



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."

4th February, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading— Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading—Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of the life.
Alleluia!**

Gospel—Mark 1:29-39

**He cured many who were suffering from diseases of
one kind or another.**

Communion Refrain

**We come to share our story, we come to break the bread,
we come to know our rising from the dead.**

Sunday Mass is led by St Mary's Primary School.

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



Wednesday 14th February

**10am Mass and Distribution of
Ashes (St Mary's P.S. leading
and attending)**

**6pm Mass and Distribution of
Ashes.**

**Begin Lent remembering that
'we are dust!'**

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Georgina Roberts, Stuart Edmonds, Bobby Inglis, Anne McCluskey, Fr Ben O'Brien O.S.A, George Donnelly, Christine McCrudden, Margaret Caswell, Margaret Gethins and Rhoda Robertson; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Norman Crichton, Mgr Ben Donnachie, Caroline Rice, Christopher Gallacher, Michael Prendergast, Nan Halliday and Barbara Cossans Crichton. 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: Jim McGregor, Billy Higgins, Margaret Turner, Fiona Kieth, Jim McGregor, Mary Malone, Jo Duncan, Chic Whytock, Wendy Birnie, Margaret Souter, Cathy McDonald and Margaret Ann Young. (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. Margaret Ann Young thanks everybody for their prayers after receiving good news health wise.

Funerals at St Mary's: Anne McCluskey, Funeral Mass Mon 5th Feb @ 10am; Michael (Mike) Donnelly, Funeral Mass Thurs 8th Feb @ 10am; George Donnelly, Reception of Remains Sun 11th @ 6pm, Funeral Mass, Mon 12th @ 10am; Robert Walsh, Funeral Mass Tues 14th Feb @ 10am; Funerals elsewhere: Christine McCrudden, St Andrew's Cathedral, RoR Tues 5th @ 5pm, Funeral Mass Weds 10am; Margaret Caswell, Our Lady of Victories (Forebank), RoR Thurs 5pm, Funeral Mass Friday 9th Feb @ 10am.

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Serving Priest - Fr Jim Walls; Trainee Deacon—Jim Murphie

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

Finance Matters: Last week's collection: £1359 Restoration Fund: £1304 (£750—'Buy a Brick' scheme)

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

The next Special Collection is for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund and will be taken up on **17/18th February**

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, Veronica Scott(40).

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:

SCIAF Talk: Wednesday 7th February 2024—Michael Hamilton from SCIAF is to come to St. Joseph's to give a talk about this year's Lenten project about gender violence in Rwanda. Coffee and tea will be served from 10 am with the talk starting about 10.30. It will last about an hour.

Steve Murray (Retired Football Player) will give a talk in St Mary's Hall on **Friday 9th February at 7pm** based on his experiences with Celtic, Dundee, Aberdeen and Scotland. Steve was lucky enough to play under Jock Stein and alongside Jimmy Johnstone etc and has many amusing anecdotes. The talk will mirror a match with two 45 minute halves and a 15 minute break. Come and hear Steve speak about, 'The beautiful game.' **Tickets £10** available at the back of Church before or after Mass from George Creegan.

Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes—on **Monday 12th of February** in St Mary's Lochee, we are celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with Holy Mass at 7pm

Parish Council Meeting—the next meeting will be on Thursday 29th February 2024 at 7pm.

Restoration Core Group formed to liaise with Maria Ogden and the full Restoration Steering Group.

Regular Events—Weekly:

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.

The **Parish Leadership Team** meets every Monday outside holidays. This team helps me to make good decisions for the parish.

Monthly:

Dunkeld Serra Mass: Last Tuesday of the Month, 6pm Adoration, 7pm Mass for Vocations.

Taizé Holy Hour: last Thursday of the Month, 6.30pm Adoration, Silence, Chants and Scripture.

Diocesan Events

Update for the St Clements & St Ninians, Pilgrimage and Leisure Trip to India 2024—8-23rd November. "[An information evening will take place in St Clements hall on Friday 23rd February at 7pm.](#)" All welcome. For further info please contact Fr Johnney or Therese Devlin 07813051689 email_therese@devlinproperties.co.uk

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 **LOURDES 2024 NURSING TEAM** Are you a Registered Nurse who could help in a Nursing role,? Fares for 2024 will be part subsidised. Please email mrskimberleyblack@hotmail.com or call Kimberley 07947837289 if interested.

Pilgrimage to Knock, Mon- Fri, 14-18 October 2024—Cost £709 (per person sharing) £909 in single room. £45 travel insurance. The cost includes return flights (Edin-Knock), 4 nights half board. For further info phone 01382 778449/ Mob: 07488276858 or 07867950633, Email: stpiusx@dunkellddiocese.org

Glancing Thoughts—Serving the Lord Well

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, when Jesus comes to Peter's house, he finds that Peter's mother-in-law is sick, and he heals her. And then look what happens. The whole town hears of her healing and they rush all their sick to Peter's house. The house is surrounded, and so is Jesus. Now, all of a sudden, Jesus seems to have become a one-man hospital.

He is so besieged that he can't even pray in the house. He has to head out secretly into the countryside in the dark of early morning.

When his absence is detected, his disciples go looking for him. "Hey," they say when they find him, "Everybody is looking for you"! They seem to think that his urgent-care clinic should be open at all hours.

Now, of course, it is a good work to heal the sick. And, of course, those who love the sick are right to want them healed.

And yet how absurd it is to suppose that prayer should take second-place to work, no matter what the work is! And how sadly and understandably absurd it is to suppose that the mission of Jesus is to be a Doctor Without Borders.

So maybe it isn't hard to figure out what Jesus was praying about in the early morning in the countryside.

Each healing Jesus does is a good thing. But good things can actually get in the way of serving God well. To serve God well, a person has to do not just any good things that others want him to do. He has to do those good things that God has called him to do. It may take prayer to figure out which good things to turn down.

Jesus' disciples feel that Jesus needs to hurry back to Peter's village to keep practicing medicine. What Jesus tells them, after his prayer, is that he is leaving Peter's village to continue his ministry—not of medicine but of preaching—in other towns. Preaching is the purpose for which he came.

What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things that other people want from you. What is needed for the Lord's service is prayer first. And after that comes fidelity to just those few good things that fulfill that particular purpose to which the Lord has called you.

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This year Lent starts early as Ash Wednesday is 14th February and we need to look ahead to prepare for this solemn season of the Church's year. As per last year we will sing the Latin Mass parts from the Roman Missal unaccompanied as Musical accompaniment should be restrained during this solemn season. These are the ones that most of us are familiar with and can be found on You Tube 'How to Sing the Latin Chant Mass' with Jennifer Rodriguez (https://youtu.be/UcEtHharcDU?si=LRWaDZH_ygeDzrNF). We will also sing these at weekday Mass rather than our usual hymn.

To enhance our experience of fasting during Lent we will dispense with the closing hymn and process out in silence.

Also, in discussion with the Leadership Team we have decided that all those ministers involved with our Saturday Vigil or Sunday Morning Mass should gather in the sacristy 10 minutes before Mass for a short prayer and to make sure that all are present. This includes the Eucharistic Minister, Readers, Cantors and Servers. Lastly, during Lent faith sharing sessions using Sr Joyce Rupp's 'Cup of our Life' will take place after both the Vigil Mass and Sunday Morning Mass in the Upper Church Hall, to which all are warmly welcome

This week the Finance Team meets with Melissa Walton (the Diocesan Accountant) to produce the end of the year accounts for the Parish and the Restoration Fund. Last week steeplejacks spent two days securing the heavy duty perspex on the tower windows after more storm damage. Keeping the building safe is a constant expense for the parish. Also last week John O'Meara (Property Manager for the Diocese) met with a small group from the parish to action the Fire Risk Assessment that was recently carried out on the Church, House and Hall. Please keep all this in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation Course:

runs for 4 Sunday's of February; starting Sunday 4th February. This course is primarily aimed at helping the parents experience the Holy Spirit and establish a living link with the church.



If you're thinking about joining the Church....

'Catholicism' by Bishop Barron continues this Sunday in Church House at 12 Noon.

It is designed to help those thinking about joining the Church however would benefit anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of the faith.



Faithful (and beloved) parishioner George Donnelly's Reception of Remains will be on Sunday 11th February at 6pm followed by his funeral Mass Monday 12th February at 10am. George served St Mary's parish all his life starting as an altar boy then helping with the Youth Club before becoming a welcomer, funeral bell ringer, money counter, and cross bearer for Stations of the Cross. A well known and loved face in Lochee. Lochee and St Mary's will be a poorer place without him. May he rest in peace.



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.

Ministries Day

Saturday 24th February

Starting with Mass and Adoration at 10am.

Practice Sessions for all those involved as Readers, Cantors, Welcomers, and Altar Servers.

Finishing with packed lunch at 12.30pm.

Please make every effort to attend if you serve in one of these ministries, and come along if you think you might be able to get involved.

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 deepens 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.

Teas and Coffee after the Sunday 10.30am Mass have proven a huge success. Its popularity means that we require more people to help so that a rota can be put in place. Please speak to Janice Hearn, Lyn Smith of Fr Jim so that this enjoyable time can continue.

St Mary's Restoration Wall 2023-24 is now located in the entrance of the Church. To purchase a brick please speak with either Ged Fitzpatrick or Alison Houston before or after Mass. The wall will find a permanent location once all the bricks are purchased either in the Church Entrance or Church Hall.

'Fundraising and Football are woven into the fabric of St Mary's.'



Our Bishop elect Fr Martin Chambers meets with the Pope Francis on a visit to Rome a couple of years ago. With him another familiar face to St Mary's Fr Kevin Rennie (a friend of mine) and our technical advisor regarding all things Social Media.

Canon Kevin Golden our Diocesan Administrator writes: "The whole community of the Diocese of Dunkeld will rejoice with me today at the appointment of Father Martin Chambers as our new Bishop. We assure him of a warm welcome as he comes among us and offer him our prayers and a steadfast commitment to working with him as he shepherds our Diocese into the future, inspired by the vision of our Holy Father Pope Francis. We renew our appreciation of the sterling work of our Bishop Emeritus, Stephen Robson."

Please pray for our Bishop Elect Fr Martin Chambers.

<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 submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to

stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

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.

