

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION
Sunday 9th June <i>10th Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	6 p.m. (Sat)	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Esther Cooney (RIP)
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	
Monday 10th June	7 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Fr. Michael's Intentions
Tuesday 11th June <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i>	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Funeral Mass for Tam Millar RIP	
Wednesday 12th June	10 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	
	6.30 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	
Thursday 13th June <i>St. Anthony of Padua, Priest</i>	10 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	
Friday 14th June	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Jack McKenzie (Anniv.)
Saturday 15th June	6 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 16th June <i>11th Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Rosalind Bennett (Anniv.)
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	

<p>Sacrament of Confession Wednesday in St. Mungo's from 6pm to 6.25pm Thursday in St. Serf's from 9.30 a.m. to 9.55 a.m. Friday in St. Mungo's after 10 a.m. Mass Saturday in St. Mungo's from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday in St. Mungo's from 6pm to 6.25pm Thursday in St. Serf's from 9.30 a.m. to 9.55 a.m.</p>	<p>St. Mungo's Prayer Group Tuesday 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in St. Mungo's Hall</p> <p>Teas/coffees Tuesday after 10 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's Hall Wednesday after 10 a.m. Mass in St. Serf's Hall Last Sunday of the month after 9.30 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's Hall</p>
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*Welcome to the Parishes of
St. Mungo's, Alloa and St. Serf's, High Valleyfield
Sunday 9th June 2024 -
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)*

Today's Gospel opens with the chaotic scene of a huge crowd gathered around the house where Jesus is. It's such a busy scene that Jesus and the disciples have no time even to have a meal. This spectacle provokes both the relatives of Jesus and some scribes from Jerusalem into action. The relatives think Jesus is mad; the scribes think he is possessed. Intentionally or not, both the relatives and the scribes seem intent on closing down the mission of Jesus.

The relatives, convinced that Jesus is out of his mind, and quite possibly embarrassed at the spectacle he is making of himself, set out to take charge of (capture) him, probably intending to take him back to Nazareth and sort him out. The scribes from Jerusalem try to close down Jesus' mission by accusing him of being in league with the devil, using Satan's power in his healing miracles. Jesus points out how absurd this claim is since the miracles he works with the power of the Holy Spirit bring healing, freedom and liberation, not deeper enslavement to the power of evil. A house divided against itself, he says, cannot stand.

Jesus also tells a parable about a strong man and a burglar. Most people would think that the strong man is Jesus and the burglar is Satan. In fact, it is the other way around! Using the power of God, it is Jesus who has tied up Satan and breaks into his house to free those imprisoned by evil. Jesus warns of the seriousness of accusing him of being an agent of Satan – identifying the Holy Spirit of God with the unclean spirits of the demonic world.

Then the family of Jesus now appear, outside the house. Unable to get to him because of the crowd, they send a message to him, asking to see him. Jesus doesn't respond directly to the request but asks and answers the question, "who are my mother and brothers?" Pointing to the people gathered around him inside the house, Jesus says, "Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother." The old family is left outside, and the new family of Jesus is gathered with him inside.

Being part of the family of Jesus doesn't depend on blood relationship with him but on recognising that he comes from God and doing God's will. Belonging to the new family of Jesus is joining him in the business of incarnating, making real in flesh and blood, God's deep love and mercy for all his people. © Carmelite Friars of Australia

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember in your prayers the children who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation during the 9.30 a.m. Mass this Sunday in St. Mungo's. We welcome the children along with their families and guests as we join with them in celebrating this very special day. After Mass there will be tea and toast in the church hall. To allow me to join the children and their families in the hall after Mass, Monsignor Drysdale will offer the 11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Serf's.



IN YOUR PRAYERS....

We pray for all who are ill/housebound: in particular we remember:

Hannah McNally, Jane Fentiman, Fay Miller, Veronica McCluskey, Ann Gray, Jacqui Cadwallender, Richard Donald, Mgr Neil Gallagher, Maureen Malkiewicz, Catherine Strathearn, Matthew Kelly, Marjory Robson (*mother of Bishop Stephen*), Bishop Stephen Robson, Brian Bell, Lewis McArthur, Eden Smyth, John Ferguson.

Angie Mortimer-Farthing,
Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them!

We pray for those who have died recently:

Esther Cooney

We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Cardinal Thomas Joseph Winning, Jack McKenzie, Rosalind Bennett
Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

St. Mungo's:

Plate: £602.40 **Standing Orders:** £253 **Total:** £855.40 **Building Fund:** £100

St. Serf's: £258.35

Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parishes.

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the annual Day for Life.

ST. MODAN'S HIGH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SUPPER AND CEILIDH

To mark the end of the school's 90th year, St Modan's Anniversary Committee have organised a semi-formal buffet supper and ceilidh for all members of the school's family. So, whether you are a former pupil, parent, former member of staff or current, you are warmly invited to attend this unique event. This celebration will take place on the evening of **Friday 21st June** in Stirling's Albert Halls – and will feature entertainment from St Modan's alumni. The start time will be 7.00 for 7.30 pm, the ticket price will be £20 per head - which will cover food and entertainment in a sumptuous location- and the event will include a well-stocked licensed bar. Tickets can be reserved by contacting the school office on 01786 470962.

St. Modan's 90th Anniversary Mass

This will be celebrated at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Upper Bridge Street, Stirling on **Thursday 20th June at 7p.m.** Former and current pupils, along with any staff and families associated with St. Modan's are warmly invited to share in the celebration of the school's 90th year. Archbishop Cushley will celebrate Mass as we give thanks for the past 90 years and look forward to the years ahead.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

This Sunday I will celebrate my tenth anniversary of priestly ordination. Although not a major milestone, I would like to invite parishioners to join with me, as I offer a **Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Mungo's on Monday 10th June at 7 p.m.**, thanking God for the many graces received during my priesthood. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the hall.

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a meeting of current altar servers and those who would like to be altar servers on Saturday at 10.30 a.m. in St. Mungo's Church. If you are unable to attend please let either myself or Anthony Cassidy know.

PARKING ADVICE

Can I remind parishioners not to park in the spaces in front of the houses across from St. Mungo's, as these are for residents only. Thank you.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE DOLLY MIXTURES

Following the successful concert last year in St. Serf's, the Dolly Mixtures have agreed to put on another concert on **Sunday 7th July at 2 p.m. in St. Serf's Church Hall.** Tickets £3 and will be on sale in St. Serf's this Sunday.

ANNUAL DAY FOR LIFE - Sunday 16th June 2024

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England & Wales, Scotland and Ireland, the Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on Sunday 16th June. The theme is *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*

There has been much discussion in the media recently about 'assisted suicide', whereby people who feel they are overburdened by suffering will be facilitated in bringing their lives to a premature end by a change in legislation. The Catholic Church opposes this.

As Catholics, along with many people of other faiths and none, we share a different vision about what it is to be fully human, especially when we are suffering and approaching death in the hope of eternal life. People who are coming towards the end of their lives can feel vulnerable, and recent research shows that many consider themselves a burden on their loved ones and wider society. Jesus shows us that life always has dignity and that there is no such thing as a useless life. We are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. We support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

Jesus did not send the sick away. Our Lady remained at the foot of the Cross to the very end as Her Son, Jesus, died. Mary is the model of compassionate presence and prayer whom we are called to imitate. People close to death and their loved ones, often go through similar darkness and pain but can come to a more complete acceptance and find peace in those treasured last moments accompanied by spiritual care. *Bishop John Sherrington, Bishop Kevin Doran, and Bishop John Keenan.*

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the work of the apostolate of life.

ST. MARGARET NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE 2024

Gather in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate one of Scotland's patron saints!

Sunday 23rd June 2024

2:00 p.m.: Procession from Pittencrieff Park (Bridge Street, opposite Seven Kings Pub) to St Margaret's Memorial Church, East Port, Dunfermline.

3:00 p.m.: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley and blessing from relic of St Margaret.