

First Communion and Confirmation

Parents of the children involved for this year's Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are to be invited to a rehearsal for the 1st Sacrament of Reconciliation service on 12th March 2024.
The 1st Sacrament of Reconciliation service is to be held on 20th March 2024.
The 2nd Sacrament of Reconciliation service is to be held on 17th May 2024.
First Communion and Confirmation service is to be held on 19th May 2024.

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 25th 6-30pm Penitential Service & Absolution at St Fergus' & Holy Mass

March 26th 6-30pm Penitential Service & Absolution at St Anthony's & Holy 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

Newsletter by eMail

It is possible that some former recipients of the Newsletter, may not now be receiving this due to possible technical issues or change of email address.

If this is the case, please email Father, who will check against his group contacts and ensure the situation can be remedied.

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 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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First Reading:
Exodus 20:1-17
The Law was given through Moses
Psalm 18
You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading:
St Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25
We are preaching a crucified Christ, to men an obstacle, but to those who have been called, a Christ who is the wisdom of God

The Gospel Acclamation:
Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal Glory
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal Glory
The Gospel:
John 2:13-25
Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up.

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	£86.81
St Fergus Sunday Mass	£81.30
St Anthony Sunday Mass	£120.34
Total (1)	£288.45
Donations Total (3) £	
Fundraising Total (4) £972.00 All monies collected at the prize Bingo Night	

Total Banked (1,2,3,4) = £ 1622.22

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.

Today - Readers and Bidding Prayers:
9.15am Mass – Irene Miller
11.15am Mass -Martin Korabiowska-Smith

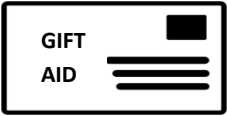
March 10th 4th Sunday of Lent Yr B
9.15am Mass– TBA
11.15am Mass – Margaret McCauley
Second Collection dates:
03/03/24 – Easter Flowers collection
10/03/24 – Papal & Episcopal Charities
24/03/24 – Building Fund
31/03/24 – Good Friday Holy Places
14/04/24 – Building Fund
28/04/24 – Missions Appeal

Feast, Memorials & Holydays of Obligation
None at this time

Special Collections etc.


Building Fund Collections	£269.70
Special Collections	£
Tea/Coffee Forfar	£37.80
Tea/Coffee Kirriemuir	£
Candles Kirriemuir	£
Candles Forfar	£27.77
Flowers Kirriemuir	£
Flowers Forfar	£
Repository Forfar	£26.50
Repository Kirriemuir	£
Total (2) = £361.77	



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, Jim Robson

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 have 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.

Children’s Liturgy

Children’s Liturgy will be held on Sunday March 17th. Due to Child Protection etc. requirements however, further sessions will be announced in due course, when the requirements have been met.



**For 2nd Sunday in
Lent Year B**

£5 – No 36 Margaret Mitchell
£10 – No 36 Margaret Mitchell
£20 – No 37 AnneMarie Bray

There is one outstanding prize for Barie Starck.
This has been handed to Fr Dijo

Church Cleaning

Church cleaning and preparation for Easter will be taking place on Tuesday 19th March at 7-00pm.

If you are able to volunteer your services, please speak to Anne Cormie. Thank you.

Holy Year Scotland 2025

In preparation for the Holy Year, a walking pilgrimage from Motherwell Cathedral to St Andrews is being organised. This is a distance of around 110 miles (175Km), and will be walked over 10 Tuesdays, starting on the 2nd April 2024. For more information, visit the Holy Year Scotland 2025 page on:-

<https://www.facebook.com/holyyearscotland2025> or email info@holyyear2025.org.uk or contact Jim McKelvie on 07957 847290

Reflections for Lent compiled by Deacon Bert Miller
Third 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.

‘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, To set the scene, the Byzantine Liturgy contains the following wording:

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.’

Last week’s reflection gave two of the three Good Works offered by St Benedict we should endeavour to fulfil particularly during the Lenten Season. This week continues with the third of these:

3rd Good Work to Practice; looking forward: St Benedict says: ‘and with the joy of spiritual longing let him (us) look forward to Holy Easter’. This makes everything dynamic, and brings us back, if we need bringing back to the Christ of Easter, our Saviour for everyday of our lives. ‘To desire eternal life with all spiritual longing’ is one of the tools of good works in the Rule of St Benedict. Here, it is expecting Holy Easter with the joy of spiritual longing. Eternal life is Christ, and so is Easter. St Benedict, quite possibly, is inspired by a phrase in one of the ancient Mass books, or more precisely by a prayer he’d have heard in Lent: ‘Grant your faithful, O Lord, both to receive the Easter Sacraments without ceasing and to look forward to the coming feasts with desire, so that persevering in the mysteries by which they are reborn, they may be led by doing this to new life.’ We can all catch the desire for Easter, for Christ, for resurrection and new life, from the Liturgy when we express it during Mass and other Liturgical services.

In eagerly waiting for Christ it is good to go to the New Testament where expectation, so often, refers to the ultimate Easter: ‘So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him’ - Heb 9: 28 and ‘Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation’ - 2 Pt 3: 14 - 15.

So, we ‘look forward’ to the Holy Feast of Easter, because it anticipates the fullness of redemption. It prophesies the second coming and final salvation. We fall rather short of the longing of the early Christians in the New Testament, I suspect but like them we should expect the Lord to come at any moment and be prepared to meet him with joy. Easter is the Lord’s bait to help us on, help us to catch up. But if this Lent, we become a little more kingly, a little more priestly, and - in the sense of looking forward in hope - a little more prophetic, then the grace of our baptism will have been deepened, we’ll be a little closer to Christ, and Lent wont have been wasted.

Let us all therefore pray - ‘O Lover of man, do not deprive us of our expectation’ - Amen.