



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."

3rd March, 3rd Sunday in Lent (B)

First Reading—Exodus 20:1-17—The Law was given through Moses

Responsorial Psalm—You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading—Corinthians 1:22-25—The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God.

Gospel Acclamation—Glory, Glory, Glory to you O Christ, you are the word of God, the word of God. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Rpt: Glory, Glory, Glory...

Gospel—John 2: 13-25—Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

**Sunday Mass 10.30am (livestreamed)
(refreshments after Mass in hall...all welcome)**

Mon - Sat Mass 10am

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11am

Saturday 3.30pm-4pm

9.20am Stations of the Cross 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

Next Sunday's Readings: Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Easter Triduum

Please don't miss the Easter Triduum (Thurs 28th March to Sun 31st March)

The Easter Triduum is the shortest season of the liturgical year. The word Triduum is Latin for 3 days. It is the most solemn season and the highest point of the entire liturgical year. Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. It includes the Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Adoration of the Holy Cross on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil in the evening of Holy Saturday, and the celebration of Mass on Easter Sunday.



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Mary Drummond, Jock Murray, Allan Gourlay, William McBain and Arthur Harvey and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter Gallacher, Fausto Reyes, Chic Lammond, Joe Grant, Andrew Bourke, John and Helen Welsh. 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 Gibson, Martin Conroy, Chic Whytock, Wendy Birnie, Scott Brown, Brian Davie, Cathy McDonald, Fr Colm McGlynn, Peter Dobbie and Ann McCann. (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.

Funerals at St Mary's: John Murray, Funeral Service (not Mass) Mon 4th March @ 12.30pm;

Arthur Harvey (late husband of Cathy Harvey) Funeral Service (not Mass) Tues 19th March @ 1.30pm;

Funerals elsewhere:

Funeral Service, Ashtons (Cardean Street), **William McBain**, Thurs 7th March @ 1pm

Funeral Mass, Our Lady of Sorrows, **Allan Gourlay**, Mon 18th March @ 11.30am.

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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: £1336 Restoration Fund: £373—(including brick money and donations).

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

The next Special Collection will be for the Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) - 4th Sunday of Lent **9/10 March**

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, W. Grant (116).

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 WEE BOX Day of Prayer on Friday 8th March. On this day, as a community, we pause to reflect, connect, and pray for healing and hope for communities in Rwanda. We know that through prayer we can deepen our relationship with God, seek guidance, and offer support to those in need. **10am Mass this Friday in St Mary's will be offered for the people of Rwanda.**



Across Bingo Fundraiser—Friday 15th March, St Mary's Church Hall, eyes down at 7pm. Tickets £1 (includes refreshments).

Daffodil Tea Saturday 16th March 2-4pm, Tickets £5

Parish Workers Social Friday 19th April

Ceilidh in aid of Restoration Fund Friday 17th May

Aiming High – play by Gerry and Claire Fulton – Friday 24th May 7pm

Regular Events—Weekly:

Parish Renewal Adoration/Prayer—Every Thursday after Mass in St Mary's. Adoration specifically for a renewal of faith and missionary fervour in our parish. 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

SPUC Afternoon for Life: Saturday 16th March 12.30 for 1pm until 4.30pm. Speakers: Bishop John Keenan, Richard Lucas, and Dr Gillian Wright (see poster for more details). Also "**Catholic Families for Life**" Newsletter Issue 2 now available on www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk (a production of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland).

The Episcopal Ordination of our Bishop Elect Martin Chambers will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday, 27th April, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. More information once we have the ticket allocation for St Mary's.

Cecilian Choir Charity Concert 22nd May, St Mary's Lochee, Church Hall.

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@dunkelldioocese.org

St Clements & St Ninians, Pilgrimage and Leisure Trip to India 2024—8-23rd November. For further info please contact Fr Johny or Therese Devlin 07813051689 email.therese@devlinproperties.co.uk

The Governance of the Parish

As parish priest I am ultimately responsible for the running of St Mary's, Parish, however, I cannot do this alone with any great effectiveness given the size of the parish and the renovation project currently underway. Also, moving the parish from 'maintenance to mission' requires good leadership but also collaborative ministry from every single parishioner.

To help move the parish from maintenance to mission I have enlisted the help of James Murphie (trainee deacon), Marian Milne (sacristan); Moira Leck; James Milne and Anne Hampton. These faithful parishioners form the Parish Leadership Team whom I meet every Monday for 2 hours to discuss what's going on in the parish and decisions that have to be made.

This does not mean that the Parish Council is defunct, however, it does mean that it's primary function is reporting to me what's happening in the parish.

Another important aspect of Parish Administration at this time is management of the Restoration Project. This has evolved over the last year to entail a Restoration Steering Group (a large group involved with fundraising, advertising and liaising with partner groups) and a Restoration Core Group (a small group that liaises with [redacted] [grant consultant] and then feeds back to the larger group. Without the help of all those people in the Leadership Team, Parish Council, Restoration Steering Group and Restoration Core Group it would be impossible to run St Mary's. At this juncture we also need to acknowledge the support of the Diocesan Curia especially John O'Meara (Diocesan Property Manager) and Melissa Walton (Diocesan Accountant). If you feel that you have any skills that could be used in the running of St Mary's please speak with Fr Jim, or any member of the Leadership Team.

Thanks to all those who took part in the Ministries Morning.

The feedback from the workshop leaders was positive.

Suggestions that came from the Readers group that will be adopted:

- Readers sit together at the front and after reading go back to their own place.
- Two seats have been placed behind the Lectern for the cantor and 2nd reader.
- The following Sunday's readings will be noted in the Newsletter.
- Readers' bow to the priest on approaching the altar, and to the altar with the priest when leaving.
- Reading at a slow pace is best.
- A readers' night will be arranged in the Church for practise and feedback. This will take place Tues 19th March at 7pm in St Mary's Church. **All readers please attend** as this will assure uniformity in practise.

In the near future there will be another session for the Welcome Ministers after Sunday Mass.

The Architects have now provided us with a timetable for Phase 1 of the Restoration Project: the Exterior of the Church. Work is due to start in August 2024 with the majority of the work being completed by March 2025.

Phase 2 would be the hall; Phase 3 the interior of the church; and Phase 4 the Church House.

Working with other partners is an integral part of St Mary's Restoration Project. To this end Professor Graham Morton will be bringing students from Dundee University to visit and explore St Mary's history, architecture, and social engagement on Friday 15th March.

Between September 9th and 11th Forgotten Skills Workshops will take place at St Mary's involving pupils from 3 local Secondary Schools.

A Church Maintenance Course will be hosted by St Mary's on Wednesday 25th September and led by the project architect.

The Restoration Wall

Thanks to the fantastic success of the 'Buy a Brick' appeal, we have now sold all of our full bricks. As a result, we have now decided to release the perimeter half bricks for sale for the reduced price of £25 (due to the smaller surface area thus accommodating fewer character).

We are in the process of producing new order forms and as such, we will not be taking any further orders over this weekend (24th / 25th February 2024). We hope that the new forms will be ready for next weekend (2nd / 3rd March 2024) at which time we will ne taking orders for half bricks only. Please note that the number of characters and words on these blocks with be significantly reduced compared with the full bricks.

Thereafter, we plan to extend the current wall to accommodate more full bricks. This may take a number of weeks to implement, therefore we will not be taking any more orders for full bricks until such at time the extension is in position. We will provide an update nearer the time.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and ask for your patience in the interim.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness and extremely generous donations. The wall looks fantastic and has been admired by many. The wall has raised £8,600 so far for St Mary's Restoration Fund.

Thank you , Ged Fitzpatrick.

Glancing Thoughts—The Instruction Manual

In the First Reading, God gives Moses and the Israelites the ten commandments. These are God's basic instruction manual for life. In Christ's Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5 through 7), that basic instruction manual is supplied with more details. The ten commandments forbid murder. The Sermon on the Mount commands you actually to love your enemy, turn the other cheek to him, and so on.

The rules of God's instruction manual for us are helpful; but, as we all have learned, it is hard to know in what circumstances they apply. Suppose you take the commandment about turning the other cheek to apply to someone who is beating his wife. If you apply it to mean that you should not try to stop him, you will simply be cooperating with his evil.

The trick is to see that the commandment about turning the other cheek has to be applied in the context of the broader rule: love your enemy. If you enable your enemy to become more evil, how have you loved him?

Elsewhere in the Gospel (John 2:15), Christ uses a whip to chase the moneychangers out of the Temple. In doing this he helps us understand how to apply the rules. In cases where turning the other cheek would make your enemy worse instead of better, loving your enemy requires helping him to stop his evil in some other way. And that is why the same Christ who gave the Sermon on the Mount drives out the moneychangers. If he had turned the other cheek to them, he would have been an enabler of their evil. Instead, it is good for them, as well as for others, that they stop the evil they were doing. And so Christ uses force to get them to stop.

Here is the thing to notice, then. God's instruction manual for life is not limited just to the sets of rules in the ten commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. There is a medieval saying: every act of Christ is a teaching for us (Omnis Christi actio nostra est instructio).^{*} Christ's life and actions, as they are set out in the Gospels, are our best help for seeing how to live our lives well. Our best instruction manual is Christ himself.

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A walking pilgrimage from Motherwell Cathedral to St Andrews is being organised in preparation for the Holy Year. The distance is about 110 miles (walked over 10 Tues, starting 2 April). For more information about this walk please contact Jim McKelvie, 07957 847290, email: info@holyyear2025.org.uk or visit the Holy Year of Scotland 2025 Facebook page.

Think Vocations 2024—3rd Sunday of Lent

"He could tell what a man had in him." Jesus knows each of us and what we are capable of. He knows our gifts and makes up for what we lack. He knows the gifts you could give, the gift you could be, to the priesthood. Do you?

Speak to your local Vocations Director (Fr Jim Walls) or visit the *Priests for Scotland website* - ([https://Priests For Scotland | A Life Worth Living](https://priestsforScotland.org.uk)) or our [Facebook](#) pages ([PFS](#) or [VocationNetworkScotland](#)).

Thanks to all of those who donate food and toiletries for distribution from the Church House Door. Please don't be shy to approach a member of **The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP)** or Fr Jim in confidence.

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

Faith Sharing Groups after the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses in St Mary's Church Hall. All are welcome...no previous experience necessary. Material provided weekly. Come along and prepare for Easter...filling your cup with God's grace...This week we move from the Open Cup to the Chipped Cup...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team.

The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – email jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk



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.

