

REST IN PEACE
POPE IMIRITUS BENEDICT XVI



Ordained as a priest in 1951 in his native Bavaria, Ratzinger embarked on an academic career and established himself as a highly regarded theologian by the late 1950s. He was appointed a full professor in 1958 at the age of 31. After a long career as a professor of theology at several German universities, he was appointed Archbishop of Munich and Freising and created a cardinal by Pope Paul VI in 1977, an unusual promotion for someone with little pastoral experience. In 1981, he was appointed Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, one of the most important dicasteries of the Roman Curia. From 2002 until his election as pope, he was also Dean of the College of Cardinals. Prior to becoming pope, he was "a major figure on the Vatican stage for a quarter of a century"; he had an influence "second to none when it came to setting church priorities and directions" as one of John Paul II's closest confidants. He lived in Rome from 1981 until his death in 2022.

BISHOP STEPHEN ROBSON RESIGNS



Bishop Stephen Robson's resignation was accepted by Pope Francis due to his ill-health to administer the responsibility as a bishop of Dunkeld. Though it pains us, let us thank him for his faithful service as a bishop of Dunkeld Diocese and wish and pray for his happy retired life and speedy recovery from his illness.

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DIOCESE OF DUNKELD
 Scottish Charity No: - SC001810

01 JANUARY 2023
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – YEAR A

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF
 ST FERGUS, FORFAR & ST ANTHONY'S, KIRRIEMUIR
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 94 Glenogil Terrace
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 Angus DD8 1NG

SUNDAY MASSES
 Vigil Mass on Saturday – 6.00pm
 Sunday - 11.15am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 10.00am

Thursday 10.00am

Saturday 4.30 – 5.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation, or on request

SUNDAY MASS
 Sunday - 9.15am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9.30am

Novena to St Anthony
immediately after Mass and exposition of
Blessed Sacrament

Friday 09.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Forfar,
or on request



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

09.15 Mass

First Reading
Numbers 6: 22 - 27

11.15 Mass
Bill Flight

Response to the Psalm 66
O God, be gracious and bless us.

Galatians 4 : 4 - 7

Bill Flight

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, alleluia*
At various times in the past and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia.

Gospel
Luke 2: 16 - 21

Bidding Prayers

Bill Flight

READERS & BIDDING PRAYERS
SUNDAY 08th JANUARY 2023
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR A



MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

COLLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY 25 December 2022	
St Fergus -Vigil	£197.50
St Fergus -Sunday	£226.06
St Anthony -Sunday	£596.00
TOTAL	£1019.56
Teas / Coffee – Forfar	£
Teas / Coffee – Kirriemuir	£
Building Fund – Donation	£10.00
Donation – GA	£15.00
Special Collection	£
Candles - Kirriemuir	£
Repository – Kirriemuir	£55.00
Repository – Forfar	£39.00
TOTAL	£1138.56

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**SICK
DECEASED &
ANNIVERSARIES**
**Please remember
in your prayers**

Those who are sick:
**Sheena Gallagher, Eileen Morgan,
Anne Simmonds, Andrzej Axenti,
Annete Fraserburgh, Gerry Quinn,
Thelma Ellis, Robin Mathew
Bruce & Aaron Durning**

the recently deceased:
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time
**MARTIN QUIGLEY, MARGARET KANE
DENIS DELANEY**
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Please insert names into the book on or before the Sunday at the beginning of the week in which the anniversary occurs so that the name can be noted or email name to bctj02@outlook.com



**Safeguarding Children and
Vulnerable Groups:**

**Kaye Cattanach
St Anthony's**

**Zo Korabiowska-Smith
St Fergus**



**CATECHISM
CLASS
Monday at
4.30pm in
St Fergus**

TEAS AND COFFEES



Tea, Coffee and Biscuits are available after both Sunday morning Masses. Please support the parishioners who provide this and meet parishioners and visitors alike.

TEAS AND COFFEES

A list is available at the back of St Fergus Church for those willing to help, on a rota basis, to make the teas and coffees. Thank you.

PARISH WEEKLY NEWS ITEMS

FEAST DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2023
8th January - Justice & Peace**



There will be exposition of Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 in St Anthony's Church Kirriemuir immediately after Holy Mass.

DONATIONS FOR VOUCHERS

A box is available at the back of the church for donations to buy vouchers for food for people less fortunate than ourselves and it is hoped that we can make a difference for them.