

*Welcome to the Parishes of
St. Mungo's Alloa and St. Serf's, High Valleyfield*

Diocese of Dunkeld Scottish Charity Number SC001810

Sunday 20th July 2025 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 19th July

5 to 5.30 p.m. Confessions in St. Mungo's
6 p.m. Vigil Mass of Sunday in St. Mungo's (*Donor's Intention KMcC*)

Sunday 20th July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's (*People of the Parish*)
11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Serf's (*Nessie & Jimmy McMillan, Anniversary*)

Monday 21st July

NO MASS

Tuesday 22nd July

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

10 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's (*Donor's Intention MH*)

Wednesday 23rd July

Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden, Patroness of Europe

10 a.m. Mass in St. Serf's (*Katie Watson, RIP*)

Thursday 24th July

Optional Memoria of St. Charbel Makhlouf, Priest

10 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's (*Agnes Dunion, Anniversary*)

Friday 25th July

Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle

10 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's (*Private Intention*) followed by confessions

Saturday 26th July

Memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of Our Lady

5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Confessions in St. Mungo's
6 p.m. Vigil Mass in St. Mungo's (*Maureen Cichanski RIP*)

Sunday 27th July

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's (*People of the Parish*)
11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Serf's (*Alan (Dick) Ferguson, Anniversary*)

IN YOUR PRAYERS....

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

Jane Fentiman, Veronica McCluskey, Ann Gray, Richard Donald, Eden Smyth, Brian Bell, Maureen Malkiewicz, Matthew Kelly, Susan Dyball, Lewis McArthur, John Ferguson, Maria Benei, Angie Mortimer-Farthing, Fr Martin Smith, Chloe Walmsley, Susan Malcolm, Andrea McGregor, Fr Malcolm Hutchison, Anne McEvoy.

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

We pray for those who have died recently:

We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

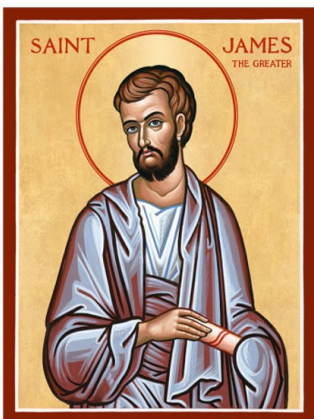
Fr. Anthony Boyle, Fr. Henry Kelly, Canon James Malaney, John Robbins, Brother Douglas Welsh FMS. Brother Gabriel Potter OSB, John Murray, Agnes Dunion, Alan (Dick) Ferguson, Margaret & Colin McMorrow, Nessie & Jimmy McMillan
Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighbourliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.



Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfil the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbour (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbour requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher. © Loyola Press

FEAST OF ST. JAMES THE GREATER - 25TH JULY



James and his brother John, while working on their father's boat on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, promptly obeyed Christ's call to follow Him. The two brothers, whom Jesus nicknamed the Sons of Thunder, formed with Peter, the trio whom Jesus often had closest to Him. After Pentecost, the history of James is told in popular belief: that he went to Spain to preach the Gospel and on a return visit to Jerusalem, was arrested and suffered martyrdom under Herod Agrippa in 44AD. His body was taken back to Spain and buried where the great cathedral of Santiago (St. James) de Compostela continues to draw pilgrims in their thousands.