



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."

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading— Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow, or with the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading—Thessalonians 1: 5-10

You broke with idolatry and become servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son Alleluia!

Gospel—Matthew 22:34-40

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

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

Tuesday 6.30pm Vigil for Solemnity of All Saints

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11am

Saturday 3.30pm-4pm

Rosary before weekday Mass.

Tues: Novena to St Anthony post Mass

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

Sat: Adoration 10.30-11am

Wednesday 1st Nov, Solemnity All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation): Vigil Tuesday 6.30pm; 10am Weds (with the school attending)

Thurs 2nd Nov, 10am Commemoration of The Faithful Departed; Saturday, St Charles Borromeo

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: Jim Reid, Mary Miller, Eileen Cavin, William Reid, Murice Rees, Sr Monica Leonard L.S.P. (native of Dundee and sister of Alex Leonard) & Helen Dempsey; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sr Aurelie L.S.P, & Graeme Mill. 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, Isobel Curwood, Marion Brannan, Kerry McFadyen, Scott Brown, Mgr Basil O'Sullivan, 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 William Reid, Monday 30th October at 10am; Reception of the Remains for Mary Miller, Monday 30th at 5.30pm followed by Funeral Mass Tuesday 31st at 10am; Funeral Service for Helen Dempsey, Monday 6th November at 1pm; 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: £1402 Restoration Fund: £199 (A cheque for £62,000 arrived in the post recently for the Restoration Fund from a parishioner of another parish who had experienced the hospitality and beauty of St Mary's on a recent visit, however, because of the amount the bank would not accept the cheque. The man has subsequently said that he will deposit £5k per month for a year to compensate. Thanks to all those who provide hospitality and welcome in St Mary's; and to all those who contribute to the Restoration Fund.)

Mission Sunday Collection £608; Next week is our Annual Mission Appeal by the White Fathers.

Thanks to everyone who financially supports the parish; and enables the Church to reach out to those in need.

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 Sarah Bebe (4)

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:

Cathedral Dinner—The 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.

A Marian Musical Evening to conclude the Month of October and to pray for Peace. This Monday (30th) in St Mary's, Lochee, at 6.30pm: Marian Hymns, Adoration, Benediction.

St John's RC High School, Primary 6/7, Information Evening— Wednesday 8th November, 6.30pm-9.00pm.

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

Annual Mass for deceased Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Diocese. Thurs 9th November 12 Noon in the Cathedral.

Months Mind Mass—Fr Johny and the parishioners of St Clement's wish to invite you to join them at a Months Mind Mass on Monday 13th November 2023 at 6pm in St Clement's Church (Hall) Ravenscraig Road, Charleston, Dundee. DD2 4NJ to celebrate the life of the late Fr John Mundackal CST.

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

Annual Mass for all those involved in **Catholic Education:** Thurs 16th November at 7pm in St Andrew's Cathedral.

Christmas Fayre—St Marys, Saturday 18th November 11am—4 pm

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 stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk

Thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday. Together as a parish we raised £608. Your donations and prayers will go towards supporting the work of our missionaries worldwide. Furthermore, your example, like that of our missionaries all over the world, will serve as an inspiration to others to live out their Baptismal mission and play their part in the universal Church. Thanks to your generosity, Missio Scotland has been able to send much-needed funds totalling millions down throughout the years to support a great number of projects across the five continents.

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).

Sunday Gospel Reflection: Look what love is doing!

Kids go through grade school and high school with important questions to face. Am I "in" with the crowd? Can I hold my own against the bullies, can I get along with girls, can I get along with the boys, did I wear the right clothes, am I cool enough? These are obviously more important and more crucial than anything else in their lives.

I suppose this was the case in my own life, and I guess it was the reason I did not think much about the place of "love" in the overall scheme of life. Of course, who "thinks" when they are in high school?

Then as a college freshman I had Fr. Robert Boyle, SJ, for English literature. He was a great teacher, without question, and one proof of his greatness lay in a statement he often made:

In a work of literature,
if you want to know what is happening,
look what love is doing.

Look at what love is doing!

"What?" my barely 18 year old self gasped.

I had never known explicitly that love was such a big deal. I thought it was something that parents have for you, and tell you about it over and over. Could it really be the key to plays, poems, novels, short stories and all other literature? The key to humanity? Gulp. I had better pay attention.

We went through Shakespeare, Hopkins, Joyce, Keats, Milton, and I can't remember how many more. The clouds parted and I began to see Boyle's point: characters' lives do center around something called "love," or else its opposite. Try it out when you read your next serious novel or short story.

Oh, and what about love in your own life?

Have you discovered that love is quite a bit more than pretense, more than an ideal, more than just a thing we

crave from others, and certainly more than just pleasure? Have you seen that learning to love is the very air inhaled by such everyday importances as work, relaxation, attractions, happiness? Without love's living atmosphere none of these could breathe, nor could we.

In Sunday's [Gospel](#) Jesus says this in no uncertain terms.
You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind. ...

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
The whole law and the prophets
depend on these two commandments.

We might exclaim (as I did in college) simply, "What?" We thought that law consisted of commands placed upon us from the outside, rules whose violation would bring on punishment! What is this about law depending on love?

Well, take a look.

God does not fail at love. God waits. God says, "how wonderful that you are learning!" God says, "I love every person on earth. And you: you are my beloved. I am at your side as you learn to open to me and to others."

You and I do not judge ourselves as successful in this very often, so we need laws to help us. But the root of law and of life is love of others. It is loving concern under God for human persons. Ultimately it is an imitation of God's love for us.

"Look what love is doing"

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Thanks to all of those who donate food and toiletries for distribution from the Church House Door. This week we had food donated by Celtic Boy's Club; and an anonymous donation of £1,000 plus Gift Aid. If you are in need please don't hesitate to approach Fr Jim in confidence. The week we were able to help a person from Brechin who has been decanted because her house was flooded.

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.

November lists are available in the foyer of the Church. Please write your list put it in the envelope provided and return it in the Collection Plate. All the lists will remain on the altar throughout the month of November in remembrance of our departed loved ones. May they be enjoying the eternal banquet in the company of God and all his angels.



Property Matters: As you can imagine with the horrendous weather lately St Mary's has not missed out on damage. The main areas of concern are the rainwater goods on the Church with the gutters surrounding the main tower and the downpipe beside the old confessional both causing quite severe water ingress. Also, the Church House had a ceiling collapse due to slipped and damaged slates, and the Church Hall also had a ceiling collapse due to water ingress. The positive side is that all these areas of concern were already highlighted in the Architects report and will be dealt with as part of the Restoration Project. Thanks to those who have helped clear up after the storm especially Jackie and Trisha the Hall Cleaners; the Church Cleaners; John O'Meara the Diocesan Property Manager; and George Creegan. Please hold all those in prayer who have had to evacuate their homes or indeed have lost loved ones due to the severe weather.

The Alpha course Sunday (29) in St Mary's Church Hall at 12 Noon...

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



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.



St Clements & St Ninians Pilgrimage and Leisure Trip to India.

We are having a trip to India – visiting Goa, Tamilnadu and Kerala from 8th November to 23rd November 2024

- 15 nights - 16 days.
- Cost £2495 based on two sharing, single supplement £740.

If you would like further information and a copy of the itinerary please contact Fr Johney or Therese Devlin 07813051689 email therese@devlinproperties.co.uk

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. 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

From the Bishops' Conference of Scotland: May the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Peace, grant us peace, and we pray for all the victims, for those who are injured, and we also pray for all those who offer sacrifices for the good of the people in the Holy Land, especially those who tirelessly pray for the small Christian community in the Gaza Strip."

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/579-israeli-palestinian-emergency-appeal>



Chris Igoe, the steeplejack carrying out work on the roof of St Mary's managed to squeeze into the Bellcote and take photos of St Mary's bell. One shows a harp, crown and shamrock and an inscription reading 'J MURPHY FOUNDER DUBLIN 1865'. For more info check them out on Wikipedia.



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 into God's presence.