE NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

I would like to say a heartfelt “thank you” to each and every one of you who have contributed to this appeal. I have received much foodstuff and cash donation of **£235.00**. This is a fantastic effort and far exceeds what I had expected and I am sincerely grateful. Meanwhile, the sum of **£15.00** has already been given out, while the foodstuff is still available for collection. As promised I will give them out to those in need during this Christmas. Thank you all once again for your generosity and I wish to assure you the money will be judiciously disbursed to those who truly are in need.