

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

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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](mailto:bctj02@outlook.com)

**First Reading**

Samuel 16: 1. 6 – 7. 10 - 13

**Response to the Psalm 22**

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading**

St Paul to Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.*

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

**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**

Monday 20th March – St Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary – SOLEMNITY

Saturday 25th March – The Annunciation of Our Lord - SOLEMNITY

**COLLECTIONS FOR 12 March 2023**

St Fergus	Vigil	£98.50
St Fergus –	Sunday	£95.00
St Anthony's -	Sunday	£75.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£269.00</b>

Building Fund	£17.00
Tea/Coffee – Forfar	£
Tea/Coffee – Kirriemuir	£
Candles – Forfar	£
Candles – Kirriemuir	£
Repository – Forfar	£
Repository – Kirriemuir	£
Flowers	£
Special Collection	£202.30
	£219.30
	£269.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£488.30</b>

**SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES**

Sunday 26th March 2023  
Building Fund

Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Holy Places



**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

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### **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:

**Jim Kane**

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

*Please email [bctj02@outlook.com](mailto:bctj02@outlook.com) if you wish names to be added into the newsletter.*

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### **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.

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### **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 Fourth Words (See Mt 27: 46)  
To God, His Father:

**'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.'**

You may well ask, with Jesus being God, the second person in the Trinity, how could He say God has forsaken Him? We must remember that Jesus was truly man as well as being truly God and on the cross He willed and lovingly chose that He share our human experience down to the very depth and dark pits of

depression that we will ever experience. Christ endures not only bodily pain but also the sufferings of the soul, psychological pain, the sense of being alone, without a loving Father or even a loving God. To think there is no God, creates a deep sadness of soul that can depress and warp a whole society. Yet, Christ lovingly chooses to suffer this sorrow with us, all of us, no matter who we are, including atheists, those abandoned by parents, those who don't experience God's love and closeness, those who can't pray and are sorrowful as a result, those who in times of sickness, distress and grief feel God is absent and those who are faced by worldly terrors, uncertainties and heartaches who wonder where God is, etc. Can you see the profound compassion of Christ? He wills even to undergo this anguish with us, in His humanity he freely wills it; Christ really does feel as we feel sometimes abandoned by God. Through His crucifixion, Christ is now evermore there with us in our forsakenness. Cling to these words of the Lord, hold on to this bitter moment on the cross. Then, in the times you are in the depth of despair remember that Christ too endured the sense of being abandoned by God and lovingly chooses to enter into our darkness in order to make it 'as clear as day' (Ps 139) for He is Emmanuel, God with us, and His presence will remove the darkness and lead us to the light.

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.'*

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 7.00pm in St Fergus Church hall, Forfar**. All are welcome.

### **SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND EASTER PREPARATION**



The Spiritual Renewal and Easter Preparation service, conducted by Father Kevin Golden, will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 starting at 9.30am in St Fergus Church. The service shall take the form of Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Mass. As Easter approaches, may we remind ourselves of the suffering Our Lord Jesus Christ endured for us. Let us take this time of Spiritual Renewal and Easter Preparation to reflect on this and be reminded of the sacrifice He made. **There is a list at the back of the church for names of those who wish to attend.**

### **KIRRIEMUIR CHURCHES TOGETHER**

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



**SCIAF** - Wee boxes are available at the back of the church.

### **Church Cleaning**

Volunteers are being sought to help clean St Fergus Church in preparation for the Easter Services. If you think you may be able to help, please speak to Father DiJo.

