

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 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’ 3-00pm The Passion, St Anthony’s
March 30th – Holy Saturday10-00am 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

Children’s Liturgy, Reconciliation, First Communion & Confirmation

Children’s Liturgy restarted Sunday 17th March, at 1115 Mass in St Fergus’. Children are invited at the start of Mass, to go to the back room to hear the Gospel story at their level and be involved in an activity relating to the Gospel message. The children then rejoin their family just before the offertory. It is aimed to have the children’s liturgy on a monthly basis. The next Children’s Liturgy will take place on April 14th at the 1115 Mass.
Reconciliation, Please remember the seven children who received The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, on the 19th of March. The second Sacrament of Reconciliation Service will be held on May 17th. They are now looking forward to receiving their first Holy Communion on May 19th, when 2 children will also receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you, **Angela**.

Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

The latest news article sent out from The Dunkeld Diocese Safeguarding Officer is available to read from the link below. It is pertinent to us in the compliance of requirements in the conducting of the Children’s Liturgy and an audit to be carried out in April.
<https://newwww.scssa.org.uk/Informing/News-Article/ArticleID/25/Safeguarding-Matters-March-2024>

Health Walk

6 Parishioners enjoyed a walk around the Murton Nature Reserve, on one of their “Health Walks” last Wednesday. The next walk will take place on April 17th at 1015. Please speak to Nancy or Angela if interested in attending, for a short walk of about 1 mile with others around the Reserve at NO COST and a FREE cuppa at the end. **Angela**

Father Dijo would like to express his grateful thanks to all who assisted in cleaning the Church last Tuesday, in preparation for Easter.

Food For Those in Need

Although the collections for food vouchers have now ceased, there is an opportunity to support the Forfar 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.

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
Monday at 6.30pm

Wednesday 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 at 6.30pm

Holy Thursday at 6.30pm

Good Friday Service at 3.00pm

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

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF

ST FERGUS, FORFAR & ST ANTHONY, KIRRIEMUIR

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24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

Year B

Children’s Liturgy

The next Children’s

Liturgy – 14th April.

Sacramental Prep.

Classes every

Tuesday during

term time

Processional Gospel - Mark 11:1-10

First Reading:

Isiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult and spittle – I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalms 21

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

He emptied himself: but God raised him high.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory:
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory:

The Gospel: The Passion of Our Lord

Jesus Christ

Mark 14:1-15:47

Today - Readers and Bidding Prayers:

9.15am Mass – Catherine Carr

11.15am Mass - Margaret Mitchell

March 31st Easter Sunday Yr B

9.15am Mass – Anne Pender

11.15am Mass – Philip Jackson

Second Collection dates:

24/03/24 – Building Fund

31/03/24 – Good Friday Holy Places

14/04/24 – Building Fund

28/04/24 – Missions Appeal

12/05/24 - Apostolate of Communications

26/05/24 – Building Fund

Feast, Memorials & Holydays of Obligation

Thursday of The Lord’s Supper

Friday of the Passion of The Lord

Holy Saturday at the tomb of Christ

Easter Sunday the Resurrection of The Lord

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 17th March 5th Sunday of Lent

St Fergus Vigil Mass £73.00

St Fergus Sunday Mass £169.08

St Anthony Sunday Mass £132.31

Total (1) £374.39

Donations Total (3) £

Fundraising Total (4) £

Total Banked (1,2,3,4) = £374.39

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.



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: 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:
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Vic Fisher

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

For inclusions email fergusandanthonynews@yahoo.com



**For 5th Sunday in
Lent Year B**

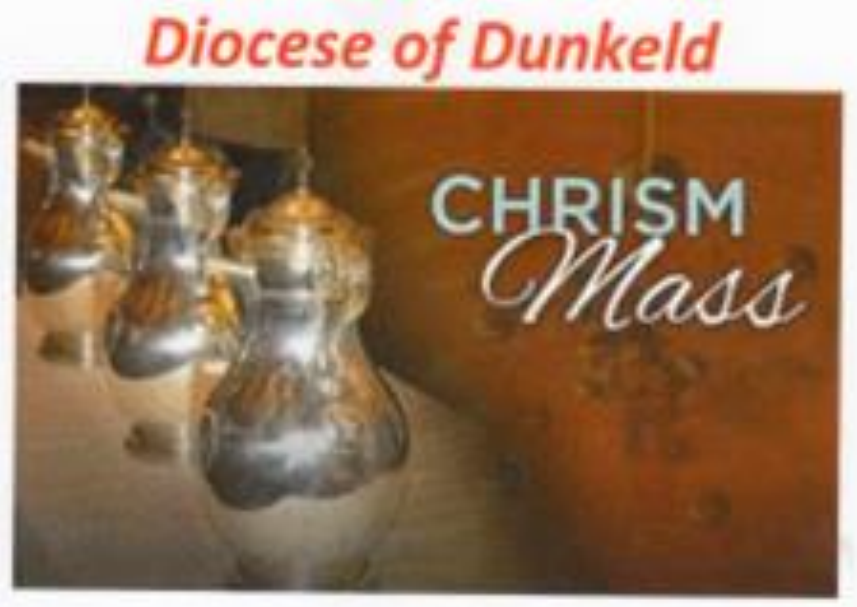
£5 – No 90 Michael Visocchi
£10 – No 80 Ellen Smith RIP
£20 – No 26 John Denheen

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 not subscribed, if their number is drawn, winnings will be used to validate that number and any remainder paid out. Thank you & Good Luck!! As there are new subscribers to the 100 Club, the numbers of those not having played in the last session and not re-subscribed, have been reallocated.

In it To Win It!

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 info, visit the Holy Year Scotland 2025 page on:-
<https://www.facebook.com/holyyearsScotland2025> or email info@holyyear2025.org.uk or contact **Jim McKelvie on 07957 847290**



Diocese of Dunkeld

CHRISM Mass

The Chrism Mass

Will be celebrated at St Andrew’s Cathedral, Nethergate, Dundee

**Wednesday of Holy Week,
27th March at 7-00 pm**

During this Mass, the Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments during the coming Year are blessed and The Oil of Chrism is consecrated. All are welcome to attend this Mass and share in this joyful Diocesan event.

Reflections for Easter compiled by Deacon Bert Miller

Palm Sunday 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.’

Here we are at the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week in the Church’s Year. Here we find ourselves going up to Jerusalem with the Church throughout the world and the Liturgy opens up pathways for us: the prayers, the readings and the ceremonies. Each of them is like a link on a computer: with the ‘click’ of faith we can access Easter with them, and Easter opens up to us, which is what we want. We want to meet Christ this week, Christ crucified and risen. We want to open ourselves to the power of his Cross and Resurrection. We want to let these in - into our own lives and into the world. We want Christ to become more real for us, and he will because the Liturgy works.

Jesus’s Holy Week began on the back of a donkey, why should that be? It was a message, a fulfilment of an old Jewish prophecy from Ch9 of Zechariah: ‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See how, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ But why a donkey? If Jesus had ridden a horse, it would have been a sign of war and pride. But donkeys are for work, not war and Jesus is the Prince of Peace and humble, not proud. This can be put in another way. Jesus is about to let his enemies get the better of him, and finally have him crucified. From every human point of view he is about to make an ass of himself. That’s what the disciples thought and it’s what we would have thought and would have said such to him. There is actually an ancient anti-Christian graffiti from the Roman world that portrays this showing Jesus on the cross with the head of a donkey.

So, the donkey is Jesus himself and a donkey is the kind of disciple Jesus wants us to be. A donkey is a notoriously stubborn animal, liable to a lot of stick, not very beautiful and easy to ridicule. But it has a ‘secret’ - one day God incarnate rode on him into Jerusalem. So, let us be donkeys, let’s be ready to be stubborn for him, laughed at for him, let us gladly carry his burden upon our backs. He’s always entering Jerusalem, always coming to die and rise again. Each of us can be his donkey, each of us from all eternity, have been made, funny as we are, to be ridden by him. What donkeys have done superbly for centuries is carry things, heavy things, burdens, - uphill, downhill, over smooth ground and rough ground mile after mile. Let’s be donkeys then, let’s go on, head down, stubbornly, day after day, carrying on our backs the Blessed weight of Christ, of Faith and Catholic loyalty. Why?

Because the one we’re carrying is the One who wins, the One who brings victory, the One who will ride us through the gates of death into the Heavenly Jerusalem.