# **DIOCESE OF DUNKELD**

Scottish Charity No: - SC001810

30th July 2023 17th Sunday - Year A

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST FERGUS. FORFAR & ST ANTHONY'S, KIRRIEMUIR E-mail:- stfergusandstanthony@dunkelddiocese.org.uk Website: - https://www.stfergusrc-forfar.org.uk PARISH PRIEST: - REV. FR. DIJO THOMAS CST Email:- durulel@gmail.com PARISH DEACON: - REV. ALBERT MILLER Tel No: - 01307 479715 Mobile No: - 07442 002494

> **First Reading** Kings 3: 5.7-12

**Response to the Psalm 118** Lord, how I love your law!

11.15am Mass – Maureen Jackson Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

9.15am Mass – Georgina Sampson

**Readers and Bidding Prayers** 

9.15am Mass – Alisdair MacDonald 11.15am Mass – Helen Flight

SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES

Today 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Bishop's Mensal Fund** 

**Building Fund** 

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44 - 52

**Gospel Acclamation** 

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> July – St Ignatius of Loyola - MEMORIAL Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August – St Alphonsus Liguori - MEMORIAL Friday 4th August – St John Mary Vianney - MEMORIAL

St Fergus	Vigil	£45.50
St Fergus –	Sunday	£121.80
St Anthony's -	Sunday	<u>£106.00</u>
TOTAL	-	£273.30
Total does not include Offerings by		
Direct Debits or Standing Orders		
Building Fund		£
Tea/Coffee – Forfar		£
Tea/Coffee – Kirriemuir		£
Candles – Forfar		£
Candles – Kirriemuir		£
Flowers – Kirriemuir		£
Repository – Forfar		£
Repository – Kirriemuir		£
Donation		<u>£100.00</u>
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		<u>£273.30</u>
TOTAL		£373.30

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.

Second Reading St Paul to the Romans 8: 28 - 30

Sacrament of Reconciliation or on request \*\*\*\*\*\*

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm



St Fergus 94 Glenogil Terrace

FORFAR

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SUNDAY MASSES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 10.00am

Thursday 10.00am

Sunday 11.15am

Vigil Mass on Saturday 6.00pm

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 thereafter **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 

Friday 9.30am

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

#### 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

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:

#### Celia Blackie, Krystyna Kowacz

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

Please email <u>bctj02@outlook.com</u> 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.



## HOUSE VISIT AND EASTER BLESSING

Father Dijo will resume his house visits to give an Easter Blessing after his holiday. Thank you.



The winners of week three draw are as follows.

£20 – Brenda Downie (71) £10 – Jenny Robertson (68) £5 – Margaret Newton (97)

Please see Geoff or Kaye to sign up again. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# CATECHISM CLASSES

We are looking forward to helping prepare children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Classes will be held every Monday from 4.30 to 5.30 beginning in the Autumn.

Please let Father know if you wish your child to prepare to receive these Sacraments in Spring/Summer 2024. Reconciliation (formerly First Confession) and First Communion are usually received when your child is in P4, but of course older children are also most welcome. Children usually prepare for Confirmation in P7, and again, older children are also most welcome.

Angela is also hoping to invite children to Children's liturgy during Sunday Mass. Children will be invited to meet together with Angela in the back room, after the introductory prayers at Sunday Mass, returning to sit with their families at the offertory. They will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel at their own level and learn more about the Gospel message that week, through a craft or similar activity. Children's liturgy will run on alternate Sundays from August 20th when the new school year starts.

#### Mass to mark the retiral of Bishop Stephen Robson

The Mass to mark Bishop Stephen's retiral has now been rescheduled. It will take place in St Andrews's Cathedral on **Thursday 24 August** at **7pm**. An open invitation is extended to everyone. There will be light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall afterwards.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7.00pm in St Anthony's Church Hall, Kirriemuir. All parishioners are welcome.



# BINGO NIGHT 18<sup>th</sup> August

The bingo night has been confirmed as Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in St Fergus Church Hall and volunteers are being sought to help out on the evening. If you think you may be able to help, please speak to Nancy McCormack who is organising the event. A box for donations for prizes is at the back of the church. Thank you.

**St Thomas of Canterbury R. C. Church, Arbroath** Come to our charity concert **NIGHT MUSICALS** in St Thomas of Canterbury R.C. Church parish hall, Arbroath.

### From 8 p.m. on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of August.

Tickets £5 on the door with all proceeds going to the aid of the victims of the war in Ukraine.

Hear various artists perform solo pieces from famous musicals and have a sing-along. There will be quizzes and games related to famous musicals and a raffle to be held. Finger food with complimentary drinks available. Bring your own bottle.

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