



# 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."

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**First Reading– Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10**

**You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Guard my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

**Second Reading—Thessalonians 2:7-9,13**

**We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel—Matthew 23:1-12**

**They do not practice what they preach.**

**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 post Mass**

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

**Sat: Adoration 10.30-11am**

## **Feasts and Memorials**

Wednesday, Blessed John Duns Scotus, Memorial

Thursday, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast

Friday, St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

Saturday, St Martin of Tours, Memorial

## **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: Eileen Cavin, Helen Dempsey, Billy Stark, Mary Lammond & Harry Grieve; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Cord, John Kiernan, the McKenna Family, Linda Rodgers, Mark Gardiner, Agnes Prendergast, Gerard Gibson, Roseann Mulligan, John Mulligan, & Nan Mulligan. 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: Kerry McFadyen, Scott Brown, George Charles Milne, Brian Davie, Baby Jude, Georgina Robbie, Andy Madoc Jones, Chris Whytock 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** Funeral Service for Helen Dempsey, Monday 6th November at 1pm; Funeral Mass of Eileen Cavin, Thursday 9th November at 10am.

**The Parish's thanks to Mgr Ken McCaffrey and Fr Malcolm Hutchison for covering these funerals and the weekday Masses.**



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

**Finance Matters:** Last week's collection: £1248 Restoration Fund: £990 (which includes £173 donation from Lena McDonald's funeral; £213 donation from Bill Reid's funeral; and £540 donation from Northern Soul night).

Today is our Annual Mission Appeal by the White Fathers. For more info on the White Father's see back page.

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 George Creegan (3)

**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](mailto:yvonne_stclair@yahoo.co.uk) or 01382-623618 Mob 07709040233

### **Dates for your calendar:**

**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](http://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](mailto: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 Johney and the parishioners of St Clement's wish to invite you to join them at a Months Mind Mass on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The People V's Jack the Ripper**—Rescheduled—Friday 17th November at 7pm, St Mary's Upper Church Hall. Previous tickets are valid, whilst some tickets are still available for sale, or to be purchased at the door.

**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](mailto:dunkeld@pobox.com)

**St Clements & St Ninians, Pilgrimage and Leisure Trip to India 2024**—8 -23<sup>rd</sup> November. We are having a trip to India - visiting Goa, Tamilnadu and Kerala from 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](mailto:therese@devlinproperties.co.uk)

**LOURDES 2024 NURSING TEAM** are looking to build a team to support Hospital pilgrims in Lourdes next year. Are you a Registered Nurse who could help in a Nursing role, recently retired nurse or have healthcare experience and would like to be part of the team? Fares for 2024 will be part subsidised depending on monies raised from fundraising. Please email [mrskimberleyblack@hotmail.com](mailto:mrskimberleyblack@hotmail.com) or call Kimberley 07947837289 if interested or would like more information.

**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).

## GLANCING THOUGHTS — A MOTHERING GOD

In the [Psalm](#), the Psalmist compares God to a mother, and he compares himself to a weaned child at peace on its mother's lap. This is a striking image, and worth reflecting on.

How can a child who is both being weaned and is also on his mother's lap understand the suffering of the weaning? What he wants is right there; there is nothing bad about his having it—it costs his mother nothing to satisfy him; the pain of doing without it is sharp and urgent. And so for a while the child will be overwhelmed by the misery of his situation.

But sooner or later in his affliction he will also see his mother, and that makes all the difference. His desire for what she will not give him is still urgent, and the pain of the deprivation remains sharp. But in seeing her, he feels her love of him. He senses her goodness, and he comes to trust her. As Isaiah puts it, he sucks consolation to the full in another way ([Is 66:11](#)).

And that is how he can be both weaned and also resting peacefully by her side.

If a truly good God rules the world, then the world has a good mother, and life is under the mothering guidance of God. Even the most loathsome evils and the most horrendous sufferings are in the hand of a God who is truly good.

Nothing in this thought makes evil less evil. Suffering remains painful; violence and greed are still execrable. We still have an obligation to lessen the misery of others and our own troubles retain their power to torment us. But it makes a great difference to suppose that the sufferers of evil, maybe ourselves included, are in the arms of a mothering God. Tasting the goodness of God makes seeing the world's evils and our own compatible with joy in the Lord.

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### Prayer for a good and holy Bishop:

Dear God, you sent your Son to reveal what it is to be truly human.

We, in Dunkeld Diocese, are awaiting a new Bishop, please send us one after your own heart:

a tender heart with a zeal for souls, a love of the poor and children, compassion for the sick and those on whom time has taken its toll.

Bless him with an enthusiasm for Sacred Scripture and the gift for breaking open your Word so that we, his sheep, may be inspired and nourished to lead lives worthy of our Christian calling, and enabled to evangelise others. Amen.



**Marriage, Family  
and  
Life Office**

The Bishop's Conference of Scotland

### NATIONAL WEBSITE LAUNCHED FOR MARRIAGE, FAMILY & LIFE

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has now established a national office and commission for Marriage, Family and Life. We are delighted to be able to launch our website — **Please visit the Bishops' Conference national commission website at [www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk](http://www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk)**

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:** The Steeplejack/roofers have spent the last couple of days securing (as best they can) the exterior window covers on the church. They have also endeavoured to repair the church roof vis-à-vis slipped slates, down pipes and gutters. Some of these repairs are necessarily temporary due to the weather and the considerable amount of work (and finance) required to completely restore the exterior of St Mary's. God willing we'll receive news in the next few weeks regarding the major grant requested of Historic Environment Scotland. If successful this (along with the various other grants that we have already successfully applied for) will allow work to start in the New Year on the exterior of St Mary's. Work is also due to start on the Church Hall's flat roofs. Please keep all this in your prayers.

**The Alpha course continues this Sunday at 12 noon in Upper Church Hall...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.

*Who we are*

**The Missionaries of Africa** (also known as "**The White Fathers**"), are an international Missionary Society of priests and brothers, founded in 1868, by Cardinal Charles Lavigerie, Archbishop of Algiers and Carthage in North Africa. The name "White Fathers" comes from their white habit. This was based on the traditional North African dress of a white gown (gandoura) and a white hooded cloak (burnous). A rosary is worn around the neck to show we are men of prayer.

*Worldwide*

At present there are about 1112 Missionaries of Africa – fully professed priests, deacons and brothers.  
There are 377 living and working in Europe. Many of these are retired because of age or ill health.  
In the Americas there are 92. Many are elderly or infirm, although some are still engaged in ministry.  
31 confreres working in North Africa.  
In West Africa there are 91 and 54 in Ghana/Nigeria.  
In East Africa there are 103.  
In Central Africa there are 89 confreres, and in Southern Africa 99 confreres.  
Ethiopia and the Near East has 23 confreres and the Asian Sector has 15 confreres for the moment.

Finally there are 18 confreres in the Generalate in Rome, 17 confreres doing further studies, and 4 teaching at the Pontifical Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies (PISAI)  
For the moment there are about 460 students at various stages of preparation in the houses of study (mainly in Africa). There are 200 in 11 First Phase (Philosophy) Houses, 55 in 3 Second Phase (Spiritual Year/Noviciate), 92 doing 2 years parish training throughout the world and 115 in 5 Fourth Phase (Theology) Houses in Africa and Jerusalem. Most of these are Africans, although there are some from the Americas, and Asia. There are not many Europeans coming forward at present, and these are mainly from Poland.

*Our present work in UK*

Individual members are involved in various Society activities. Care of sick and elderly missionaries is a major concern. At weekends, missionaries visit assigned parishes preaching about our work and collecting funds.

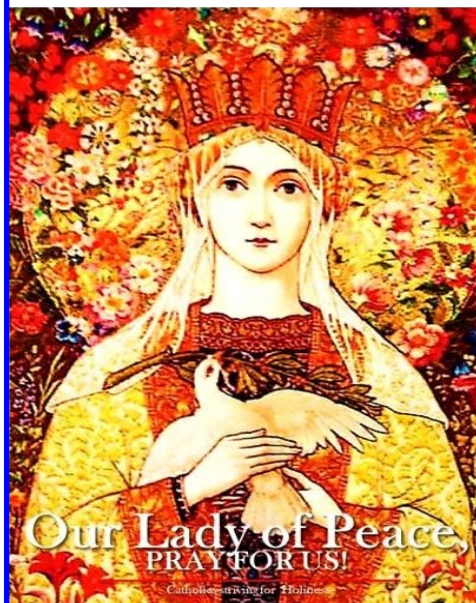
Others have a specific work such as editing our magazine Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers), and other Media work, or in necessary administration. Ministry in neighbouring parishes is undertaken whenever possible as a way of helping the local Church. Justice and Peace issues are also to the forefront in our work, as is the promotion of Vocations to the missionary life. Finally, we have taken responsibility for a city centre parish in Liverpool, where there is a small congregation and the confreres are responsible for outreach to migrants and local Muslims.

**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.

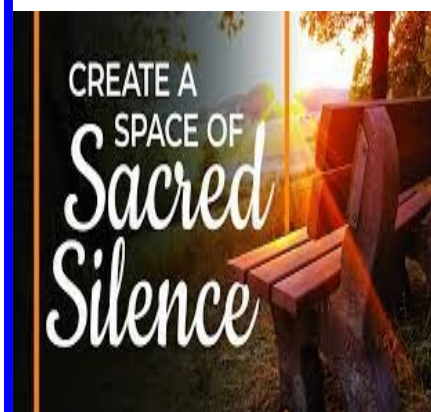
Thanks also to the small team (Cecilia, Dan, Logan, Pauline, and Adam) who are creating and running the Power Point Presentation with the words of the hymns etc. This also enables more active participation in the liturgy. The Vigil Mass needs more readers and cantors so please make yourself known to 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 parish in our Liturgical Celebrations.**

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



**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."



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.