

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
**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
immediately after Mass**

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
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 church
for donations to buy vouchers for food for
people less fortunate than ourselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

email bctj02@outlook.com

First Reading
Ezekiel 37: 12 - 14

Response to the Psalm 129
*With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

Second Reading
St Paul to the Romans 8: 8 - 11

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

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 March 2023

St Fergus	Vigil	£91.12
St Fergus –	Sunday	£231.00
St Anthony's -	Sunday	£77.45
TOTAL		£399.57

Building Fund	£
Tea/Coffee – Forfar	£
Tea/Coffee – Kirriemuir	£
Candles – Forfar	£
Candles – Kirriemuir	£
Repository – Forfar	£
Repository – Kirriemuir	£
Flowers	£
Donation - Hall	£120.00
	£120.00

TOTAL **£519.57**

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.

Readers and Bidding Prayers
9.15am Mass – Georgina Sampson
11.15am Mass – Margaret Mitchell

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday 2023
9.15am Mass – Gavin Gowans
11.15am Mass – Geoff Bray

Gospel:
John 11: 1 - 45

SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES

Today 26th March 2023
Building Fund

Good Friday 7th April 2023
Holy Places



CATECHISM CLASS

Monday
St Fergus Church
4.30pm

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, Margaret McCauley,
the recently deceased:

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jim Kerr

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

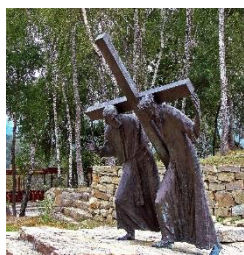
Please email bctj02@outlook.com if you wish names to be added into the newsletter.

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 Fifth Words (Jn 19: 28)

To All:

'I Thirst.'

All of us when we say we are thirsty mean we need something to drink. Indeed, this is what the Roman executioners thought and gave Jesus vinegar to quench what they thought was human thirst. Traditionally, the Scriptures and the Saints have however spoken about

thirst being the human soul thirsting for God. Psalm 63, for example says **'O God you are my God, for you I long, for you my soul is thirsting like a dry weary land without water.'**

In going to the cross, Christ leads us as a shepherd leads his flock through the *'valley of the shadow of death'* guiding us to the lush green pastures of Paradise (Ps 22) where He will satisfy the deepest thirst of the soul: our longing for God, for happiness and Divine love. Jesus promised that *'whoever drinks the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'* (Jn 4: 14)

Jesus thirsts every moment of every day for you and I, wants us to come to Him and thirsts for our love, attention and gratitude. He waits for us especially in the Eucharist at Mass or in the Tabernacle. We should never take for granted this great gift he gave to us, His living presence in the Eucharist. He asks, will you come and spend some time with me? Will we not come to church and adore Him, love Him and speak to Him who is exposed on the altar day after day. He longs for you, He misses you when you don't come close. He loves you always even when you don't feel worthy. He cries out to you **'I thirst'**, will you satisfy that thirst?

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.'*



!!! Church Cleaning!!!

Volunteers are urgently needed to help clean St Fergus Church in preparation for the Easter Services. The date of the big clean is **Monday 3rd April at 1.00pm**. If you think you may be able to help, please speak to Anne Cormie or Maureen Jackson. Please remember that we cannot do this alone and need help.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER

A collection shall be taken up on Palm Sunday for the Easter Flowers

KIRRIEMUIR CHURCHES TOGETHER

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