

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 – 6-30pm

Reconciliation service with general
absolution & Holy Mass.

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

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Novena to St Anthony
immediately after 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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17th December 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent
Year B

Children's Liturgy
This Sunday - 17th Dec
Sacramental Prep.

Classes each Tuesday
during term time.

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| <p>First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2; 10-11 <i>I exult for joy in the Lord</i></p> <p>Response to the Psalm From Luke <i>My soul rejoices in my God</i></p> <p>Second Reading: 1st Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:16-24 <i>May you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord</i></p> <p>The Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! <i>The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.</i> Alleluia</p> <p>The Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 <i>There stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming</i></p> | <p>Today - Readers and Bidding Prayers: 9.15am Mass – Irene Miller 11.15am Mass – Zofia Korabiowska-Smith ***** Dec. 24th 4th Sunday of Advent - Year B 9.15am Mass– Georgina Sampson 11.15am Mass – Margaret McCauley</p> <p>Second Collection dates: Sunday 17/12/2023: Christmas Flowers Sunday 31/12/23: Building Fund Dates & recipients for 2024 to be posted</p> <p>Feast & Memorial Days All Days – Advent feria by date</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.

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.



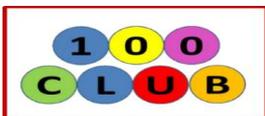
SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES
Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:
Ellen Smith, Sheena Gallagher, Eileen Morgan, Anne Simmonds, Andrzej Axenti, Annete Fraserburgh, Gerry Quinn, Thelma Ellis, Robin Mathew, Bruce & Aaron Durning, Sammy Bray and Kerry Marshall.

The recently deceased:

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **James Quinn**

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 2nd Sunday in
Advent year B**

£5 – No 48 Maureen Charlton

£10 – No 2 Jim Robson

£20 – No 21 Bridget Hunter

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. A reminder that winnings for anyone not yet signed up will be used to validate that number and the remainder paid out.

Church Fabric Refurbishment

Work is being undertaken on the replacement of the roofing sheets of St Fergus church, from 6th to 15th December, subject to weather conditions permitting. As the carpark may be used for storage etc. parking could be somewhat difficult. Please therefore, park safely and sensibly in allowed places.

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

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.

Christmas Services

Sunday December 24th - Christmas Eve

Morning Masses as usual St Anthony's at 09-15am

And 11-15am at St Fergus

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.

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

Mass at 09-15am in St Anthony's Kirriemuir and at

11-15am in St Fergus Forfar.

Sunday 31st December – New Years Eve

Adoration 7-00pm to 7-30pm in St Fergus Forfar

Monday 1st January 2024

Mass at 11-15am in St Fergus, Forfar

Short Advent Reflection.

By Deacon Bert

Based on 'Companion to the Sunday Gospels'

By: Fr Henry Wansbrough. OSB

Third Week of Advent - Do I recognise where Jesus is in my life?

Although the Gospel states that John 'came as a witness - to the light' he seems rather to refute this. He is quite negative, answering questions with a stalwart and repeated 'No!' He witnesses only that 'There is one standing among you whom you do not know.' It is not always easy to find Jesus. All the way through the Gospel of John there are misunderstandings about Jesus, as people fail to recognise him for what He is: the Samaritan woman at the well, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene beside the empty tomb, even Peter and the Disciples as they fish on the lake. We can easily become so wrapped up in our own troubles and worries that we fail to recognise the one figure who can bring about their solution although He is standing right beside us, the one who 'has the words of eternal life.' He may come to us in a way we don't like, as corrective, blocking or diverting the way we have chosen. He may come as suffering, disappointment, failure or bereavement. All of these can be ways of God showing His love for us, to show us the way, although we may not see it at the time. We can be like John the Baptist saying repeatedly 'No!', until we eventually turn around as see Christ as our true light.

We may ask ourselves; do I need to turn around so I can see Christ in my life?

Father Dijo gives grateful thanks to all the "volunteers" who came along to clean the church on Tuesday evening. Your services were greatly appreciated.

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