

Lenten and Easter Events and Services

Stations of The Cross

During Lent, Stations of The Cross after 1000am Mass Every Thursday at St Fergus’
And

Every Friday after 9-30am Mass in St Anthony’s

March 3rd Special Collection for Easter Flowers

March 24th Palm Sunday

March 26th 6-30pm Confessions at St Anthony’s and Mass

March 27th 6-00pm Confessions at St Fergus’ and Mass

March 28th 6-30pm Maundy Thursday Mass at St Anthony’s

March 29th 10-00am Good Friday – Way of The Cross at St Fergus’

March 29th – 3-00pm The Passion, St Anthony’s 3-00pm

March 30th – Holy Saturday
10-00am Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets
6-00pm Easter Vigil Mass in St Fergus’

March 31st – Easter Sunday
Sunday Mass at the usual times at both Parishes

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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 and Thursday at 1000am.
Last Wednesday of the month
– Rosary, Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament and Benediction immediately after Mass.



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

SUNDAY MASS
Sunday at 9-15

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday and Friday at 0930.
Novena to St Anthony immediately after Mass.
1st Tuesday of the month.
Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after Mass.

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

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF
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25th February
2024 2nd
Sunday of Lent
Year B

Children’s Liturgy
To be arranged
shortly
Sacramental Prep.
Classes every
Tuesday during term
time

First Reading:
Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

Response to the Psalm 115
*I will walk in the presence of The Lord in the
land of the living*

Second Reading:
Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34
God did not spare his own Son

The Gospel Acclamation:
Glory and Praise to you, O Christ!
*From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was
heard: ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to
him.*

Glory and Praise to you, O Christ!

The Gospel:
Mark 9:2-10
This is my Son, the Beloved.

Today - Readers and Bidding Prayers:
9.15am Mass – Anne Pender
11.15am Mass – Frances Hampton

March 3rd 3rd Sunday of Lent Yr B
9.15am Mass– Alan Draper
11.15am Mass – Martin Korabiowska-Smith

Second Collection dates:
25/02/24 – Building Fund Today
03/03/24 – Easter Flowers collection
10/03/24 – Papal & Episcopal Charities
24/03/24 – Building Fund
31/03/24 – Good Friday Holy Places
14/04/24 – Building Fund
28/04/24 – Missions Appeal

Feast, Memorials & Holydays of Obligation

None at this time

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 18th February 1st of Lent

St Fergus Vigil Mass	£90.05
St Fergus Sunday Mass	£110.00
St Anthony Sunday Mass	£84.27
Total (1)	£284.32
Donations Total (3) £230.00	Hall user
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Fundraising Total (4) £

Total Banked (1,2,3,4) = £514.32

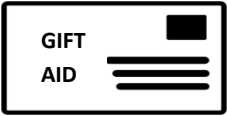
Special Collections etc.

Building Fund Collections	£
Special Collections	£
Tea/Coffee Forfar	£
Tea/Coffee Kirriemuir	£
Candles Kirriemuir	£
Candles Forfar	£
Flowers Kirriemuir	£
Flowers Forfar	£
Repository Forfar	£
Repository Kirriemuir	£
Total (2) = £	

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 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.



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, Kerry Marshall, Yvonne Cargill, John & Margaret Clowes.

The recently deceased: Colin Johnstone, whose funeral was held Tuesday 6th February

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Charlotte Wilson- 24th February


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

For inclusions email fergusandanthonynews@yahoo.com

Food For Those in Need

Although the collections for food vouchers has now ceased, there is an opportunity to support the Food-Bank. At the back of the Church, there is a collection box, where donations will be collected and presented to the most appropriate representative.

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



For 1st Sunday in Lent
Year B

£5 – No 81 Kathleen Cattanach
£10 – No 16 Linda Stobbs
£20 – No 53 Christine Fraser
There is one outstanding prize for Barie Starck

Subscriptions can be handed to Kaye or Geoff, but as it is not always possible for anyone to be available at the Vigil Mass, subscriptions may be placed in a name marked envelope and handed to Fr. Dijo after Mass.
Anyone who plays but has not subscribed, if their number is drawn, winnings will be used to validate that number and any remainder paid out.
Thank you & Good Luck!!
In it To Win It!

Item from the PPC Meeting held at St Anthony’s 30th January

At this meeting the 100 Club end of session account was presented by the administrator, who pointed out that the original suggested target requirement was for 51% of the net income to benefit the Building Fund. As not all numbers have been taken up of recent sessions, the income less prize monies to the Building Fund, has been considerably less than the targeted 51%. Therefore, 4 Options were suggested to achieve nearer the 51%. After some discussion, it was agreed to retain the current prize structure as a more attractive option and accept a reduced income to ‘The Fund’. This still provides around £2000 to £2500 p.a. into ‘The Fund’, which is no less a much-needed sum.

Thank you to all for supporting this initiative.

Bingo Night Fundraiser

Thank you to all who came along to the Bingo Night Fundraiser. From door money, raffle, donations and ticket sales, the tremendous sum of £962 pounds was realised. The breakdown will be included in next week’s newsletter, along with the Building Fund second collection. Thank you should go to Nancy for arranging it all.

Reflections for Lent compiled by Deacon Bert Miller

Second Week of Lent 2024.

Based on ‘Words for the Lent & Easter Season’ by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB

Once again, we are now in the Lenten Season preparing us to Celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Easter. Lent is a season of being prepared by Christ for Christ and I sincerely hope these reflections will assist you on your Lenten journey.

To set the scene, the Byzantine Liturgy contains the following wording:
‘O Faithful let us receive with joy the divinely inspired announcement of Lent. Let us wash ourselves with tears for its divine purification. Let us pray to see the fulfilment of Easter, the true Revelation. Let us prepare for adoring the Cross and Resurrection of Christ our God! O lover of man, do not deprive us of our expectation.’

According to St Benedict ideally, we should always be living in Lent, but we are weak, so let us try to keep our life in all purity during this season and ‘wash away the negligences of other times’. You can see in this a call to the renewal of our baptism. Catechumens during Lent will be preparing to receive baptism; we can be preparing to renew it. St Benedict goes on to give a list of three good works we can practice during Lent. This week I will look at the first two of these.

1st Good Work to Practice; Refrain from or temper all vices. Lent is about this after all but there is a wider meaning here. It really means to govern with wise moderation. In our eating and drinking, our work, our relationships, and even our good desires, we need to be temperate. We need to give what’s strong in us something to strive for without frightening off our own weakness. The Catechism 1809 defines temperance as ‘the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides a balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the will’s mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honourable.’ It means regaining dominion over ourselves!

2nd Good Work to Practice; ‘Let each one, over and above the measure prescribed for him, offer to God something of his own free will in the joy of the Holy Spirit.’ Some commentators think that Hebrews 5: 7 lie behind this which reads ‘In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death.’ This refers to Jesus in Gethsemane and during Lent we should seek to associate ourselves with him there, offering prayers etc to him. It’s a free-will offering, and therefore made ‘with the joy of the Holy Spirit.’ Again we can go beyond the immediate application, beyond the private acts of devotion that we take on individually. Shouldn’t everything we are and do be an offering and prayer to God, deliberately united to the saving sacrifice of the Cross? To be temperate suggests Lent is for recovering our kingly character as Christians, to offer our priestly character. Most of all, offering takes us back to certain great texts of the New Testament concerning baptismal priesthood: ‘Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God’ - Heb 13: 15
‘Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ’ - 1 Pt 2: 5

(3rd Good Work - Looking Forward in next weeks reflection).