



St Mary's, Lochee, Dundee NEWSLETTER

Called to be bearers of Good News

Our Parish Vision: "A place where people experience God in a personal way, so that they become delighted disciples, joyously putting God first, and willing to invite others to explore the love of God (for them) through our parish community."

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading– Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

Responsorial Psalm

Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading—Thessalonians 1: 1-5

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel—Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

Communion Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Oh Taste and see, Taste and see the goodness of the lord. Of the Lord.

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

Sunday Mass 10.30am (livestreamed)

Mon - Sat Mass 10am

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11am

Saturday 3.30pm-4pm

Rosary before weekday Mass.

Tues: Novena to St Anthony after Mass

Thurs: Adoration & prayers for the renewal of St Mary's Parish after Mass

Sat: Adoration 10.30-11am



Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. (state your intentions here)

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Mary Miller, Eileen Cavin, Lena McDonald, William Reid, Jim Spencer, and Pat Ferrie; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nan Sharp, Colin Russell, Jimmy Russell, Joe Russell, Kathleen Gowans, Bob Findlay, Ella & John Jordan, Sarah Hynd, Bridget Wade and Ellen Keenan. May they rest in peace.

Prayers for the sick: Please continue to remember the sick and the terminally ill in your prayers, especially those mentioned on our sick lists: Lemanchek, Mary Miller, Isobel Curwood, Marion Brannan, Kerry McFadyen, Scott Brown, Mgr Basil O'Sullivan, William Reid, Ann Reilly, George Charles Milne, Sarah Bayley, Brian Davie, Baby Jude and Wilma Kelbie (this list is cleared each calendar month). Please send any names for these lists to the parish email address or add them to the lists at the back of the church.

Funeral Mass of Kathleen McDonald, Friday 27th October at 10am; Funeral Mass of William Reid, Monday 30th October at 10am. Funeral Mass of Eileen Cavin, Thursday 9th November at 10am.



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Hospital Chaplain Mobile number 07821 624124; Safeguarding Coordinator: Emily Murphy

Finance Matters:

Last week's collection: £1324 Restoration Fund: £157 (+£1,000 donation in loving memory of Mary Reilly)

This Sunday there will be a Special Collection for Mission Sunday.

Thanks to everyone who financially supports the parish; and enables the Church to support those less fortunate.

Gift Aid: Please consider Gift Aiding your collection and/or paying by Standing Order (forms available in the foyer). Gift Aid donors are reminded that they need to ensure that they have paid sufficient tax to cover claims.

St Mary's has exceptionally generous parishioners as witnessed by the Collection each week and by your response to any special appeal, however, if you are struggling financially, especially with winter heating bills kicking in, please don't feel embarrassed to let the plate pass you by. Nowadays many people donate to the Church by Direct Debit and therefore don't contribute to the plate.

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 200 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner Susan Arnott (103)

Hall hire details: Please note that our hall is available for private lets and community use at very competitive rates. For further information and bookings please contact:

Yvonne St Clair on yvonne_stclair@yahoo.co.uk or 01382-623618 Mob 07709040233

Dates for your calendar:

Today, October 22 —World Mission Sunday offers us the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor, and remind us of the revitalising mission that is at the heart of our Faith. The World Mission Sunday collection, taken up worldwide, ensures that this life-saving and life-giving work can continue. Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to the Church's work in mission countries and are an effective way by which you can support the universal Church. Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday 22nd October—There will be a Requiem Mass (in the Syro Malabar rite) for Fr John Mundackal CST **at 5pm in St Mary's**. Fr John served as Parish Priest in St Clements for several years and prior to that supplied in the Friary. May he rest in peace.



Cathedral Dinner—The next Cathedral Dinner will take place on Sunday, 29th October, 2023 after the 6.00 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral. All young people from 18-30 years are welcome.

Dunkeld Serra: The Serra Mass for Vocations scheduled for October 31 has been cancelled. The next Serra Mass in St Mary's will be on January 30th.

Mass for Thanksgiving for Priesthood and Intercession for priests in St Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday 18th November at 10 a.m.

Parish Renewal Prayer Group—Every Thursday after Mass in St Mary's. This group will pray specifically for a renewal of faith and missionary fervour in our parishes. All are welcome.

Dunkeld Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024—12th—19th July; Register your interest with Ruth Anne O'Neil on 07801 227 443 or dunkeld@pobox.com

Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to stmaryslocheeadmin@dunkelldiocese.org.uk

Invitation to young Catholics in Scotland.. Laudato Si Catholic Social Teaching Opportunity for Young Catholics aged 18 – 35. The course begins on **8th November 2023** and will run for 5 consecutive Wednesdays on Zoom at 6pm UK time. To register, visit: www.laudatosianimators.org/lisa-youth-europe. If young people under the age of 18 wish to sign up, they can do so and Laudato Si Movement will ask them for parental consent at the time of registering. **For more info or to ask questions**, please contact Anne-Marie at Justice and Peace Scotland on: annemarie.clements@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

International Mass for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (formerly know as the Feast of Christ the King); Sunday 26th November. This Mass will be something akin to our celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost, so if you'd like to be involved please contact Lyn Smith or Karen Scott (Organist).

Thursday 26th October at 6pm, in the City Square, SPUC Dundee is holding the annual vigil to commemorate the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act.

This will be followed by Mass for pro-life intentions at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. Please join us for part or all of this event

Abortion figures in Scotland have risen by almost 20% in the last year. With almost half of abortions taking place at home, abortion is fast becoming normalised in our society. Our city has had the highest abortion rate in Scotland for the past two years.



Please join The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (Dundee Branch)

in the 20th consecutive, silent candle-light vigil, commemorating the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act



Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and The Isles is representing Scotland at the Synod in Rome. He writes:

The start of the Synod was preceded by two prayer events: an Ecumenical Prayer Vigil followed by a three day Retreat. This reminded us that the Synod should be primarily a *spiritual experience* when we discern together the Spirit's guidance. As well as bonding with fellow delegates from across the globe we were also introduced to the Spiritual

Conversation which would be the principle method of discernment within the small groups.

As the synod began and progresses, Synod veterans from previous Synods have spoken of how this one is different. Certainly the Retreat set an atmosphere of prayer and friendship which has continued. In the Assembly Hall we sit in small circles, including the Holy Father, rather than in long rows, which encourages genuine dialogue .

Our work is a mixture of personal prayer and reflection, small group discussion and General Assembly when all 400 or so participants interact together. There are 37 small groups organised by language and specific topics. There are 4 topics, and after each section is completed, entirely new groups are created which maximises our opportunities for encounters with Catholics from across the world.

My small group this week consisted of 11 members plus a facilitator. A secretary had been appointed and a presenter elected. We were 8 bishops, 1 priest, 1 female religious and 1 lay female with the facilitator also female religious. We came from 4 continents. The presence of non-bishops enriched our discussion. Our dialogue was open, honest, increasingly deep and rooted in prayer. It bodes well for the rest of the synod.

For myself one of the most uplifting elements of the Synod has been the quality of discussion in the Small Groups, principally because we are engaging the Spiritual Conversation method. Once allocated a topic, we prepare in advance by personal prayer, before writing a four minute presentation. When the Group meets, our sharing takes places over three phases which are each preceded by silent prayer.

Firstly, each person in turn delivers their presentation while the rest listen in silence without responding, although notes are taken. Secondly, each member, in turn, sums up what they heard from the entire group, especially focusing on what "*burnt in their heart*", both that which pleased or disturbed them. Thirdly, open discussion follows. Then the secretary and presenter draft a tentative statement, and, after discussion, adaptation and approval it is read to the General Assembly.

After every Group's statement is read out, free interventions from across the Assembly are permitted. After every 4 interventions there is a 3 minute pause for silent prayer. Finally, the Small Groups discuss what they have heard from across the Assembly and decide if they wish to accordingly adapt their own statement. This usually happens. The point is not to necessarily reach complete consensus but rather to agree what the significant points were, even if they are divergent. The final document cannot be longer than 2 pages and once complete is then submitted to the theologians for synthesis with those from the other Small Groups with the same topic.

It seems complicated, but the facilitators keep us right. I have been struck by the prayerful, respectful and open dialogue even during potentially contentious topics. Something to try in our parishes, dioceses and Bishops' Conference?



The stained glass window depicting the Holy Spirit shines beautifully in St Peter's Basilica. The Holy Spirit's essential role has dominated the Synod too. Pope Francis has constantly insisted that the Holy Spirit must be the Synod's protagonist. This is the focus of our communal prayer and our discussions (Conversations in the Spirit).

Before I came to Rome, I was saddened by predictions that there would be much division and conflict due to opposing views. I never thought that this could be the correct approach. The Synod is not about personal (or communal) preferences or agendas but seeking the Spirit's guidance. This has been my consistent desire, prayed for regularly each day. Interestingly I'm not the only person who thinks like that. During the Retreat, I went to Confession and the priest gave me an unusual penance: to be open to the Holy Spirit - until at least the end of the Synod!

The Church is of divine origin and God knows what the Church needs more than we do. Humility and listening are key for discernment. This is why since the 7th Century Synods have prayed: **Adsumus Sancte Spiritus - We stand before You, Holy Spirit.**

The above is synthesized by Canon Kevin Golden from Bishop Brian's reports on the Facebook page of the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles.

ALL SAINTS, CHILDRENS PARTY
Saturday 28th October
at 5.30pm
St Mary's Church Hall.

All children welcome to come to
the 4.30pm Mass dressed as a Saint

Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at
the beauty of earth's greenings. Now, think. What
delight God gives to humankind with all these things.
. . . All nature is at the disposal of human-
kind. We are to work with it. For without
it we cannot survive.

Hildegard of Bingen



If you need a visit from a priest
whilst in hospital please phone
07821 624124 for the on duty
Catholic Priest.
If you would like a house visit
simply call St Mary's on 611282.

The Alpha course restarts this Sunday (22nd) in
St Mary's Church Hall at 12 Noon...

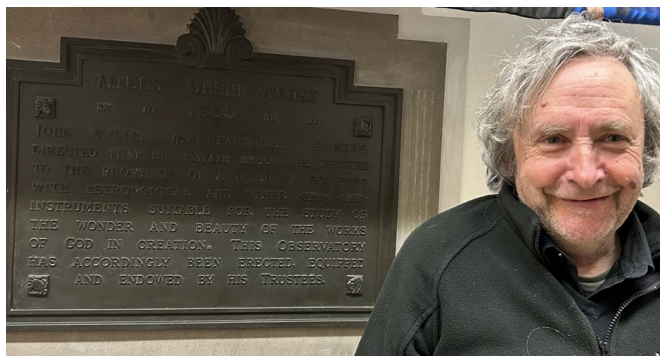
...followed by Holy Spirit Retreat Day in Kinnoull on
Saturday 28th October...

...don't worry if you've missed this
course next one coming shortly in the
New Year...



Dundee's Answer to Brother Guy S.J. (Vatican Astronomer)

Robert Law is a Visitor Assistant and Astronomer at Mills Obser-
vatory, Balgay Hill. He delights in pointing out the plaque and
inscription which reads: 'John Mills, Manufacturer, Dundee, di-
rected that his estate should be devoted to the provision of a
building equipped with astronomical and other instruments suit-
able for the study of the wonder and beauty of the works of God
in creation. This observatory has accordingly been erected,
equipped and endowed by his trustees.' Why not take a trip up
on a clear night and wonder at God's creation.



Thanks to all of those who donate food and
toiletries for distribution from the Church House
Door. If you are in need please don't hesitate to
approach Fr Jim in confidence.

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP) - As
winter approaches and the temperature drops
please note that the SVDP supports anyone in need
of assistance with food, electricity, gas, clothing,
furniture etc. Please don't be shy to approach one of
the SVDP members or Fr Jim for assistance.

Congratulations to Mr Nick Marra (former
Head Teacher of St Mary's PS) who will be presented
with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Papal Award at St
Joseph's 10am Mass next Sunday. This is to
acknowledge Mr Marra's many years service to
Catholic Education and SCIAF and Justice and Peace.
A well deserved recognition of Mr Marra's work.
Please keep Nick Marra and his family in your prayers.

**New Liturgy Rota available and will be starting 5th
November.** The Second Vatican Council called for active
participation of the laity in the liturgy and to help with this
our Sunday Mass will now have a separate reader for each of
the two readings and a cantor to sing the psalm, as well as
someone to read the Prayers of the Faithful, and Welcomers to
greet people at the door. The other important ministry of
bringing down the gifts will be arranged on the day, with a
variety of people being asked.

Thanks also to the small team (Cecilia, Dan, and Logan) who
are creating and running the Power Point Presentation with
the words of the hymns etc. This also enables more active
participation in the liturgy. Again, we are looking for
volunteers to facilitate this ministry at the Vigil.

The Vigil Mass needs more readers and cantors so please
make yourself known to Emily Murphy, Pauline Johnstone or
Fr Jim if you feel capable of serving the Lord in this manner.

**Thanks to all those who already serve the Lord and the
parish in our Liturgical Celebrations**

CREATE A
SPACE OF
**Sacred
Silence**

Please keep 5 minutes silence before the start of each Sunday Mass. The bell
will ring 5 minutes before Mass to mark the start of silence. This creates a
decompression chamber in which we acclimatise to the Sacred and come