

| DATE | TIME | CHURCH | LITURGY | INTENTION |
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| Sunday 13th October <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i> <i>(Preface III; Euch. Prayer III)</i> | 6 p.m. (Sat) | St. Mungo's | Vigil Mass | People of the Parish |
| | 9.30 a.m. | St. Mungo's | Mass | John & Alison Glass |
| | 11.30 a.m. | St. Serf's | Mass | Jannette Dobbin (Anniv) |
| Monday 14th October | NO MASS CELEBRATED TODAY | | | |
| Tuesday 15th October <i>St. Teresa of Avila</i> <i>Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i> | 10 a.m. | St. Mungo's | Mass | Thomas McElroy (RIP) |
| Wednesday 16th October | 10 a.m. | St. Serf's | Mass | Alex McGrory (RIP) |
| Thursday 17th October <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch,</i> <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> | 6.30 p.m. | St. Mungo's | Mass | Agnes Dunion (Anniv.) |
| Friday 18th October <i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i> | 10 a.m. | St. Mungo's | Mass | Thomas McElroy (RIP) |
| Saturday 19th October | 6 p.m. | St. Mungo's | Vigil Mass | Thomas McElroy (RIP) |
| Sunday 20th October <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i> <i>World Mission Sunday</i> | 9.30 a.m. | St. Mungo's | Mass | Joe & Helen Thomson RIP |
| | 11.30 a.m. | St. Serf's | Mass | People of the Parish |

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| <p>Sacrament of Confession this week Wednesday in St. Serf's after Mass this week Thursday in St. Mungo's - 6 p.m. to 6.25 p.m. Friday in St. Mungo's after 10 a.m. Mass Saturday in St. Mungo's - 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday in St. Serf's 9.30 a.m. to 9.55 a.m. Friday in St. Mungo's 9.15 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">St. Mungo's Prayer Group Resumes on Tuesday 15th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 13th October 2024 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word possessions as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions. The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow me." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God. Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church. © *Loyola Press*

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
During this month we will have recitation of the rosary in both parishes -
In St. Mungo's there will be Rosary and Benediction on Sundays at 4 p.m.
In St. Serf's there will be rosary on Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m.

IN YOUR PRAYERS....

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

Jane Fentiman, Veronica McCluskey, Ann Gray, Jacqui Cadwallender, Richard Donald, Maureen Malkiewicz, Catherine Strathearn, Matthew Kelly, Brian Bell, Susan Dyball, Marjory Robson (*mother of Bishop Stephen*), Lewis McArthur, Eden Smyth, John Ferguson, Angie Mortimer-Farthing, Veronica Reid, Jean Rennie, John Mooney, Fr Martin Smith.

Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them!

We pray for those who have died recently:

Alex McGrory, Margaret McTaggart

We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Agnes Dunion, Bishop William Andrew Hart, Robert Watson, Kitty Cooney, Jean Stupart, Margaret Baxter, Eugene Kelly, Jack Riddock

Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen

LAST WEEK'S INCOME

| St. Mungo's | | St. Serf's | |
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| Offertory | £534.20 | Offertory | £352.46 |
| Standing Orders | £315.50 | Donation for Lectionaries | £200 |
| Building Fund | £255 | | |
| Bingo Tea | £500 | | |
| Candles | £121.09 | | |
| TOTAL | £1725.79 | TOTAL | £552.46 |

Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parishes.

Next weekend there will be a special collection for Mission Sunday.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday—World Mission Sunday—we are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. They play a crucial part in going and inviting everyone to the banquet.' As Catholics around the world— here at home and in the missions gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us pray for the Church's missionary work and offer our financial support to Missio Scotland for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. There are copies of the latest "We are Mission" magazine, along with Gift Aid envelopes for those who might like to Gift aid there donation next Sunday.

DIOCESAN MISSION EVENT

To mark Mission month, there will be a Mission event next **Saturday, 19th October** to be held in St. Mary's Church Hall, Forebank Road, Dundee. The theme this year will be *Persecuted Christians (focusing in particular on Africa and Nigeria)* and it will be facilitated by "Aid to the Church in Need". The day begins at 9.30am, will include Mass and should be finished by 3.30pm. If you intend going please take a packed lunch.

The RCIA: A Journey of Faith

Join us on the journey, beginning **Tuesday 15th October at 6.30 p.m.** in St. Mungo's Church Hall. This invitation is open to those interested in being received into the Catholic church, and for those parishioners who might wish to "refresh" their faith!

Family Quiz night - for all ages

Friday 8th November @ 7pm in St. Mungo's Church Hall, a prize quiz for everyone! Bring a team or we'll form these on the night. Sign up using the sheets at the back of the church so we have a view of numbers please. Cost will be £2 per adult, kids free. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea will be provided at half-time.

Glasgow Torchlight Procession to mark 57th Anniversary of the Abortion Act

Please join the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children in Glasgow on **Thursday 24th October** for the annual torchlight procession to commemorate 57 years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, which has led to the loss of more than 10 million lives here in the UK. This is a solemn and prayerful event to pray for an end to abortion.

6:30 pm – Rosary in George Square; 7:00 pm – Begin procession to St. Andrew's Cathedral
7:30 pm – Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral



New Lectionaries

As mentioned previously, from Advent this year, we will begin using new lectionaries for the Scripture readings during Mass. These lectionaries will use a different translation of the bible to the one currently used. Fr. Paul Denney, a priest from the Diocese of Motherwell, who was involved in the editing/ compilation of the new lectionary, has kindly agreed to come and give a short presentation on **Saturday 23rd November at 11 a.m.** in St. Mungo's Church Hall. It is open to everyone, **but I would ask that those who read in our parishes make a special effort to attend this meeting.**

Congratulations!

On behalf of the parishes I offer our prayers and congratulations to John and Alison Glass from St. Mungo's, who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married in St. Mungo's on 10th October 1964 by Canon James Matthews. During Mass on Sunday they will renew their marriage vows and receive a special blessing. *We wish them Ad multos annos! (Many more years!)*

All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses in our parishes for this solemnity will be:

Vigil Mass (Thursday 31st October) at 7 p.m. in St. Mungo's Church

Mass at 10 a.m. (with St. Mungo's Primary) in St. Mungo's Church

Mass at 2 p.m. (with St. Serf's Primary) in St. Serf's Church

THINK VOCATIONS!

The rich young man in the Gospel today can't leave all to follow Jesus. Could you? Perhaps God is calling you to priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life? How do you respond? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr Jim Walls 01382 611282 for more information.