

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 10.00am

Thursday 10.00am

Stations of the Cross
immediately after Mass

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



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

SUNDAY MASS
Sunday 9.15am

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Tuesday 9.30am

Novena to St Anthony
immediately after Mass

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

email bctj02@outlook.com

First Reading

Genesis 2: 7 – 9. 3: 1 - 7

Readers and Bidding Prayers

9.15am Mass – Margaret Newton

11.15am Mass – Martin Korabiowski-Smith

Response to the Psalm 50

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Sunday 5th March 2023

9.15am Mass –

11.15am Mass – Frances Hampton

Second Reading

St Paul to the Romans 5: 12 - 19

Gospel:

Matthew 4 : 1 - 11

Gospel Acclamation Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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.**

FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

COLLECTIONS FOR 19 February 2023

St Fergus	Vigil	£93.91
St Fergus –	Sunday	£41.70
St Anthony's -	Sunday	£99.22
TOTAL		£234.83

Building Fund	£10.00
Tea/Coffee – Forfar	£
Tea/Coffee – Kirriemuir	£
Candles – Forfar	£
Candles – Kirriemuir	£
Repository – Forfar	£
Repository – Kirriemuir	£
Flowers - Kirriemuir	£
Special Collection	£167.25
	£177.25
	£234.83
TOTAL	£412.08

SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES

Today 26th February 2023

Building Fund

Sunday 12th March 2023

Papal & Episcopal Charities (inc SCIAF)



CATECHISM CLASS

Monday

St Fergus Church

4.30pm

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Groups Please note that the Child Protection Officers are Kaye Cattanach for Kirriemuir and Zo Korabiowska-Smith for Forfar.

Can parents please make sure that the toys borrowed from the back of the church are returned after Mass. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE that the Gift Aid Scheme is completely **CONFIDENTIAL**.



It is a requirement of **LAW** that anyone who completes a **Gift Aid Form** must ensure that they pay tax and that it must be enough to cover the donation. If you do, then the church would receive 25p for every £1.00 donated to the church funds. This extra revenue would greatly benefit our church. If you wish to do so, then ask Father for Gift Aid envelopes to use every week. Thank you

SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:



Rev Fr John Mundackal CST, 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:

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

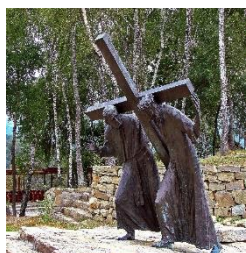
Please email bctj02@outlook.com if you wish names to be added into the newsletter.

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. 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.

Stations of the Cross.



During Lent the Stations of the Cross used will be those by St Francis of Assisi who introduced **The Way of the Cross to the Church**. Please attend if you can and join our Lord in His Passion, following Him on His way to Crucifixion and Death using these beautiful Stations.

Short Lenten Reflection.

Based on 'The Seven Last Words of Our Lord'
By: Fr Lawrence Lew O.P. The Priory Church,
(the Rosary Shrine), London

The First Word (See Lk 23:34)

To God, His Father:-

'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'

When we consider the terrible things we humans are capable of, each of us can look within and marvel saying 'only God could truly love me.' And He does, the incredible truth about God is that He loves us. He loves me!

Our sins took Christ to the Cross and kept Him there yet, even when dying the painful death of crucifixion what does He do?

He asks the Father to forgive his executioners and then makes excuses for them saying **'They know not what they do.'** This is very much like a parent would say about a young child; 'Please don't mind her she doesn't know what she is doing.' This shows the unbounded depth of God's love for us too that, even though we are sinners, God will forgive us. No matter how unloveable our sins make us, we know God is Love, and therefore loves us regardless, forgiving us even before we ask Him, and longing for us to turn to Him and receive mercy, and hear His comforting words **'they know not what they do.'**

Let us end this short meditation with the prayer the Angel of Peace taught the children of Fatima: *'My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.'*



World Day of Prayer 2023

Friday 3 March 2023 at 7.00pm in St Fergus.



KIRRIEMUIR CHURCHES TOGETHER

St Anthony's on Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 7.00pm



SCIAF - Wee boxes will be available at the back of the church.

Penance for Lent

As a Lent Penance: "when you fast, your brethren may have one time feast. "ONE DAY ONE POUND, FOR FORTY DAYS FORTY POUNDS as a charity to the cause of the expenses of a candidate to priesthood in Tanzania, Africa for his priestly ordination. Thank you.

Holy Relic of St Anthony

Fr Dijo is very pleased to announce that he has acquired a Holy Relic of St Anthony from Bishop Stephen Robson. This Relic has come from Padua, Italy, and is recognised as a First Class Relic of the Saint which is now placed next to St. Anthony's statue in the Kirriemuir church. There is also an authentication certificate which will be on display in due course. This identifies that the Relic has touched some part of the Saint's remains, which are in the Basilica of St Anthony's in Padua. The Kirriemuir church is dedicated to the Saint, so it is a wonderful gift to our Parish. Through his work in Padua, he became a loved and admired Saint. In the Catholic Church sharing the faith through simplicity - which led him in becoming a Doctor of the Church. He is often invoked to help recover lost items, among other intentions. St Anthony's feast day is traditionally celebrated on the 13th June, but you can pray a Novena to him at any time. The Novena to St Anthony will be recited every Tuesday after the 9:30 Mass in Kirriemuir.



St. Anthony Pray for us.



The Parish has been given an under-18 Season ticket to watch all Forfar Athletic Football matches. The ticket has no name on it and so can be used by different people at each game. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from the ticket please see Fr Dijo.