

21st Sunday (Year B)



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	5.30pm (SM)	21	Mary Wilson
21 ST SUNDAY	8.30am (SM)	22	Anne McPherson (Thanksgiving)
	10am (HN)		Elizabeth Nucci R.I.P.
	11.30am (SM)		Donor (Thanksgiving)
MON	No Mass	23	-
TUES	9am (HN)	24	Elizabeth Nucci R.I.P.
	10am (SM)		Donor (Family Protection)
WED	9.15am (HN)	25	Requiem Mass for Josephine Whyte R.I.P.
	10am (SM)		Lynsey O'Reilly R.I.P.
THU	9am (HN)	26	Dina McArthur
	10am (SM)		Hugh Tully R.I.P.
FRI	10am (SM)	27	
SAT	10am (SM)	28	

PSALM FOR SUNDAY: TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention please get in touch by email, phone or drop a note through the letterbox or, if at a service, pop into the box for offertory collections or see Father.

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Notification from Bishop's conference of Scotland allows us to return to close to normal for seating in the Church.

We will still take names for 'track and protect' and your ongoing help with this is appreciated **but you will no longer have to book for the following week.**

As some people may not be comfortable with sitting close to others please be mindful of the people around you, especially in front of you – if they are not kneeling, please do not.

Signs asking for others to be mindful will be available for people who do not wish others to sit close to them to place beside you and will be found at the main door entrance (or ask steward)

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, & defend us from every evil.
Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

'My Jesus, I Believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Although You have already come, I embrace You & unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.'

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS (SEE ALSO ARCHEDINBURGH.ORG)

COURSES AT GILLIS CENTRE, EDINBURGH

Applications are now open for variety of courses run by St Mary's University, Twickenham, at our Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh **starting in September**. Why not improve your knowledge of the faith with an MA in Theology? Visit stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

SAFEGUARDING WEBINAR

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. Go to bit.ly/3gQRdPu

RCIA

Parish RCIA course commences in September. If interested please speak to Fr Isaac or George Toal (georgetoal@btinternet.com).

VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations will be at 6:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN).

CARFIN GROTTO

The National Pilgrimage in honour of St Joseph will take place on Sunday 5th September at 3pm.

A bus has been organised by Moira Mcrae (SVP)- if you are interested please let her know asap (to ensure get the right size of bus!). Please remember you will have to continue to follow face covering rules on the bus.

SHAKESPEARE – A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

This 6-week course commences 6th Sept via Zoom.

Book for this thought-provoking course, journeying through the 'Scottish Play' to Romeo and Juliet, via the Archdiocesan website.

THE HUMAN FACE OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY: A CALL TO ACTION

This Zoom event (on 12 Sept from 3-5pm) will focus on:

- The disruptions in the climate that are driving refugee status
- People for whom this is the present reality & Scotland's situation
- How we can respond.

Book at bit.ly/ACallToAction2021 or see Archdiocese Website for details

LAST WORD FROM FR ISAAC...

YOU ALONE HAVE THE MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE

There is this popular cliché especially amongst those with weak faith, that people are no longer interested in the message of the church, hence the church has to bend or change her doctrines and messages. This has always been said from the very beginning of Christianity. When Christ in his teaching said: "Unless a man eats my flesh and drinks my blood he has no life in me" many of his disciples took offence but Christ never bent nor amended his message. The truth should never be compromised. The church continues to uphold these same principles of Christ, "the author and finisher of our faith".

We are not to consider ourselves Christians simply because we think we are. It is our faithfulness to Christ, especially when we are pushed to the wall or when we are ready to quit, that makes our commitment to Christ truly a covenant. How committed are we to Jesus when his teaching appears to be too idealistic to be practised and too risky to be put into action?

When some of the disciples ceased following Jesus because they found His teaching unacceptable, Jesus turned towards the other disciples and asked them, "Do you, too want to go away?" Then Simon Peter answered, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life and we believe that you are the Holy One of God."

Here, Peter asserts three facts:

1. There is no one else to go to
2. Jesus has the words of Eternal Life
3. Jesus is the Holy One of God.

People are running from pillar to post in search of God, in search of salvation yet they are not ready to accept the message of life and the message of salvation. They are not ready to be committed. Like Joshua counsels the people of Israel, we too must decide whom we really want to follow. (Jos. 24:15-16). Enough of the hypocrisy, Enough of the deception, Enough of the unfaithfulness, Enough of eye services and enough of unnecessary diplomacy in matters of faith and moral, if we truly want eternal life we must call a spade a spade and not a spoon, we must switch unto God for he alone has the message of eternal life.

Remain Blessed,
Happy Sunday to you.



To the people
of St Margaret's parish
Dunfermline & Oakley

Edinburgh, 20 August 2021

My dear friends,

New temporary administrator sede plena

I am writing to introduce to you a new temporary administrator who will guide your parish in the ongoing absence of Fr Chris Heenan.

As you know, Fr Chris is presently out of ministry. I met him very recently, and he remains well and in good spirits. He and I are both grateful for all that Fr Deeley has been doing to administer the parish in his absence, along with Fr Isaac's day to day help.

I would now like to allow Fr Deeley to return to his normal duties, looking after his present parish (South Queensferry), as well as his task as Chancellor of the Archdiocese, an important and time-consuming role. I have therefore asked Fr Syriac Palakudiyil, OFM Cap., to become your new temporary administrator sede plena, from the weekend of 28-29 August. Fr Syriac will be able to be resident full time at St Margaret's and be fully dedicated to your pastoral needs in Dunfermline and Oakley as long as he is needed there. He may also be

known to some of you, as he has already worked successfully in the city of Edinburgh. It is my intention that he guide the parish until such times as the situation around Fr Chris is resolved.

I know that some of you are anxious about Fr Chris, and would also like to move forward out of this situation and start a new post-Covid chapter in your communities. I sympathise with those sentiments, but an old and wise maxim says, when the pastor of souls is absent, Nothing should be changed or started. Fr Heenan remains your parish priest, and so it would be better to wait for this situation to be clarified before we attempt to move forward. I would therefore ask you kindly to remain patient, and to maintain things as they are for the time being.

Let me express here my gratitude to Fr Syriac for taking on this task of guiding your churches in these delicate times. Let me also thank you for making him welcome, while at the same time I ask you to welcome Fr Syriac. Please keep him, Fr Isaac and Fr Chris in your prayers.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Leo Cushley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

+Leo Cushley Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh