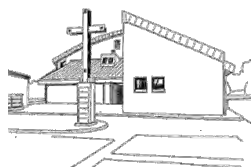




St. Mary's Duntocher

St. Joseph's Faifley



2nd Sunday of Easter B
11th April 2021

Work to St. Mary's Church

Those who have been in the Church will see the damage to the plaster. The age of the building and a lack of maintenance means this work is now essential. This will start in June and last for several weeks. Further details will be published in due course. If you can, please make a donation to the Building Fund. In time, we will need to consider painting the Church once the external work has been completed.

Sunday Mass

St Mary's 5pm Vigil Livestreamed: **10am**
St Joseph's 4pm Vigil **Noon**

Live-streamed Mass in Saint Mary's at 9.30am
Monday - Friday

Church open for Mass (No booking required) -
50 max: Monday, Thursday

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuK-9mvdWnQ2-Hs0f3CI3bA/videos>



1st Reading Acts of the Apostles **4.32-35**
2nd Reading **1 John 5.1-6**
Gospel Reading **John 20.19-31**

Plan ahead: Make Mass Make Sense

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter B

1st Reading Acts of the Apostles **3.13-15,17-19**
2nd Reading **1 John 2.1-5**
Gospel Reading **Luke 24.35-48**

Please pray for...

those who have died recently: Annette McHale;
Nan Paterson; Margaret Founa; Sarah Johnstone;
Annie Cairney

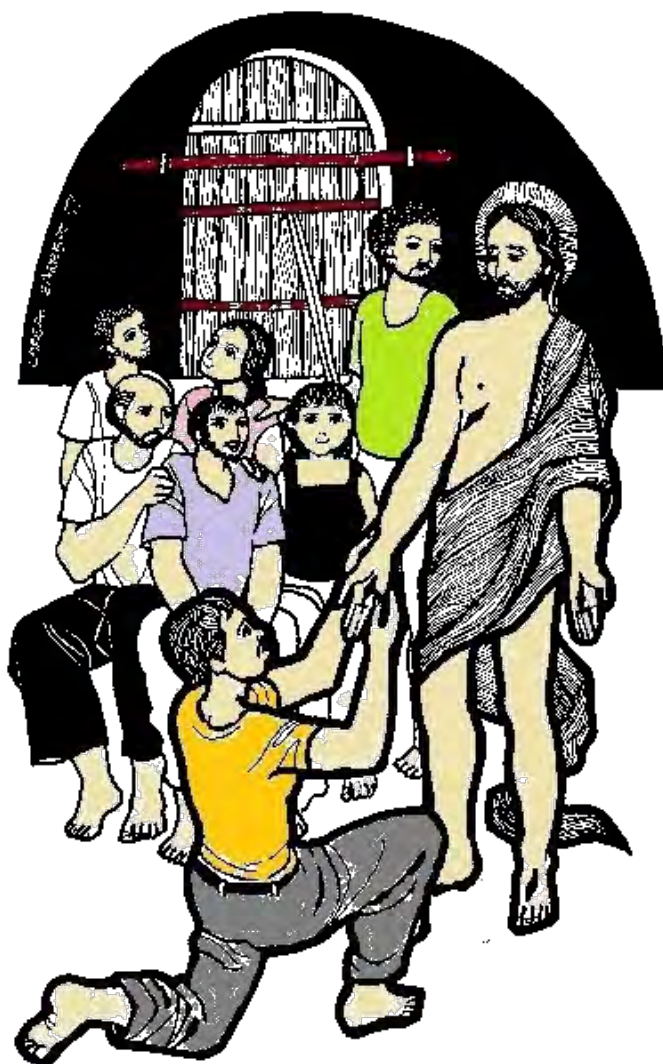
and on the anniversaries of: George Cairney;
Max Betka; Kathleen Cairney; Edward Doyle (Snr);
Stephen "Burno" Burns; Robert Doyle (Snr);
Jim Cannachan; Patrick Byrne; Phil McClement;

*Please email any names
that you wish to be added to the bulletin*



Funerals

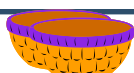
St Mary's **Annette McHale RIP** Tuesday
St Joseph's **Nan Paterson RIP** Friday 23rd



The Bottom Line

There are no Gift Aid envelopes this year

Thank you for your generosity:



St Mary	Gift Aid	Collection	H Places	Total
1st	£10	£465		£475
March	Banked♦			£2447
2nd*	£0	£310	£170	£310
March	Banked♦			£346
St Joseph		£763	£268	£763
March	Banked♦	£150		£150

To support us and reduce cash handling by our volunteers, you can pay through your bank to:

Royal Bank of Scotland Sort Code: 831710

St Mary's Account 00253583

St Mary's Building Account 00254571

St Joseph's Account 00253591

If you help with Gift Aid, we'll take care of that, though we might just need to give you one call.

Of course, if you do home banking, that works just as well... and more comfortably

Parish overheads continue, even during a period such as this. .

Donations

Thanks to all those put donations through the door of the presbytery. It would be a great help if you could put on the envelope what the donation is for.



Justice and Peace Scotland

International Street Child Day is observed on 12th April. If you break a computer it is a tragedy, but poverty, the needs, the dramas of so many people end up becoming the norm. ... In so many parts of the world there are children who have nothing to eat, that's not news, it seems normal. It cannot be this way! Pope Francis, General Audience, 5/06/2013

Pope Francis said on twitter

The Lord calls us to cooperate in the construction of history, becoming, together with Him, peacemakers and witnesses of hope in a future of salvation and resurrection.

Look

All the time stuff

♦ Gift Aid paid into bank

St Vincent de Paul Contact ☎ 07432 879831

Bulletin notices & names to arrive by Thursday

2nd Collection: St. Mary's for the Building Fund

Parish Priest

Rev. Paul Milarvie

Permanent Deacon

Rev. John Fletcher

☎ 01389 873280

📍 Chapel Road, Duntocher, G81 6DL

✉ stmary.duntocher@rcag.org.uk

✉ stjoseph.fairley@rcag.org.uk

🌐 <https://www.stmarysandstjosephs.org.uk/>

📘 <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-DuntocherSt-Josephs-Fairley-2261895600727946/posts/>

📺 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuK-9mvdWnQ2-Hs0f3Cl3bA/videos>



SORRY, BUT NOT FOR A WHILE

Children's Liturgy Clubs Hall activities and catering

Scottish Charity SC0 18140

Clip Art Copyright Acknowledgements

Churches: Photographs © Dermot Healy

Mass/Church

© Unknown

Gospel

© servicioskoinonia.org/cerezo/indexBgraf.php

Funeral

© Liturgical Press, Collegeville MN

Hands, Cross

© Unknown

Church

© Bergmoser + Höller Verlag AG

Look

© Dermot Healy

Reflection for 2nd Sunday of Easter B, 11th April 2021

Many of us were probably surprised to see flurries of snow at the start of the week. It is not what we would normally have associated with Easter. Bright evenings with flurries of snow did appear, at best, a bit strange. We would probably find this incompatible with what we would normally hope to see at this time of year. However, as we all discovered over the last year, we have become used to dealing with the unexpected and in some ways, it is almost become par for the course to encounter something different that is unusual at any time of the year. By the end of the week, we were to learn of the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip at the age of 99. Once again, life and death dominate Easter Week, when we reflect on the Resurrection appearances. Each encounter has a different tone to it, and they all take place in a different setting e.g. the garden, the road to Emmaus, the lakeside and finally the encounter with doubting Thomas. They shape and form a landscape and tapestry of faith that we can find a bit overwhelming. Perhaps we could choose one of the encounters and just place ourselves in that scene and try and imagine what it might have felt like to encounter the Risen Lord when it was totally unexpected. We may just want to soak up the encounter with the Risen Lord without even trying to find the words to express what it might mean. We may find that we are speechless and have simply to gaze in wonder and awe at this new reality. It would only be natural to look at our faith in a new and fresh way so that we might gain something different from this Easter. It is a time for us to be jubilant in our faith. If we cannot celebrate our faith in a renewed way during Easter, then our faith will simply become a void or meaningless. Easter is full of meaning and significance, although there are occasions when we may express our doubt or insecurities about our faith. That, too, is part of the life of faith. The occasional doubt or question can often provide us with an opportunity to move forward in faith and to grow in our understanding of it too. Perhaps these words from Frank Rees, an Australian Baptist theologian might help us overcome our doubts and grow in our faith.

“The idea of God the conversationalist provides a theological basis for understanding the relationship between doubt and faith. Doubt can be seen as a significant element within the divine-human conversation, having potential for enrichment of the conversation as well as for confusion or even abandonment of the relationship. As Walter Brueggemann has found, dialectic tensions within the experience of God are a crucial part of the biblical testimony. God the conversationalist is not limited to a specific context, form, or content of expression. As a consequence, we can see within the biblical texts significant differences in the witness to God’s approach and in the way people respond. In addition to word of promise and texts of hope, there are passages of protest and bitter dispute. Each can represent the word of God; each can express authentic faith.

An important feature of this metaphor of God the conversationalist is that it recognises the place of human beings as genuine participants in the divine conversation. We have a contribution to make in response to God but we are also capable of initiating elements within the conversation. It also follows that no one party knows or can determine in advance how the conversation will proceed. By preserving the genuine freedom of human agents, while maintaining the freedom and creativity of God as well, this theology is both more credible and coherent.

This conception of God attributes positive significance to doubt as an element within the conversation. If we think of faith as participation in the divine conversation, then we can see that doubt – as well as belief and the constructive formulation of our understanding of God and the world – can have a crucial place within the life of faith. Indeed, within the context of divine conversation, we can speak of the activity of God causing us to doubt. The questions God asks can undermine the false certitudes human beings build for themselves, including certitudes about God.”

Frank D. Rees, “**Wrestling with doubt: Theological Reflections on the journey of faith,**” pages 164/5