

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
immediately after Holy Mass

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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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10th December 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent
Year B

<p>First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5; 9-11 <i>Prepare a way for The Lord</i></p> <p>Response to the Psalm 84 <i>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help</i></p> <p>Second Reading: 2nd Letter St. Peter 3:8-14 <i>We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth</i></p> <p>The Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! <i>Prepare a way for The Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God</i> Alleluia</p> <p>The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 <i>Make straight the paths of The Lord</i></p>	<p>Today - Readers and Bidding Prayers: 9.15am Mass – Irene Miller 11.15am Mass – Zofia Korabiowska-Smith</p> <p>Children's Liturgy Next Sunday - 17th December. Sacrament Preparation/Catechism Classes held each Tuesday in term time</p> <p>Dec. 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent - Yr B 9.15am Mass– Georgina Sampson 11.15am Mass – Margaret McCauley</p> <p>SECOND COLLECTION DATES: Sunday 10/12/23: Poor Mission Fund Sunday 17/12/2023: Christmas Flowers Sunday 31/12/23: Building Fund</p> <p>Feast & Memorial Days Wednesday – St Lucy – Memorial Thursday: St John of The Cross - Memorial</p>
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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 1st Sunday in Advent 3rd December.	Special Collections etc.
Direct debits/Standing Orders Excepted	
St Fergus Vigil Mass £49.85	Building Fund £
St Fergus Sunday Mass £119.16	2nd Special Collection £
St Anthony Sunday Mass £92.60	Tea/Coffee Forfar £66.36
Total (1) £ 261.61	Tea/Coffee Kirriemuir £45.00
Donations (3) £	Candles Forfar £48.54
	Candles Kirriemuir £56.32
Fundraising (4) £	Flowers Kirriemuir £
	Repository Forfar £
Grand Total Banked (1,2,3,4) = £490.83	Repository Kirriemuir £13.00
	Total (2) £229.22

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.

Short Advent Reflection.

By Deacon Bert

Based on 'Companion to the Sunday Gospels'

By: Fr Henry Wansbrough. OSB

Second Week of Advent

Do I need to turn my life around?

Each Advent has 2 John the Baptist Sundays, the first when we see John preparing a community for the Messiah, the second when he points out Jesus as the Lamb of God. Today's Gospel is the first of these. John chose a point where the busy road from Jerusalem heading East crossed the Jordan river. There he challenged all the busy financiers, merchants, tourists and other travellers, warning them to change their ways and to change them now before it was too late! 'I'm too busy,' no doubt some would say whilst others may have said 'I have better things to worry about,' or 'I have a wife and family to support' along with many other excuses. John was forming a community of repentance, but not so much a community crying 'Boo -hoo' about their sins but a community of people determined to put their lifestyle values in correct order. He meant them to stop going in one direction, turn around and go in a different direction.

We may ask 'do I have my priorities right and also where in my priorities does Christ fit in?' John said rotten trees were going to be cut down and useless straw burnt. Can I feel the axe at my feet? 'What would happen if I did turn my life around?'

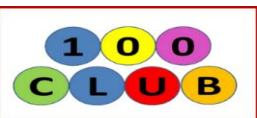


Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:
Sheena Gallagher, Eileen Morgan, Anne Simmonds, Andrzej Axenti, Annete Fraserburgh, Ellen Smith, Gerry Quinn, Thelma Ellis, Robin Mathew, Bruce & Aaron Durning, Alex Moss, Sammy Bray and Kerry Marshall.

The recently deceased:
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

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.



**1st Sunday in Advent
year B**

£5 – No 101 David Kennedy

£10 – No 43 Karolina Green

£20 – No 45 Beata Jabs

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.

Repository

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

Children's Christmas Party

Many, many thanks to all who filled the Smartie Tubes for the Children's Party. Please ensure all names are on the list this Sunday, as Santa's elves are very busy.

Church cleaning will take place on Thursday December 12th at 6.30pm. everyone welcome even if you did not add your name to the list. Thank you!

A small group from St Anthony's, will be Carol Singing in the following Kirriemuir Care Homes:

Monday 11th @ 11-00am in Lisden Care Home

Sunday 17th @2-00pm in Abbey care Home

Monday 18th @ 2-30pm in Storyville care Home

The group would be delighted for others to join in as above.

Church Fabric Refurbishment

Work is scheduled to be undertaken on the replacement of the roofing sheets of St Fergus church, from 6th to 15th December. This is however subject to weather conditions permitting. During this period, the carpark will be used for storage and crane usage, therefore parking could be curtailed and somewhat difficult, but please park safely and sensibly in allowed places.

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Items for the Newsletter should be sent to: fergusandanthonynews@yahoo.com