

The Parishes of St Anthony, Kirriemuir & St Fergus, Forfar

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Advent Retreat with Holy Family (Luke 3:15-17)

Courtesy to Rev Tigi Abraham CST

1. Hope: Awaiting the Coming of Christ

We all hate to wait! For examples in the Bible; Abraham's waiting for a promised generation, Moses' entry into the land of honey and milk, Life of Job.

Hope is not just futuristic, it is not just optimism, but it is embracing the living presence of God in our daily lives. It is not about just things going well for me, but it is trusting in God with the confidence that he will turn my life into a blessing no matter what my current situation is! Putting ourselves into God's time-table, God's time Frame! Even if I must walk through the valley of Death, God is with me. For most of the times we are not ready for God's Project in my life. Waiting with God is important than waiting for God. Pope Francis says, "To hope is to be open for the surprises of God."

2. Preparation of Our Hearts: Repentance

Repentance means you change your mind about God, about others, and about yourself (Prodigal Son).

What is sin? It is a breaking of relationships, breaking of relationship with God, with others, with yourself and with the nature. Therefore, to repent means to say sorry to patch up these relationships. This requires a change of mind, attitude. When this change happens, Christ will transform us. If it requires reconciliation, go for it. If it requires patience, go for it. If it requires repentance, go for it. If it requires asking sorry, go for it. If it requires a little more of generosity, go for it. If it requires to take an extra mile, go for it.

3. Watchfulness

Richard Sibbs says; "Weakness with watchfulness will stand, when strength with too much confidence fails. "Watchfulness is vigilant attentiveness; God works in your life at any moment. It is necessary ingredient for our redemption. (To be continued)

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 MASS
Sunday at 9-15

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday at 09.30am
Each Tuesday – 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
ST FERGUS, FORFAR & ST ANTHONY, KIRRIEMUIR**

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15th December
2024, 3rd Sunday
of Advent Year C
Children's Liturgy
TBA

Second Collection
Today -
Christmas
Flower
Collection

First Reading:

The Prophet Jeremiah 33:14-15

I will make a virtuous branch grow for David

Psalm 24

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Second Reading:

From the First letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians 1:5-8

*May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness
when Christ Comes*

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your
saving help*

Alleluia!

The Gospel

St Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Your liberation is near at hand

Today - Readers and Bidding

Prayers:

9.15am Mass Georgie Sampson
11.15am Mass – Zo Korabiowska-
Smith

Next Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent Year C

9.15am Mass – Irene Miller
Alan Draper
11.15am Mass – Margaret Mitchell

Second Collection dates:

29/12/24 – Building Fund

Feast, Memorials, Holydays etc.

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 8th December – 2nd Sunday of

Advent Yr C

St Fergus Vigil Mass £76.35

St Fergus Sunday Mass £176.40

St Anthony Sunday Mass £88.80

Total (1) = £341.55

Donations Total (3) £

Fundraising – Building Fund £

Total (4) £

Total Banked (1,2,3,4) = £623.23

Special Collections etc.

Building Fund Total(4) £

Second Collection Forfar £98.47

Second Collection Kirriemuir £75.00

Tea/Coffee Forfar £

Tea/Coffee Kirriemuir £

Candles Kirriemuir £85.71

Candles Forfar £

Flowers Kirriemuir £

Flowers Forfar £

Repository Forfar £

Repository Kirriemuir £22.50

Missal Sales both Parishes £

Other Monies Total (2) = £281.68

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.

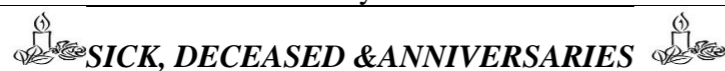
TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS: available after both Sunday Masses. Why not come along for a natter and meet up with other visitors, friends and other parishioners alike. There are no strangers here, only friends who have never yet met.

A rota list is available at both churches if you would like to assist in the provision of this facility. Donations gratefully accepted.

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.

Wednesday Masses

The current November Wednesday Rosary at St Fergus' is to be continued every Wednesday beginning in December. Rosary, with Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament & Benediction will continue to be practised at the last Wednesday of the month



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Alex Moss, Gerry Quinn, Bruce & Aaron Durning, Irene Moore, Jim Robson, Charles Blackwell, Duncan Fisher, Eileen Morgan, Anne Simmonds, Andrzej Axenti, Annete Fraserburgh, Robin Mathew, Yvonne Cargill, John & Margaret Clowes, Tom Doyle.

The Beloved Recently Departed: Ann Gunning
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time (December) Mary Cormie; James Quinn; Les Hay; Helen Burns; Annie Black; Thomas Steele; Robert Black;
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Donate by Phone

On the back page of this newsletter, is a QR Code, with which it is possible to make occasional or regular offertories or donations direct to the Parishes bank account via the Diocese. A copy of the QR poster has been pinned to the notice boards at both parishes and in other places in the churches. This initiative has been very successful in the parishes where first introduced and hopefully will see success in ours. Thank you.

A Date for The Diary

The Dunkeld Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee, are delighted to announce that Bishop Andrew McKenzie will lead our 2025 pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7th to 14th July 2025. For further information please email -dunkeld@pobox.com or phone 07801227443.

Christmas Carols in Kirriemuir.....

If anyone would like to join us singing Christmas Carols at Storyville Care Home, Kirriemuir on December 18th. Please contact Kath Houghton or Anne Pender for times, you will be very welcome.

Sacramental Preparation

These classes commenced on Thursday 24th Oct , 4.45 to 5.45, and continue each Thursday at this time during term time until next Spring. Thank you, Angela and Karolina.

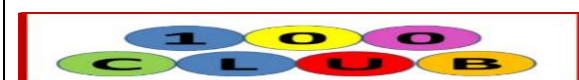
Children's Liturgy

Next dates are: December 8th. All children from age 4 are very welcome and if feeling a little nervous or shy, may be accompanied by an adult.

Health Walk

A number of parishioners have joined others on a short health walk (less than an hour's walk) around the nature reserve at Murton each month. It's an ideal opportunity to walk and chat with others and have a free cuppa afterwards in the cafe.

Last month we met a swan on the pathway!, saw a multitude of geese on the loch and enjoyed seeing a red squirrel. If you would like to come along on Wed 18th Dec at 1015. See Nancy or Angela for more details (no obligation to come each month, all welcome!).



Results Week 5 – 8th December

£5 No. 40 Owen Bonar; £10 No.58 Bert Miller; £20 No.25 Frances Hampton

Services and Masses for Christmas and New Year

Christmas Carol Services Kirriemuir

Storyville Care Home – 18/12 – See kath Houghton or Anne Pender

Confession and General Absolution

Forfar 18/12 Wednesday @7-00pm

Kirriemuir 20/12 Friday @7-00pm

Sunday Mass 22/12

Kirriemuir @ 9-15am

Forfar @ 11-15am

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Kirriemuir 24/12 Tuesday:- Morning Holy Mass as usual @ 9.30am

Kirriemuir 24/12 Tuesday@ 5-30pm Carols and Mass at 6-00pm

Forfar 24/12 Tuesday @ 8-00pm Carols and Mass at 8-30pm

Christmas Day Mass

Kirriemuir 25/12 Wednesday @ 9-15am

Forfar 25/12 Wednesday @ 11-15am

New Years Eve Adoration and Mass

Kirriemuir 31/12 Tuesday @ 9-30am

New Year's Day Masses

Forfar 01/01/2025 Wednesday @ 10-00am

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Geoff & AnneMarie

Bray

Wish all parishioners in
Forfar and Kirriemuir a
Joyous Christmas and Good

Margaret Walker

wishes everyone a
Happy and Holy
Christmas,
and a Good New Year.

Christmas Wishes

If you would like to include a Christmas Greeting, please email or contact myself, Kaye or Father Dijo