

## DIOCESE OF DUNKELD

Scottish Charity No: -  
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St Fergus  
94 Glenogil Terrace  
FORFAR  
Angus DD8 1NG

### SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6.00pm

Sunday Mass 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 at 9-15

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tuesday at 9.30am**

Novena to St Anthony &  
exposition of Holy Eucharist  
immediately after Mass

**Friday at 9.30am**

Saturday 4.30pm – 5.30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation  
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### FOOD DONATION VOUCHERS

A box is available at the back of the  
church for donations to buy food  
vouchers for less fortunate people

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF  
ST FERGUS, FORFAR & ST ANTHONY, KIRRIEMUIR**  
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03<sup>rd</sup> December 2023  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Year B

#### First Reading:

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8.

*Lord, that you would hear the heavens open  
and come down*

#### Response to the Psalm 79

*God of Hosts, bring us back, let your face  
shine on us and we shall be saved.*

#### Second Reading:

1<sup>st</sup> Letter St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our  
Lord*

#### The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us  
your saving help*

Alleluia

#### The Gospel:

Mark 13: 33-37

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord  
will come.*

#### Today - Readers and Bidding Prayers:

9.15am Mass – *Anne Pender*

11.15am Mass – *Frances Hampton*

#### Children's Liturgy

Today-3<sup>rd</sup> December & 17<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Sacrament Preparation/Catechism

Classes held each Tuesday in term time

#### Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 2nd Sunday of Advent - Yr B

9.15am Mass– *Irene Miller*

11.15am Mass – *Zo Korabiowska-Smith*

#### Second Collection dates:

Sunday 10/12/23: Poor Mission Fund

Sunday 17/12/2023: Christmas Flowers

Sunday 31/12/23: Building Fund

#### Feast & Memorial Days

**Thursday:** St Ambrose - Memorial

**Friday:** The Immaculate Conception of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity

#### **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.*

#### Offertories for 33rd Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Direct debits/Standing Orders Excepted

St Fergus Vigil Mass £59.10

St Fergus Sunday Mass £92.00

St Anthony Sunday Mass £118.31

**Total (1) £ 269.41**

**Donations (3) to Building Fund £130** kindly by 2  
parishioners and Kirriemuir Heritage Society

**Fundraising (4) 100 Club profit £495** additional to  
Building Fund

**Grand Total Banked (1,2,3,4)= £1198.55**

#### Special Collections etc.

Building Fund £304.14

2nd Special Collection £

Tea/Coffee Forfar £

Tea/Coffee Kirriemuir £

Candles Forfar £

Candles Kirriemuir £

Flowers Kirriemuir £

Repository Forfar £

Repository Kirriemuir £

**Total (2) £304.14**

**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.



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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.



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

**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: **Alastair Allan** (died on 14/11/2023 and funeral service was on 28/11/2023) husband of Ann and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Mary Cormie 02/12**

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

Please email [fergusandanthonynews@yahoo.com](mailto:fergusandanthonynews@yahoo.com) if you wish names to be added into the newsletter.



**Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**£5 – No 89 Linda Kerr**

**£10 – No 36 Margaret Mitchell**

**£20 – No 65 Tony Smith**

**Outstanding from 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday No.38 Marjory Hughes**

**Please Note!! The new session has started**

**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.**

*If a number drawn out of the bag is not paid up, the winnings may be used to pay that subscription and thus go back into the Building Fund.*

### **COLLECTION FOR FLOWERS**

There will be a special collection for Christmas flowers on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Thank you

### **Short Advent Reflection.**

**By Deacon Bert**

**Based on 'Companion to the Sunday Gospels'**

**By: Fr Henry Wansbrough. OSB**

From First Week of Advent -

### **Are You Prepared for the Lord's Coming?**

In today's Gospel this brief parable of the master returning unexpectedly is typical of Jesus' vivid way of speaking. The message is typical too, for Jesus was constantly stressing that there is no time to lose! In the Gospel of Mark especially, there is a feeling of hurry: in Chapter 1 alone there are 14 instances of 'immediately'! Jesus in His earthly Ministry again and again challenged his listeners to make up their minds **Now** and to change their ways **Now**. He challenges all of us to do the same. We can imagine hearing the returning masters key turning in the lock and envisage us rushing around putting things in order and smartening ourselves up ready to greet the master as he enters. Even if we do not think that the end of the world is imminent, even if death is not threatening, every moment in the day counts, every decision is for or against Jesus. Saints are rumoured to have said that, if they were to be told they were to die that night, they would carry on doing what they were doing anyway. Saints are a great example of how to live lives close to God and be always ready for the Lord's coming, but what about you and I? If we need to put things in order, to prepare for the Lord's coming, is there any valid reason to delay? The 4 weeks of Advent is a good time to prepare ourselves for the Lord's coming so we may want to ask ourselves 'what do I need to change in my lifestyle?'

### **Children's Christmas Party**

Could all donations be tendered as soon as possible please, to allow making the appropriate purchases for the children. **Thank you.**

### **Repository**

Christmas cards, calendars etc are on sale on the table at the back of the Church and price marked. Please put all monies in the wooden box sitting on the bookshelves. **Thank you, Anne**

### **Church Cleaning For Christmas**

*Volunteers are sought to help clean the Church for Christmas. A list is available at the back of the Church. Please add your name and tick the date that most suits. The dates are 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December from 7-00pm. Arrangements will then be made as most suitable. **Thank you, Anne.***

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7-00pm in St Fergus Church meeting room.

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**Items for the Newsletter should be sent to:**  
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