WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF

ST FERGUS, FORFAR & ST ANTHONY'S, KIRRIEMUIR

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SUNDAY MASSES

Angus DD8 1NG

Vigil Mass on Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 11.15am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 10.00am

Thursday 10.00am

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

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 Readers and Bidding Prayers Isaiah 56: 1. 6-7 9.15am Mass – Gavin Gowans 11.15am Mass – Anne Cormie

Response to the Psalm 66

Sunday 27th August 2023

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

11.15am Mass – Martin Korabiowski-Smith

Second Reading Gospel: St Paul to the Romans 11: 13 – 15. 29 - 32 Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

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

FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Monday 21st August - St Pius X - MEMORIAL

Tuesday 22nd August – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - MEMORIAL Thursday 24th August – St Bartholomew - FEAST

| COLLECTIONS FOR 13 ¹¹ August 2023 | | | SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES |
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| St Fergus | Vigil | £45.50 | Sunday 27th August 2023 |
| St Fergus – | Sunday | £70.50 | Building Fund |
| St Anthony's - | Sunday | £152.28 | |
| TOTAL | | £268.28 | |

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 | £ |
| Special Collection | £188.82 |
| | £188.82 |
| | £268.28 |
| TOTAL | £457.10 |

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.

GIFT AID

It is a requirement of LAW that anyone who completes a Gift Aid

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:

James McInally

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Delaney, James Gordon

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

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 resumes his house visits and blessings on 6th September on wards. The available dates are given on the notice board at the back of the church. Thank you.



The winners of week six draw are as follows.

£20 – Josie Quigley (18)

£10 – Archie Blackman (73) £5 – Pat Kilbane (49)

Please see Geoff in Forfar or Kaye in Kirriemuir to sign up again.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 29th August 2023 at 7.00pm in St Fergus Church Forfar. All parishioners are welcome.

CATECHISM

Classes to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (formerly First Confession), First Holy Communion and Confirmation will commence on September 11th, and be held every Monday between 4.30 -5.30 in St Fergus. Karolina and Angela are looking forward to helping children prepare to receive these Sacraments. A short meeting for parents and children will be held after 11.15 Mass on Sunday 3rd September at St. Fergus.

Reconciliation and First Communion are usually received in P4, but older children are of course very welcome. Children are usually confirmed in P7, and again older children are also welcome.

Please let Father know if your wish your child to receive Sacraments next Spring/Summer.

Children's liturgy

Angela is looking forward to welcoming any children who wish to attend children's liturgy during the 11.15 Mass this Sunday at St Fergus. Children will be invited by Father to go to the back room after the opening prayers where they will listen to the Gospel message and learn about our loving God at their own level. There will also be a hands-on activity, (usually a craft activity), after which children will return to their families at the Offertory.

Children's liturgy will be available following an almost fortnightly pattern, dates displayed at the back of the church.

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.

POPPY SCOTLAND ZIPLINE CHALLENGE 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023 (CLYDE SLIDE) ANNE DEWAR & ZOFIA KORABIOWSKA-SMITH

"This is a unique and thrilling way to see Glasgow whilst fundraising for POPPY SCOTLAND. A very important organisation that means a lot to those, including Anne and Zofia, whose families have participated in World Wars, lost loved ones whilst others were physically disabled or survived to tell the tale but with hidden mental health scars. Poppy Scotland helps not only veterans but also their families to cope with the effects of war. This is a 100ft high and 1000ft challenge. It launches from a crane next to Glasgow's Riverside Museum to cross the Clyde. (Not for the feint hearted and definitely a challenge but for such a worthwhile cause). Other part of challenge is to raise a minimum of £200.00 per person, please follow link below or hand donation to either Anne or Zofia to pay in. All support from family, friends or others with raising funds for POPPY SCOTLAND and for cheering us on is appreciated. Thank you. You can also access via Facebook on CLYDE ZIP SLIDE GROUP

The Scottish National Carfin Pilgrimage:

Takes place on Sunday 3 September. We're running a bus from the Cathedral and there are still seats available. You might like to let your parishioners know. Anyone interested can contact me on 01382 275539 and leave their name and number and I shall call them back to confirm. The bus will leave from the Cathedral (from the bus stop just up from the Queen's Hotel) at 12.15pm sharp and leave Carfin at 5.30pm). £5 donation requested for a place on the bus. Thank you for your support by Rev Canon Kevin Golden.