

Vocations Sunday—4th Sunday of Easter

Are you a single man? Have you ever thought that the Lord might be calling you to serve him as a priest? What should you do if you feel that the Lord might be calling you?

1. Pray to the Lord every day that He will reveal to you His will.
2. Find a priest that you can trust and share with him your Spiritual Journey, that both of you will discern if the Lord is calling you or not.
3. Contact the Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr Michael Carrie (email: frmichaelcarrie@outlook.com) or go to www.dunkeldvocations.co.uk or www.pfs.org.uk

Maybe most of us feel that this is not something that has to do with us. On the contrary it has to do with all of us and a lot. If you don't feel that the Lord is calling you, maybe because you have been called for another vocation, remember that all of us are in different ways responsible for vocations to the priesthood, religious and missionary life. What can you do if you fall into this category?

1. Pray to the Good Shepherd that he will never leave his Church lacking priests even in our country, Diocese and parish.
2. Support any young man or even boy who might show the slightest hint of a vocation to the priesthood, even within your family.
3. Within the limits of our material means let us support our Diocese in the formation of the new candidates to the priesthood.

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St Vincent de Paul Society Group—E-mail: stbridessvdp@yahoo.com

St Vincent de Paul Society Group meets every second Thursday of the month at 10 am in St Bride's Church. New members welcome.

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Eucharistic Congress—deepening our Love of the Eucharist

Our Diocese is organizing a Eucharistic Congress from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th of May. This will be held in St Andrew's Cathedral 150, Nethergate, Dundee. With this Newsletter you will be receiving the programme/invitation. I suppose many would say it is too far away. It is far away true but maybe not too far away if we really want to grow in our Love of the Lord. I like to call to your attention what Saint Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein said, "He is truly there—and he is there for me"). Please do consider participating in this great event for our Diocese even once.

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Collections

St Bride's	£316.40
Our Lady of Mercy's	£169.81
St. Columba's	£91.40
Total	£577.61

If you can offer to be *a volunteer* at the *Three Churches Charity Shop* in Dunkeld, please contact Cathy Reid on 01350727327 or mobile 07871107467.

Our **Parish Safeguarding co-Ordinator** is **Liz Douglas** and can be reached on Tel: 07754121629, e-mail: lizdouglas03@gmail.com

2nd Collection for Lepra—25th & 26th May

We are a UK-based international charity working to beat leprosy. This disease affects the most vulnerable people in the world, causing life-changing disabilities, **but there is a cure**. More than **600 people** are diagnosed and start treatment each day, **over 50 of these are children**. But, due to fear and lack of knowledge, there are **over 3 million people across the world living with undiagnosed leprosy** and every day the disease causes more damage to their health, livelihood and future. We work directly with communities in Bangladesh, India and Mozambique to find, diagnose and rehabilitate people affected by leprosy. Through raising awareness, pushing for early detection and reducing prejudice we support people so they can transform their lives. Last year (2017-2018) we reached more than **301,000 people directly through diagnosis, treatment and care**. We reached a further **1.7 million people through health education** and events to raise awareness of diseases and reduce prejudice. We are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives; **with your support we can achieve this sooner**. Together we can #BeatLeprosy

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The 100 Club—Time to renew our membership

Membership costs £50 per year. There will be 4 draws of £250 each on Christmas, Easter, end of July and October. To renew your membership please write your Name, Address and Phone Number, and give it with your payment to Tina Simpson or Fr. Edward. Cheques payable to St. Bride's RC Church.

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Christian Aid week - May12 to 18

There will be a street collection in Pitlochry to support Christian Aid on the 17th and 18th May. If anyone is able to help, maybe just for an hour, we would be very grateful. There will also be an Auction of Talents on June 7th in the Tryst Church of Scotland. What is this you may ask? You might offer an afternoon or cook supper for 4 in someone's house or offer 2 hours of gardening. All the offers will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder. This is an entertaining evening, so please come along and have some fun. Tickets are £3 and include refreshments. If you can offer a talent, please see Barbara Rombaut.

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The Three Churches Charity shop celebrating 6 years since its opening

On Sunday 12 May in our church of St Columba's in Birnam at 4.30 pm the three churches that have and still do benefit from the Three Churches Charity Shop will be coming together to thank God and all the volunteers for this great gift that God has given us. We owe a lot to this great shop, recently once again we received another cheque of £2000 for which we would like to say once again a big thank you. After the service there will be a bring and share supper at St Mary's Episcopal church for which all are invited. We have been asking for volunteers to help at this shop on every newsletter. Unfortunately we only have two regular volunteers and another lady that helps every now and then. We as a parish, that is all the three churches, are benefitting from this shop so please consider if you can help volunteer even a few hours per month. Thanks very much.

Welcome to all our Visitors

We are very happy to welcome visitors to our parish as visitors are a percentage of our community throughout the year. Any donations given by visitors who pay tax are worth 25% more if they are Gift Aided. Gift Aid envelopes are provided on the table at the back of the church and all you need to do is fill out the details at the back of the envelope where you put your donation. If you need any assistance, please talk to Fr. Edward. Thanks very much.

Gift Aid: We are very grateful to all those who support our community. If you are a taxpayer and you would like to help our community we suggest you join Gift Aid. To do so all you need to do is to fill up a form provided by the parish. This would mean that the parish will get 25% tax refund on the donation you contribute. You can either donate by Standing Order or by putting your cash donation in a Gift Aid envelope provided. If you need a standing order form to take to your bank, or if you prefer to use weekly envelopes, please contact Father Edward.

The Mustard Seed Bible Group: Take this opportunity to learn more about the most important book ever written, the HOLY BIBLE, by attending a **prayer/study/reading group** run by Fr. Edward. It's purpose is to implant the seed of God's Word and Love in our Life. **Next prayer group will take place on Thursday 23rd May in St Bride's Pitlochry at 7 pm. As preparation please read the Books of Joshua and Judges.**

A Prayer for our Parish

God our Father, we thank you for the place in which you have called us to live, and work and worship. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon our parish, and may the seed of your grace sown in our hearts grow and bear fruit.

Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service. As you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to bring the light of your love into our darkness, so may we go in your name to the people amongst whom we live and work, may we be for them the light of your presence.

Guide and protect our bishop and our priest,
and may your love grow among us and your kingdom come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readers / Eucharistic Ministers

	Sunday 12th May	Sunday 19th May
St. Columba's	R. Maryanne Blackburn E.M. Alan Blackburn	Cathy Reid Theresa McLean
Our Lady of Mercy	R. Barbara Tinto	Tom Murphy
St. Bride's	R: Tina Simpson & Adeline Dorrian E.M. Kathleen Yates & Andrew Holmes & Thomas S. Fotheringham	Andrew Holmes & Jean Igo Teddy v. Haldenwang
Teas and Coffees	Pat Sheppard	Martin & Agata Grant



Parish Priest: Fr. Edward Vella

ST. BRIDE'S R.C. CHURCH

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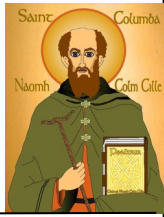
Tel No: 01796 472174

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Home Street
Aberfeldy
PH15 2AJ**

**St. Columba's
St. Mary's Road
Birnam
PH8 0BJ**



Sunday Mass Times

St Columba's Birnam (Saturday Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy	9.30 am
St. Bride's Pitlochry	11.30 am

Weekday Mass Times

<i>Monday</i>	<i>no Mass</i>
Tuesday	9.30 am
Wednesday	9.30 am
Thursday	9.30 am
Friday	9.30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) you can either ask Fr. Edward before or after a Sunday Mass or please contact him on 01796 472174 or e mail: stbridesrcchurch@yahoo.com

4th Sunday of Easter —Year C—12th May, 2019.

Vocations Sunday

Response to the Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: God made us, we belong to him,

All: we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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