



The date of the big clean is tomorrow **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 1.00pm**. If you think you may be able to help, please come along to St Fergus at 1.00pm to help clean the church for Easter. Thank you.

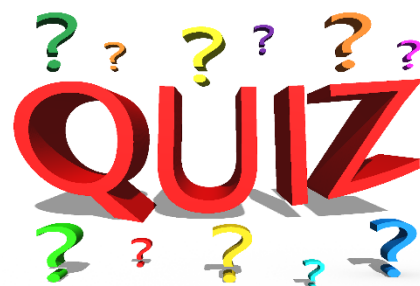
### THANK YOU

Deacon Bert would like to thank all who offered their condolences in various ways following the death of his cousin Marion. Your kindness, prayers and compassion were of great comfort. She is now 'with the Lord which is far better.' **Phil 1: 24**

### SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SERVICE

Father Dijo, on behalf of the parishioners who attended the service, would like to thank Father Kevin for his Spiritual Renewal Service in St Fergus Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The service was well attended and Father Kevin made everyone feel very welcome and the informal setting of the service was greatly received.

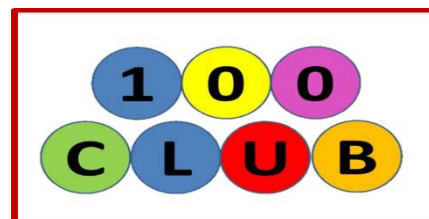
# UPCOMING EVENTS



**It is time to get our thinking caps on and join in a Quiz Night being organised by Geoff and Philip to be held at the end of April (date to be confirmed). The quiz will be held in St Fergus Church Hall and it is, again, hoped that as many parishioners as possible will attend.**

**Donations for raffle prizes are also being asked for. Please see Geoff, Philip or Maureen. Thank you.**

**The 100 Club will be restarting in the next couple of weeks and will be run by Philip Jackson and Geoff Bray in Forfar and Kaye Cattanach in Kirriemuir. It is hoped that as many parishioners as before will take part in the 100 club to help raise funds for our parish with the chance to win some money.**



### 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

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### The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem The Procession Matthew 21: 1 - 11

First Reading  
Isaiah 50: 4 - 7

Readers and Bidding Prayers  
9.15am Mass – Gavin Gowans  
11.15am Mass – Geoff Bray

Response to the Psalm 21  
My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
9.15am Mass – Anne Pender  
11.15am Mass – Bill Flight

Second Reading  
St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6 - 11

Gospel:  
Matthew 26: 14 – 27 : 66

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:  
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the name  
which is above all names.

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

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Penitential Service with general absolution

|                               |                                 |        |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | St Anthony's Church, Kirriemuir | 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April | St Fergus Church, Forfar        | 7.00pm |

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| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April | Mass in St Anthony's, Kirriemuir   | 9.30am |
| Thereafter                    | Novena to St Anthony immediately after mass<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |        |

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| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April | Chrism Mass in Cathedral, Dundee | 7.00pm |
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April | St Fergus Church, Forfar | 10.30am to 3.30pm |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April  | St Fergus Church, Forfar | 5.30pm to 6.30pm  |

Holy Thursday Services

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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April | Holy Mass and evening prayers in St Fergus, Forfar | 7.00pm |
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Good Friday Services

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| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April | Morning prayers and solemn Stations of the Cross in St Anthony's, Kirriemuir  | 9.30am |
|                              | The passion narrative, distribution of Holy Communion and Veneration of the Cross in St Fergus Church, Forfar at 3.00pm |        |

Holy Saturday


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| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April | Blessing of food in St Fergus Church, Forfar       | 9.30am |
|                                | Easter Vigil Holy Mass in St Fergus Church, Forfar | 8.00pm |

Easter Sunday

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| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April | Holy Mass in St Anthony's Church, Kirriemuir | 9.15am  |
|                              | Holy Mass in St Fergus Church, Forfar        | 11.15am |

**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 26 March 2023 |        |                       | SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES  |  |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|---|--|
| St Fergus                     | Vigil  | £110.10               | <b>Today, Palm Sunday 2023</b>  |  |
| St Fergus –                   | Sunday | £70.70                | <b>Easter Flowers</b>   |  |
| St Anthony's -                | Sunday | <u>£115.00</u>        | <b>Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |        | <b><u>£295.80</u></b> | <b>Holy Places</b>  |  |
| Building Fund                 |        | £                     |  <p><b>CATECHISM CLASS</b><br/><b>Monday</b><br/><b>St Fergus Church</b><br/><b>4.30pm</b></p> |  |
| Tea/Coffee – Forfar           |        | £                     |   |  |
| Tea/Coffee – Kirriemuir       |        | £                     |   |  |
| Candles – Forfar              |        | £                     |   |  |
| Candles – Kirriemuir          |        | £                     |   |  |
| Repository – Forfar           |        | £                     |   |  |
| Repository – Kirriemuir       |        | £                     |   |  |
| Flowers                       |        | £                     |   |  |
| Building Fund                 |        | <u>£263.55</u>        |   |  |
|                               |        | <b><u>£263.55</u></b> |   |  |
|                               |        | <b><u>£295.80</u></b> |   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |        | <b><u>£559.35</u></b> |   |  |

**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, Margaret McCauley, Mrs Lebida**



the recently deceased:

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Vic Fisher, Jeff Sanderson**

*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

Sixth Words: To the world  
**'It is Finished.'** (See Jn 19: 30)

Seventh Words: To God  
**'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'** (See Lk 23: 46)

Anyone who has been by the bedside of a dying person will watch their breathing become more laboured and faint and eventually stopping as life ceases. Just as at our creation the Spirit of God - **the Breath of Life** - is breathed into us so that we are alive, at death we become fundamentally breathless. Breath, therefore is synonymous with life. The Latin word **Spiritus** used here by St Luke essentially means breath. So, when Jesus is said to yield up His spirit, or commend it to the Father, it means He gives His breath, His life, into Gods care. Jesus's death differs from ours in one crucial respect: whereas we *lose* our life, dying either passively or unwillingly, Christ *chooses* the moment of His death. So, the words by St John 'It is finished' is indicative of a mission accomplished, a purposeful act completed.

In obedience to the Father, Christ lovingly wills to undergo the agony of the cross both in body and soul, and suffer all that we human beings can ever suffer and He actively wills to die. **Why?** Because God loves us despite all our sinfulness and weaknesses and wants each and every one of us to share in His eternal Kingdom. What unfathomable love, to die for us so that we may be freed from sin and eternal damnation. Imagine the agony Jesus would have suffered. Not just the pain of sin and death for one person but the pain for every person who has or ever will live!

We are about to enter into Holy Week, the most important period of the Church's year culminating in the Easter Vigil so, let us constantly keep before our eyes the cross of Jesus continually thanking Him for His great love for us, in dying for our sins and opening the gates of Heaven to us.

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.'*