

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 6th October</b> <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i> <i>(Preface II; Euch. Prayer III)</i>	6 p.m. (Sat)	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	Peter Dowd (Anniv.)
	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	People of the Parish
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	Thomas McElroy RIP
<b>Monday 7th October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 8th October</b>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Wednesday 9th October</b>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Thursday 10th October</b>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Friday 11th October</b>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Saturday 12th October</b>	6 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	Thomas McElroy (RIP)
<b>Sunday 13th October</b> <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	People of the Parish
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	Jannette Dobbin (Anniv)

<p><b><u>Sacrament of Confession this week</u></b> Saturday in St. Mungo's 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u></b> No adoration in either church this week.</p> <p><b>Rosary and Benediction in St. Mungo's on Sunday at 4 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b><u>St. Mungo's Prayer Group</u></b> Resumes on Tuesday 15th October</p> <p><b><u>Teas/coffees</u></b> No TEAS THIS WEEK</p>
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**Welcome to the Parishes of  
St. Mungo's, Alloa and St. Serf's, High Valleyfield  
Sunday 6th October 2024 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers. © Loyola Press

**SHORT-BREAK**

*I am taking a couple of days break this week, so there will be no public Masses.  
I am not going away but just having a couple of quiet days to myself.  
I can still be contacted in case of emergency.*

### 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:**

Joe Thomson, Helen Thomson

**We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:**

Marie Allan, Fr. Anthony McCarthy, Fr. George Leitchman, Fr. James Ward, Robert Watson, Margaret Affa, Kathleen Gibson, Loretto Ghiloni, Pauline Porter, Eileen Burden, James Delaney

*Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen*

### LAST WEEK'S INCOME

St. Mungo's		St. Serf's	
Offertory	£534.33	Offertory	£259.50
Standing Orders	£315.50		
Building Fund	£1600		
Concert	£507		
Funeral Income	£100		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3056.83</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£259.50</b>

*Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parishes.*

### The RCIA: A Journey of Faith

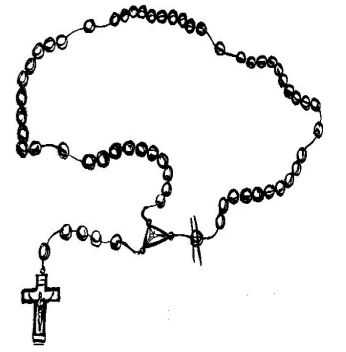
Since Jesus invited His first followers to, "Come, follow me", the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship. For each of us faith is a journey marked with moments of conversion along the way...we move from unbelief to initial faith, from sin to repentance, from painful isolation to the joyful experience of a loving community, from fear to love.

Faith, conversion, repentance, celebration and community – five basic elements that are present in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA provides a setting where the journey of faith and moments of conversion can be celebrated within the local Church community. The purpose of the RCIA is literally "the making of Christians", for as Tertullian in the 4th century wrote "Christians are made, not born."

*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!*

### OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is especially dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This tradition originates from Pope St Pius V who wanted to dedicate a feast to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary following the victory at the Battle of Lepanto against the Turkish fleet on the 7th October 1571. **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. beginning next Wednesday.**



### KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA PRO-LIFE MASS

The Knights invite you to join them to pray for an end to abortion and prevent the introduction of euthanasia. There will be a Mass for Life on **Saturday 12th October at 12 noon in St. Margaret's Memorial Church, East Port, Dunfermline.**

### SOCIAL GROUP UPDATE

Following the recent Bingo Tea the social group would like to thank everyone who supported the event including those who donated baking and raffle prizes. See below for details of the next social event in November. If you have any suggestions for future events, don't be shy, let us know what you'd like to participate in. Speak with Cathie Ramage or any other member of the team.

### 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.

### Hall hire

Planning a family or community event but not sure if you have enough space? Why not hire our parish hall? It's a flexible space able to meet a variety of needs and rates are very reasonable. Contact details available on reverse of bulletin.

### Country Music Picnic Evening

WDR Band and The Dolly Mixtures would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our country music evening. A total of £517 was raised and has been donated to parish funds, thanks again for all your support.

### 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