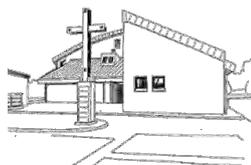




St. Mary's Duntocher

St. Joseph's Faifley



Pentecost B
23rd May 2021

This week the Church celebrates

Wednesday Saint Philip Neri

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please remember in your prayers the young people of primary 7 in Saint Mary's who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.



Work in St. Mary's Church

Thursday: Scaffolding will be erected. The Church and grounds will be closed.

Tuesday 1st June: Work starts.

The Church and grounds will be locked Monday-Friday. Weekday Mass will take place in St. Joseph's. Weekend Masses will take place as normal in St. Mary's.

Funerals will be by arrangement either in St. Joseph's or in another local parish.

We have currently £38,000 in the Building Fund to reach the target of £40,000 for this first phase of the work. We will need, in time, to paint the Church; we have an initial estimate of £15,000. Hopefully, in time, it would be good to have the floor polished.

Masses

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



Weekday Mass in Saint Mary's
Monday & Wednesday at 9.30am (Max 50)

Weekday Mass in Saint Joseph's
Thursday at 9.30am (Maximum 45)

Churches open (No booking required)

Livestream will return as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience!

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1st Reading **Acts 2.1-11**

2nd Reading **1 Corinthians 12.3-7,12-13**

Gospel Reading **John 20.19-23**

Plan ahead: Make Mass Make Sense

Next Sunday: Trinity Sunday (B)

1st Reading **Deuteronomy 4.32-34,39-40**

2nd Reading **Romans 8.14-17**

Gospel Reading **Matthew 28.16-20**



All the time stuff

♦ Gift Aid/Collection paid into a bank

St Vincent de Paul Contact ☎ 07432 879831

Bulletin notices & names to arrive by Thursday

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

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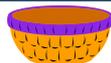
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The Bottom Line

There are no Gift Aid envelopes this year

Thank you for your generosity:



St Mary	Gift Aid	Collection	Donation	Total
1st	£20	£310	£500	£830
April	Banked♦			£0
2nd*	£0	£385		£385
April	Banked♦			£0
St Joseph		£568		£568
April	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

“An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles.” Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, paragraph 183

Pope Francis said on twitter

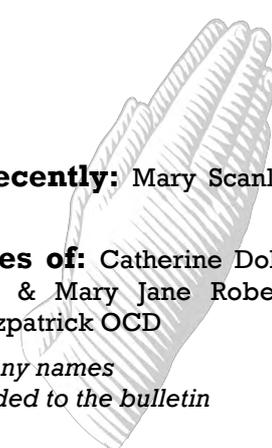
Together, we can seek the truth in dialogue, in relaxed conversation or in passionate debate. To do so, calls for perseverance; it entails moments of silence, yet it can patiently embrace the broader experience of individuals and the cultural diversity of peoples.

Please pray for...

those who have died recently: Mary Scanlan; John Joseph McGrory

and on the anniversaries of: Catherine Dolan; Francis McDermott; George & Mary Jane Roberts; Janice McFarlane; Fr. Jerry Fitzpatrick OCD

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



Reflection for Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May 2021

As the country starts to emerge from lockdown and hopefully so does the Church, we find ourselves celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, a highly symbolic feast, in a post-pandemic Church. This is a novel experience for all of us. It is tempting to look back at the last 15 months as a time of failure, loss or even annihilation. May I suggest that would be myopic and unrealistic. The pandemic has become for the Church a crossroads; for people of faith an opportunity to reflect on the credibility and relevance on their own personal faith and the faith of the Church. It has become a significant turning point in the life of the Church and the world. No one has escaped from the pandemic and no one has been untouched by its impact. We have all felt it socially, financially, emotionally, spiritually or psychologically. However, as we emerge from the pandemic, we also need to leave its story to the history books. They will tell of a significant time in history which will be recalled by future generations. People of faith are on a steep learning curve. They may have felt displaced, lost and even hurt as they tried to realign themselves to a new path and story of faith. There is no going back. We need to go forward. Like the apostles at Pentecost, we cannot go back; they could not retreat to the past or what went before. They had to go forward with hope and with a new sense of purpose because life is and will be different. Life for us has also changed and we are still learning. It is not easy; but the crossroads can and should be an opportunity for us to pause and reflect on our faith and to be renewed by it in a different and creative way. All is not lost. Reflect on these words of Pedro Arrupe sj which were written in 1978 when he was Father General of the Society of Jesus. Take courage! you will not be disappointed!

“Give me what you gave the Prophets: even if my little being protests, see me forced to speak by a supreme power. The word that came to them was not their own word but yours, of your Spirit, sent to them not only to create a new personality for service but also to explain its sense and secrets, of your Spirit that is not only intelligence and strength but also knowledge of God and God’s ways. Give me, then, the strength with which you may not only open up to the prophets your word to the point of revealing to them your glory, but also that strength that kept them standing as they spoke to the people and announced their fate.

With that voice that you make grown in the depths of my being I seek the copious pouring out of yourself, like the rain that gives back life to the arid earth, and like a breath of life that comes to animate dry bones.

Give me that Spirit that scrutinizes all, inspires all, teaches all, that will strengthen me to support what I am not able to support. Give me that Spirit that transformed the weak Galilean fishermen into the columns of your Church and into apostles who gave in the holocaust of their lives the supreme testimony of their love for their brothers and sisters.

Thus, the life-giving outpouring will be like a new creation of hearts transformed, of a sensibility receptive to the voice of the Father, of a spontaneous fidelity to his word. Thus, you will find us again faithful and you will not hide your face from us because you will have poured your Spirit over us. Now I understand that in order to accomplish all this one needs a love like that of the Father, a love that intervenes personally. “You, Lord are our Father.... Why do you let us stray from your ways? Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down” (Isaiah 63: 15-19)”

Such was your divine manifestation: the heavens open, a God the Father visible, a God the Son coming down to the earth and becoming human to save the world: “This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to human beings in past generations... This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father.” (Ephesians 3:5, 14). **Veni Sancte Spiritus!**