



DIOCESE OF DUNKELD

Scottish Charity No: -
SC001810

St Fergus
94 Glenogil Terrace
FORFAR
Angus DD8 1NG



SUNDAY MASSES
Vigil Mass Saturday at 6.00pm

Sunday Mass 11.15am

WEEKDAY MASSES
Wednesday – 10.00am
Last Wednesday of month – Rosary
& Exposition of The Blessed
Sacrament immediately after Mass

Thursday – 10.00am

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

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF
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Children's Liturgy
Further classes TBA
Sacramental Prep.
Classes each Tuesday
during term time.

First Reading:
2nd of Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16
*The Kingdom of David will always stand
secure before the face of The Lord*

Response to the Psalm 88
I will sing forever of your love O Lord

Second Reading:
St Paul to the Romans 16: 25-27
*A mystery kept secret for endless ages is now
clear.*

The Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
*I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you
have said be done to me..*
Alleluia

The Gospel:
Luke 1:26-38
You are to conceive and bear a son.

Today - Readers and Bidding Prayers:
9.15am Mass – Gavin Gowans
11.15am Mass – Margaret Mitchell

Dec. 31st New Year's Eve
9.15am Mass– Alan Draper
11.15am Mass – Geoff Bray

Second Collection dates:
Sunday 31/12/23: Building Fund
Dates & recipients for 2024 to be arranged
and posted

Feast & Memorial Days
Monday – The Nativity of The Lord – Solemnity
Tuesday – St Stephen – Feast
Wednesday – St John – Feast
Thursday – The Holy Innocents – Feast
Friday & Saturday – Christmas Octave by date
Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
Joseph



St Anthony's
3 St Mary's Close
KIRRIEMUIR
Angus DD8 4GW

SUNDAY MASS
Sunday at 9-15

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Novena to St Anthony
immediately after Mass

Friday at 9.30am

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Offertories for 3rd Sunday in Advent 17th December.

Direct debits/Standing Orders Excepted	
St Fergus Vigil Mass	£90.95
St Fergus Sunday Mass	£90.90
St Anthony Sunday Mass	£109.68
Total (1)	£ 291.53
Donations (3)	£0
Fundraising (4)	£0

Special Collections etc.

Building Fund	£
2nd Special Collection	£
Tea/Coffee Forfar	£
Tea/Coffee Kirriemuir	£
Candles Forfar	£
Candles Kirriemuir	£
Flowers Forfar	£172.47
Flowers Kirriemuir	£162.00
Repository Forfar	£
Repository Kirriemuir	£
Total (2)	£334.47

Grand Total Banked (1,2,3,4)= £291.53
NB!!Flowers donations retained in the Parishes

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.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Groups Please note that the Child Protection Officers for Kirriemuir are Kaye Donaldson and for Forfar Zo Korabiowska-Smith.

Could parents please make sure that any toys or books 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



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, Thank you.

SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: **Ellen Smith, Sheena Gallagher, Eileen Morgan, Anne Simmonds, Andrzej Axenti, Annete Fraserburgh, Gerry Quinn, Thelma Ellis, Robin Mathew, Bruce & Aaron Durning, Sammy Bray and Kerry Marshall.**

The recently deceased:

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Les Hay, Helen Burns, Annie Black, Michael Connolly,**

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

Please email fergusandanthonynews@yahoo.com if you wish names to be added into the newsletter.



For 3rd Sunday in Advent year B

£5 – No 61 Georgina Sampson

£10 – No 54 John Nolan

£20 – No 20 Annemarie McNally

Outstanding winner – Bridget Hunter

Note!! The current session concludes

January 28th and the 4th Session will Start

As it is not always possible for anyone to be available to take subscriptions at the Vigil Mass, payments may be placed in a name marked envelope and handed to Fr Dijo after Mass. A reminder that winnings for anyone not yet signed up will be used to validate that number and any remainder paid out to that winner.

Christmas Services

Sunday December 24th - Christmas Eve

Morning Masses as usual St Anthony's at 0915 And 1115 at St Fergus Reader **Margaret Mitchell** Carol Service at St Anthony's Kirriemuir at 5-30pm, followed by Mass at 6-00pm.

Carol Service at St Fergus' Forfar at 7-30pm followed by Mass at 8-00pm. Reader **Helen Flight**

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

Mass at 0915 in St Anthony's Kirriemuir and at 1115 in St Fergus Forfar. Reader **J Johnston**

Sunday 31st December – New Years Eve

Adoration 7-00pm to 7-30pm in St Fergus Forfar **Monday 1st January 2024**

Mass at 1115 in St Fergus, Forfar

Short Advent Reflection.

By Deacon Bert

Based on 'Companion to the Sunday Gospels'

By: Fr Henry Wansbrough. OSB

Fourth Week of Advent - What does Mary mean to me?

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, the final Sunday of Advent always rightly focuses on Mary. As a young girl, what was she thinking when the message came? Was she kneeling praying piously, feeding the sheep, fetching water, or going about other daily chores? What was she thinking? Being engaged to be married, surely, she was thinking about her approaching wedding to Joseph and about her future married life? Then came the message which she could either accept or refuse, the message on which hung the future of the world: her child would be different from all others. How 'different'? Her thoughts must have been turned back to the promise to David. It would have been read to her so often and now she would hear the words repeated in her mind: 'His reign will have no end'. This would all be the work of the Spirit which she had often heard read out in Isaiah; 'the Holy Spirit will come upon you', the Spirit which was to come upon the Servant of the Lord, the Spirit of Emmanuel, 'God with us'. He young body was to grow, nourish and develop this child. Then she would have the child in her arms to cherish and shape both as Son of God and her own son.

From the above we may ask ourselves, do we really appreciate and thank Mary for what she did and honour her as Mother of God, The Church and as our own Mother?

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting will be held on January 30th, at St Anthony's.

Items for the Newsletter should be sent to:

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WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS