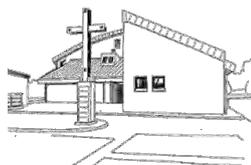




St. Mary's Duntocher

St. Joseph's Faifley



4th Sunday of Easter B
25th April 2021

Work in St. Mary's Church

Major work will start to the Church in June and will last for most of the month. The total cost of the work will be approximately **£40,000**. Currently there is in the region of **£32,500** in the Building Fund Account. Once the external work has been completed and there is no further internal damage, the building will need to be painted. An initial budgeting quote would suggest this will be in the region of **£15,000**. The contractor will visit the property during May to carry out a health and safety inspection prior to the commencement of the project. Donations to the Building Fund will be greatly received.

Please pray for...

those who have died recently:

Eileen Seagrave (London); Lucy Vassallo (Malta)

and on the anniversaries of:

Mary Docherty; Tommy Carey; Kathleen Shields; Winnie Doohan; Philip Maxwell

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



Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass in Saint Mary's

Monday - Friday Livestreamed: 9.30am

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

From May, the church will be open for Mass
on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday.

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



1st Reading **Acts of the Apostles 4.8-12**

2nd Reading **1 John 3.1-2**

Gospel Reading **John 10.11-18**

Plan ahead: Make Mass Make Sense

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter B

1st Reading **Acts of the Apostles 9.26-31**

2nd Reading **1 John 3.18-24**

Gospel Reading **John 15.1-8**

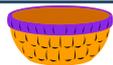
*I am the Good Shepherd
I know my own
and my own know me*



The Bottom Line

There are no Gift Aid envelopes this year

Thank you for your generosity:



St Mary	Gift Aid	Collection	Donation	Total
1st	£150	£381		£531
March	Banked♦			£0
2nd*	£0	£540	£190	£730
March	Banked♦			£0
St Joseph		£747		£747
March	Banked♦			£0

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 Parish Account 00253583

St Mary's Building Account 00254571

St Joseph's Parish Account 00253591

If you can 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

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.

Parish overheads continue even during a period such as this.

Justice and Peace Scotland

All people have the right to work to a chance to develop their qualities and their personalities in the exercise of their professions, to equitable remuneration which will enable them and their families "to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level" and to assistance in case of need arising from sickness or age." Pope Saint Paul VI, "Octogesima Adveniens." (The Feast of St Joseph the Worker is 1st May, which is International Workers Day)

Pope Francis said on twitter

We have broken the bonds of our relationships with the Creator, with our fellow human beings and with the rest of creation. We need to heal the damaged relationships that are essential to supporting us and the entire fabric of life.



All the time stuff

St Vincent de Paul Contact ☎ 07432 879831

Bulletin notices & names to arrive by Thursday

St. Mary's 2nd Collection: Building Fund

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Children's Liturgy Clubs Hall activities and catering

Scottish Charity SC0 18140

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Reflection for 4th Sunday of Easter B, 25th April 2021

It has been a week of sunny weather for most parts of the country. Many people are now looking forward to Monday and a further easing of the restrictions. This means that they will be allowed not just to move around the country with relative ease but will also be able to have a certain limited social life at bars and restaurants. Sadly, at the same time, we have also become aware of how many people are now living in poverty in Scotland. We are very conscious of how many people are unemployed and are struggling to put food on the table to feed their loved ones. We all know the impact of the pandemic on our lives. Poverty has been the most visible tragedy of the pandemic but there are other issues, too, where the impact of pandemic will last for years in the lives of some people. Their lives, in some respects, have been changed forever. The pictures from India are a poignant reminder of how devastating the impact of the virus can be on society. The death toll and the numbers of those who are ill are increasing rapidly. The world can apparently only watch as India struggles to come to terms with the loss of life and the devastation that the virus has caused in people's lives. As we have seen on more than one occasion over the last year, the virus is not restricted by border, age or nationality. Closer to home, we find ourselves thankfully in a stronger and safer position, although that does not mean to say that we can become complacent or lax. We all still need to be cautious and alert for everyone's long term good. As society emerges from lockdown, so too does the Church, both local and universal. We are naturally cautious and perhaps a little afraid of the unknown as to what parish life is going to look like and how it might be understood. The honest answer is we just do not know. It is only natural for us to struggle to make sense of faith in times of uncertainty. This is not something new for the Church. It has been here before. The history books tell us that. However, it has never had to deal with the impact of a pandemic in modern times. A new time, therefore, calls for a new season of faith. If we are courageous and are willing to take a leap of faith, we could see this as an opportunity for a springtime for the local Church even in a time of upheaval and uncertainty. Perhaps, these words of Thomas Halik can keep us going during this season of Easter, when we continue to reflect on the Paschal Mystery.

“This is an era of tremors and upheavals, and there are worse to come. One of the great paradoxes that we will experience, and that we are already experiencing, is that the very part of the Church that all too glibly regards itself as a “stronghold,” will I fear share the fate of the house that was built on sand. Christian faith is a renewed act of belief in meaning, after we have experienced the total debacle of the latter. It is no mere mechanical return to what there was before but requires the courage to trust at the point where we find ourselves beyond the bounds of what we can grasp and comprehend. We usually define the “Christianness” of faith in terms of its “content” and “subject matter” of what is “narrative” in our faith, what is related to the story in which the message of Christianity is conveyed. But let us try for a moment to put all that “into brackets” and come down to the most fundamental intrinsic structure of faith, to that crystal lattice inside the crystal and by “crystal” here I mean both biblical texts and the entire treasury of symbols, dogma, rituals that we encounter in the tradition and the practice of the Church. The paschal character of Christian Faith resides in the experience of two “shocks”. The first of these shocks is “the cross” – the total loss of previous certainties, “leaning out into the night of nonbeing”; such a debacle, however, can give rise to the “solidarity of the shaken”. The second tremor is confronting and overcoming the despair and resignation that one is tempted to fall prey to at moments of debacle, thereby finding an assurance of a different order, which slowly pierces - as a ray of hope - the darkness into which the shaken are plunged.”

Tomas Halik, “**Night of the Confessor: Christian Faith in an age of uncertainty,**” pages 197/198