

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION
Sunday 13th October <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i> <i>World Mission Sunday</i> <i>(Euch. Prayer for Various Needs III)</i>	6 p.m. (Sat)	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	Thomas McElroy (RIP)
	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Joe & Helen Thomson RIP
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 21th October	4 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Reception of Remains Margaret McTaggart	
Tuesday 22nd October <i>St John Paul II, Pope</i>	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Funeral Mass for Margaret McTaggart	
Wednesday 23rd October	10 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	Thomas McElroy RIP
Thursday 24th October	10 a.m.	St. Serf's	Funeral Mass for Veronica Reid	
	6.30 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Holy Souls
Friday 25th October <i>Votive Mass of Holy Cross</i>	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	John Richardson (Anniv.)
Saturday 26th October	6 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	Harry Dunion (Anniv.)
Sunday 27th October <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Thomas McElroy (RIP)
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	People of the Parish

<p>Sacrament of Confession this week Wednesday in St. Serf's after Mass 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>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 20th October 2024 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
World Mission Sunday

PASTORAL LETTER FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

There are many people we may never hear of but we **should** hear of: the ones who look after others, who give their lives in service. We all know people who are like that. People who do not, like James and John in the gospel, seek personal glory or advantage. They just get on quietly with what needs to be done. The suffering servant in today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah is an example of someone who *offers his life and by his sufferings justifies many, taking their faults on himself*. That prophecy of Isaiah reaches its fulfilment in Jesus on the Cross and Jesus himself tells us in today's gospel that he did not come to be served but to serve.

Sr Hedwig Vinyo, a Franciscan Sister, is a powerful example of someone who has dedicated her life to serving others – especially those who are in need. She is from Cameroon in West Africa and grew up in the area she now works in, the North-West Province of the country. In the midst of a civil war which has been raging for the past 7 years in the English speaking part of Cameroon, Sr Hedwig and the Tertiary Sisters of St Francis are helping those tragically affected by the war to pick up the pieces of their lives. They have been taking care of some of the 628,000 refugees and the young people and children with disabilities whose families have been killed. For the sisters, serving God means gathering those broken by the war, providing them with care, support and a safe place. As the responsorial psalm put it: *“to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine”*.

Your donations today will enable Sr Hedwig and her sisters to serve those suffering because of the war, a war we never hear much about here. Also with your help, Missio Scotland will give funding to the Catholic Women's Association – a Cameroonian organisation similar to the Union of Catholic Mothers here in Scotland – who are supporting displaced people who have taken refuge in their parishes. Gathering those who have been broken, inviting everyone to join together in a place of peace is the focus of Pope Francis' theme for this World Mission Sunday. He recalls the scene in the Gospel of Matthew where the king tells his servants to *“go and invite everyone to the banquet”*. Our mission, the mission of every follower of Christ, is to bring people together in unity to experience the love of God. As the Holy Father says in his message, The Church – One Family *“Today, in a world torn apart by divisions and conflicts, Christ's Gospel calls individuals to encounter one another, to recognise that they are brothers and sisters, and to rejoice in harmony amid diversity. Let us never forget, that we are asked to preach the Gospel to all.”*

In receiving the Eucharist in our parish today, we do so with all our brothers and sisters across the globe who are taking part in the Mass on this World Mission Sunday. The Eucharist is a sign and source of our unity but, as Pope Francis says, “we cannot approach the Eucharistic table without being drawn into the mission which is meant to reach all people”. That ‘mission’ to every person on our planet is an essential part of our Catholic identity and has been since the very early days of the Church. The Scottish Catholic community reaches out to the world beyond our shores through Missio Scotland and SCIAF. They are an expression of our community, our faith and our sharing concretely in the mission Christ has given us.

Missio – the Pontifical Mission Societies – is where the Church in one place supports the Church in another place. Each Catholic community prays for all the other Catholic communities both here in Scotland and abroad and shares finances if they are needed. That mutual exchange of prayers and money creates solidarity, a sense of the Church as one universal family, and gives joy to God who is the Father of us all. It gives meaning to our saying together the response to the responsorial psalm: *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you*. So today, as we accept the invitation to come to the Eucharistic banquet and celebrate the reality of the Church as one family, Pope Francis asks each of us to be generous with our prayers and donations for other Catholic communities throughout the world, especially those in mission countries who need to feel that we are there for them. Thank you for your prayers and for all you have given over the years.

Wishing you and your parish the unity, peace and joy of God.

Father Vincent Lockhart
National Director - Missio Scotland - Pontifical Mission Societies

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, Jean Rennie, John Mooney, Fr Martin Smith.

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

We pray for those who have died recently:

Fr. Billy Donnelly (Glasgow), Margaret McTaggart, Veronica Reid, Catherine Cavanagh

We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Mgr. William McCurrach, Canon Michael Lavelle, Fr David Ward, John Richardson, James Small, Jean Gray, Patricia Dunne, Raymond Dunne, Norah Paine, Harry Dunion, Edward, Margaret & Graham Hill

Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen

LAST WEEK'S INCOME

St. Mungo's		St. Serf's	
Offertory	£647.11	Offertory	£274
Standing Orders	£315.50		
Building Fund	£30		
Sunday Missals	£360		
Repository	£60		
Hall Donation	£40		
TOTAL	£1452.61	TOTAL	£274

Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parishes.

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

The RCIA: A Journey of Faith

Continues on **Tuesday at 6 p.m. in St. Mungo's Chapel House.**

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.**



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.

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!

On this Mission Sunday, consider if the Lord is calling you to share in the mission of the Church as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? The mission to the wide world is great! Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr Jim Walls 01382 611282 for more information.

ST MUNGO'S CHOIR

From this **Thursday 24th October**, choir practices will commence at the slightly earlier time of **7.15p.m.** in the church, i.e. shortly after the Thursday evening Mass. We rehearse for just over an hour, so are finished by 8.30pm. New singers would be made most welcome, as we begin to prepare for Advent and Christmas.

A message on behalf of our welcoming team at St. Mungo's

You've probably seen our Welcomers handing out registration forms as people arrive at Mass. We're in the process of updating our Parish records and we'd like to get the details of anyone who is new to the parish or for whatever reason hasn't filled in a registration form, or whose details may have changed. The forms will allow us to keep in touch with you and help you to be fully involved in Parish and sacramental life. All details entrusted to St Mungo's Parish will be kept strictly secure and confidential. Please make yourself known to our welcomers and stewards, and come to our parish events such as Toast and Tea on the last Sunday of each month. We look forward to welcoming and getting to know you. Strangers are just friends you haven't got to know yet!

New crucifix and candles

Through a recent anonymous donation to St. Mungo's, a matching set of crucifix and candlesticks was purchased for the altar. Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of the donor.