

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b> <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i> Sunday Missal page 1005 Preface of Feast; EPIII	6 p.m. (Sat)	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	<i>Frank Lennon (RIP)</i>
	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	<i>John Mooney (RIP)</i>
<b>Monday 3rd February</b> <i>St. Blaise, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	<b>NO MASS CELEBRATED TODAY</b>			
<b>Tuesday 4th February</b>	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	<i>Frank Lennon (RIP)</i>
<b>Wednesday 5th February</b> <i>St. Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>	10 a.m.	St. Serf's Hall	Mass	<i>Andy Mournian (Anniversary)</i>
<b>Thursday 6th February</b> <i>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	<i>Pat McTaggart Snr (RIP)</i>
<b>Friday 7th February</b>	<b>NO MASS IN ST. MUNGO'S TODAY</b> <i>Fr Michael attending Feast Day Mass at St. Modan's High School</i>			
<b>Saturday 8th February</b>	6 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	<i>Pat McTaggart Snr (RIP)</i>
<b>Sunday 9th February</b> <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	<i>Pat McTaggart Snr (RIP)</i>
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

**Sacrament of Confession this week**

In St. Serf's on request.  
Saturday in St. Mungo's - 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

**St. Mungo's Prayer Group**

Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

**Teas/coffees**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Will recommence soon in both parishes.

Tuesday after 10 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's  
Wednesday after 10 a.m. Mass in St. Serf's

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*Welcome to the Parishes of  
St. Mungo's, Alloa and St. Serf's, High Valleyfield  
Sunday 2nd February 2025 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)*

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfilment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all. © Loyola Press



*'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,  
just as you promised;  
because my eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,  
a light to enlighten the pagans  
and the glory of your people Israel.'*

*With the celebration of the Feast of the Presentation, Christmastide officially comes to an end  
and the cribs in both of our churches will be taken down after Mass this Sunday.*

### **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, Matthew Kelly, Brian Bell, Susan Dyball, Lewis McArthur, Eden Smyth, John Ferguson, Angie Mortimer-Farthing, Jean Rennie, Fr Martin Smith, Roy Drysdale, Chloe Walmsley, Susan Malcolm  
*Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them!*

#### **We pray for those who have died recently:**

Mary Elliott (*Funeral Mass in St. Mungo's, Tuesday 11th February at 10 a.m.*),  
Andrew Mournian Jnr

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

Michael Mulraney, Maureen Corner, Eileen Mathieson, Denis Delaney,  
Isa Watson, Lorraine Dunion, Andy Mournian Snr  
*Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen*

### **PARISH INCOME**

St. Mungo's		St. Serf's	
Offertory	£660.22	Offertory	£194.60
Standing Orders	£315.50		
Repository	£50		
Building Fund	£50		
Funeral Income	£100		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1175.72</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£194.60</b>

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

#### **Diocesan Priesthood**

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2025? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information, please contact Fr Jim Walls - e-mail: james.walls@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

There will be a Vocations Evening with Bishop Andrew McKenzie, Fr Jim Walls (Vocations Director) and Fr Malcolm Hutchison on **Sunday 2nd February in St Andrew's Cathedral Hall, Dundee at 7 p.m.** Anyone interested in the priesthood is welcome to attend. Pizza to follow.

#### **Pastoral Visit by Bishop Andrew McKenzie**

Bishop Andrew will be making his first pastoral visit to our parishes over the weekend of **22nd/23rd March**. He will celebrate all the Masses that weekend, and there will be the opportunity to meet him afterwards.

#### **International Buffet - Sunday 9th February at 2 p.m.**

The next event organised by the parish Social Group will be an International Buffet. This is to celebrate the many different nationalities and cultures which now make up our parish. Come along next Sunday from 2 p.m. in the church hall, when there will be various dishes to sample from lots of exotic places including Alloa!

### **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

On **Monday 3rd February at 1 p.m.**, Bishop Andrew will celebrate Mass with the religious and priests of the diocese in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate and pray for the various religious orders in our diocese.

### **GRIEF TO GRACE –**

#### **A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 29th April to 4th May 2025**

Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious/member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, which will be held at St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, please contact: [margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org](mailto:margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org)

### **World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

Takes place on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes—**Tuesday 11th February**. There will be Mass in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's Lane, Dundee that evening at 7 p.m., to which all are invited! **At all our Masses next weekend, the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered to those who wish to receive it.**

### **February - Month of the Holy Family**

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674.

This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Pope Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. On account of the flight into Egypt this feast has been observed by the Copts from early times. The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society.

In the words of Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues." Let us as parish pray that our families might seek to imitate the good example of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



### **ASH WEDNESDAY (5th March) - ADVANCE NOTICE**

**10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. in St. Mungo's  
2 p.m. Mass in St. Serf's**

*Please remember that while we are strongly encouraged to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday and receive the penitential sign of ashes on our forehead as the Season of Lent begins, Ash Wednesday is not a Holyday of Obligation.*