27th August 2023 21st Sunday – Year A

Scottish Charity No: - SC001810

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after Mass

Thursday 10.00am

Saturday 4.30pm – 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation or on request



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 22: 19 - 23 9.15am Mass – Anne Pender
11.15am Mass – Martin Korabiowski-Smith

Response to the Psalm 137 Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. Sunday 3rd September 2023 9.15am Mass – Alisdair MacDonald 11.15am Mass – Frances Hampton

Second Reading Gospel: St Paul to the Romans 11: 33 - 36 Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

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 28th August – St Augustine - MEMORIAL

Tuesday 29th August – The Passion of St John the Baptist - MEMORIAL

COLLECTIONS FOR 20th August 2023			SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES
St Fergus	Vigil	£81.10	Today 27 th August 2023
St Fergus –	Sunday	£106.16	Building Fund
St Anthony's -	Sunday	£84.40	
TOTAL		£271.66	Sunday 10th September 2023
Total does not include Offerings by			Sick & Retired Priests Fund
Direct Debits or	Standing C	rders	

Building Fund	£
Tea/Coffee – Forfar	£
Tea/Coffee – Kirriemuir	£
Candles – Forfar	£
Candles – Kirriemuir	£
Flowers – Kirriemuir	£
Repository – Forfar	£
Repository – Kirriemuir	£
Donation – Bingo	£200.00
	£200.00
	£271.66
TOTAL	£471.66

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

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

the recently deceased: James Mcnilly

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Josephine Flight

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

Please email geoffreybray@sky.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.

HOUSE VISIT AND EASTER BLESSING

If you wish to have a house visit and Easter Blessing, please add your Sings name and date preferred on the

sheet at the back of the church for Father Dijo. Thank you.



The winners of week seven draw are as follows.

£20 - Amanda Kopel (86) £10 – Linda Kerr (89) £5 – Linda Stobbs (16)

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

NEWSLETTER

Please note as from Sunday 3rd September Geoff Bray will be taking over editing the newsletter and any items should be sent to geoffreybray@sky.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this 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 some 11.15 Masses 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. Parent/grandparent also welcome to come with their child to see what we are doing, as this is a new experience. Children's liturgy will be available following an almost fortnightly pattern, dates displayed at the back of the church. No children's liturgy this week, but next one on Sept 3rd.

Provincial's visit

Rev Fr Saju Koothodiputhenpurayil CST, the Provincial Superior of my Congregation (Order) will be visiting us and offering Holy Mass with us on Sunday, 3rd September.

> Dates for the Children's Liturgy 3rd September, 17th September, 24th September 8th October, 22 October 5th November, 19 November 3rd December, 17 December



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