

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF
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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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9.30am

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

Friday 9.30am

Stations of the Cross
immediately after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
in Forfar, or on request

DONATIONS FOR VOUCHERS

A box is available at the back of the hurch
for donations to buy vouchers for food for
people less fortunate than ourselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

email bctj02@outlook.com

First Reading
Genesis 12: 1 - 4

Response to the Psalm 32
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading
St Paul to Timothy 1: 8 - 10

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Readers and Bidding Prayers

9.15am Mass – Irene Miller

11.15am Mass – Frances Hampton

Sunday 12th March 2023

9.15am Mass – Alisdair MacDonald

11.15am Mass – Zo Korabiowska-Smith

Gospel:

Matthew 17: 1 - 9

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

Friday 10th March – St John Ogilvie - FEAST

COLLECTIONS FOR 26 February 2023

St Fergus	Vigil	£113.00
St Fergus –	Sunday	£173.70
St Anthony's -	Sunday	£98.70
TOTAL		£385.40

Building Fund	£227.16
Tea/Coffee – Forfar	£
Tea/Coffee – Kirriemuir	£
Candles – Forfar	£22.15
Candles – Kirriemuir	£51.12
Repository – Forfar	£
Repository – Kirriemuir	£
Flowers - Kirriemuir	£
Special Collection	£
	£300.43
	£385.40
TOTAL	£685.83

SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES

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:

Charlotte Wilson, Deirdre Connolly

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 Second Words (See Lk 23:43)

To the Good Thief:-

'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

As Christ's first words on the cross were those of forgiveness, so His second words were to offer that forgiveness and open the doors of Paradise to who we call the 'Good Thief.' This act by Jesus intimates to us how our lives can be changed and transformed in an instant, for the spiritual action of Grace

takes no time at all if we open our hearts to God's Grace and Mercy. To call on the name of Jesus, therefore is to believe in the power of God to save us through His Son.

Keeping our eyes fixed on Christ who is the truth and the life also enables us, boldly yet humbly, to face up to who we are as sinners and all that we have done. Repentance and sorrow for our sins is fundamental and necessary for receiving the forgiveness we can receive in the Sacrament of Confession and opens the treasures of Paradise to us as granted by Jesus to the 'Good Thief.' Jesus knows each and every one of us by name and loves us even with all our faults and is always ready and willing to forgive us and open the kingdom of Heaven to us. So let us take advantage of this wonderful gift, freely offered so, like the 'Good Thief' we can one day be with Him in Paradise.

Let us once again 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.'*



SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND EASTER PREPARATION

The one-day spiritual renewal programme for the immediate preparation of Easter will be conducted by Rev Fr Kevin Golden on Saturday 25th March 2023 in St Fergus' Church at 9.30 am. Please make sure your participation by registering at the back of the Church.

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Would you like to join Fr Johnney Raphael and parishioners of St Clements/St Ninians on their Pilgrimage to Fatima? It is 5 days/ 4 nights – 20th to 24th June 2023. Flight from Scotland to Lisbon; Tentative Cost £ 700/ £750 based on 2 sharing. If you would like more information, please contact Fr Johnney 07831580361 or Bernadette Dailly 07919106129 email bdailly@btinternet.com

ST JOHN OGILVIE

Friday 10th March – Feast Day

Martyr was born in 1580 at Drum, near Keith. Educated a Calvinist, he went to the Low Countries and was received into the Catholic Church by Father Cornelius à Lapide. He became a Jesuit, was ordained priest in 1613 and landed in Scotland that year. In Edinburgh and Glasgow, he reconciled many to the Ancient Faith, but was betrayed, imprisoned and tortured, and finally hanged in Glasgow in 1615.