

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 1115 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
Wednesday & Thursday @ 10am.
Each Wednesday – Rosary immediately after Mass
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 Adoration of the Holy Sacrament at 08-45am Sunday Mass at 9-15

WEEKDAY MASSES Each Tuesday – 0930 Novena to St Anthony immediately after mass.

1st Tuesday of the month. Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after Mass.

Friday: Adoration of the Holy Sacrament at 0900: Holy Mass at 0930.

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

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF
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28th December '25
The Holy Family
Year A

Children's Liturgy
TBA

Second Collection
Today -
Building Fund

The Holy Family Year A
First Reading:
The Prophet Sirach 3:2-6; 12-14
He who fears the Lord honours his parents

Psalms 128
Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways

Second Reading:
Colossians 3:12-21
Family life in the Lord

The Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly*
Alleluia!

The Gospel
Matthew 2:13-15; 19-23
Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

Today - Readers & Bidding Prayers:
9.15am – Gavin Gowans
11.15am – Martin K-Smith

Next Sunday 4th January
Epiphany Year A
9.15am Mass –TBA
11.15am Mass – Frances Hampton

Second Collection dates:
28/12/24 – Building Fund
(2026 Second collection programme will be published before the New Year)

Feast, Memorials, Holydays etc.
Monday – St Thomas Becket – Optional Memorial.
Wednesday–St Sylvester I – Optional memorial




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.

<u>Offertories 21st December – 4th Sunday of Advent Yr A</u>	
Combined Vigil Mass	£97.50
St Fergus Sunday Mass	£165.00
St Anthony Sunday Mass	£131.70
Total (1) =	£394.20
Donations Total (3) £	
Fundraising – Building Fund £	
Total (4) £456.95 This does not include the Christmas Flower collection which is retained in the Parishes	

<u>Special Collections etc.</u>	
Collection Vigil Mass	£
Collection Forfar inc. Vigil	£128.95
Collection Kirriemuir	£190.69
Collection Total	£319.64
<u>Building Fund Total (4) £</u>	
Second Collection Forfar	£
Second Collection Kirriemuir	£
Tea/Coffee Forfar	£
Tea/Coffee Kirriemuir	£
Candles Kirriemuir	£
Candles Forfar	£
Flowers Kirriemuir	£190.69
Flowers Forfar	£128.95
Repository Forfar	£62.75
Repository Kirriemuir	£

Parish Safeguarding Please note that the Parish Safeguarders for Kirriemuir are Kaye Donaldson and at Forfar Zofia 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.

<p>TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS: available after both Sunday Masses. Why not come along for a natter and meet up with other visitors, friends and other parishioners alike. There are no strangers here, only friends who have never yet met. A rota list is available at both churches if you would like to assist in the provision of this facility. Donations gratefully accepted.</p>
<p>Gift Aid - 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 sufficient to cover the donation. Offerings made under Gift Aid allows the church to claim 25p for every £1.00 donated from HMRC. The extra revenue greatly benefits our churches. If you wish to claim ‘Gift Aid’, then ask Father to register for Gift Aid and receive envelopes to use every week. Thank you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">  SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES  </p> <p>Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Alex Moss, Gerry Quinn, Jim Robson, Charles Blackwell, Duncan Fisher, Andrzej Axenti, Annete Fraserburgh, Yvonne Cargill, John & Margaret Clowes, Tom Doyle, Alistair Cormie, Dawn Clark, Denis Delaney, Philip Jackson, Margaret McAuley, Mrs Lebida, Callan Bray, Luis Rodolfo, Maria Claudia; Peter Harvey.</p> <p>The Beloved Recently Departed: and those whose anniversaries occur at this time (month of December) Mary Cormie; Mary Devine; James Quinn; Margery Flight; Les Hay; Helen Burns; Annie Black; Thomas Steele; Robert Black; Florence Findlater, Olive Weaving, Michael Kilcoyle, Michael McGuire, Anne Smith, Michael Connolly, Nora Piggot, Joseph Smith, Lena Duncan, Martin Quigley; <i>May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>New Year Masses</u> New Years Eve 31/12/2025 – Forfar Wednesday @10-00am Exposition of The Holy Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction New Years Day 01/012026 – Forfar Thursday @10-00am </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>Children’s Liturgy</u> A programme for The Children’s Liturgy will be drawn up in the New Year </p>
<p>A Thought for Christmas by Alan Draper. The world faces numerous major conflicts! Notably the Russia-Ukraine War, the Israel-Hamas War, alongside devastating civil wars in Sudan, Myanmar, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Thus escalating instability in the Sahel region (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger) due to jihadist insurgencies, and crises in Afghanistan, Haiti, and Yemen. Along with significant ethnic violence in Ethiopia and internal strife in Pakistan and Ecuador, these have created widespread humanitarian challenges. What is the response to all this conflict? It is reconciliation. Wherever we go, we see divisions among people in families, communities, cities, countries and continents. All these divisions are tragic reflections of our separation from God. The newborn baby gives us the task of reconciling people with one another. So, whatever we do the main question is; “Does it lead to reconciliation among people?”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>Notes From The Liturgical Calendar For Scotland</u> The Season Of Christmas </p> <p>A favourite theme for Matthew is how Jesus fulfils Scripture. This is not as a replacement for, or a negation of what we call the Old Testament. Rather, in Jesus, the promises made in the past are once more fulfilled, but now in the person of Jesus himself. We must recognise the difficulties and trials the Holy Family faced. This is a vulnerable family in whom God's promises reached their conclusion: they did not live a charmed existence!</p> <p>Mary Mother Of God: This is Our Lady's greatest title. It is fitting that we celebrate it at Christmas time. I'm. She is also our mother. Jesus shared her with us from the cross. She gained this title by saying ‘yes’ to God's plan. We will also gain from obeying the Will of God in our lives.</p> <p>Saint Sylvester 1 (285-335) was elected Pope in 314, just after the Emperor Constantine had given Christians their freedom to practise their faith openly. Whilst being a long-serving Pope, very little is recorded of his pontificate. He sent legates to the First Council of Nicaea in 325, which condemned the Aryan heresy. This had questioned the divinity of Christ.</p> <p>St Thomas Becket (1118-1170) Was born in Cheapside, London, where his father was Sheriff of London. He was found a place in the household of the Archbishop Of Canterbury, who was so impressed, recommended him to King Henry II as Lord Chancellor in 1155. He was ordained a priest the day before being consecrated Archbishop in 1162, as Henry considered him the perfect choice for controlling the church. Thomas became a staunch defender of the rights of the Church. This led to bitter conflict between himself and Henry, resulting in a period of exile. He had hardly returned after a truce had been brokered, when some Knights, interpreting the Kings displeasure, murdered him in his cathedral in 1170.</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"> Results Week 9 – 21st November £5 No. 96 Janet Cheyne; £10 No.100 Amelia Cheyne; £20 No.9 Jim Robson We are now at Week 10, “The Big Braw Draw”. Who will the Lucky People Be?? Having looked back since the “100 Club” became a continuum from 30/04/2023 to 19/10/2025, our Parishes have raised a total of £6025 towards the upkeep of Ss Fergus and Anthony. </p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>