



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."

19th May, Pentecost Sunday, Year B

First Reading—Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit & began to speak.

Responsorial Psalm

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading—John 5:16-25

The fruit of the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel—John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

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

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat Mass 10am

Weds 10am Eucharistic Service

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11am

Saturday 3.30pm-4pm

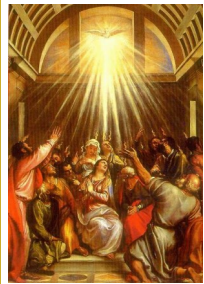
9.20am The Rosary before weekday Mass.

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40; Psalm 32; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20



Today we Celebrate The Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples.

BBQ after Sunday Mass in Church Hall/Grounds. All welcome.

Then, Tuesday 21st May at 6pm Confirmations.

Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the confirmandi.

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of thy Love.



Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Joseph Boag & Anne Mitchell; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jimmy Timmons, Catherine Winter Day, Hary Crighton. R.I.P.

Prayers for the sick: Please continue to remember the sick and the terminally ill in your prayers, especially those mentioned on our sick lists: George Charles Milne, Agnes Mulligan, Ann Reilly, Martin Conroy, Jacqueline Conroy, Bobby Gardiner, John Gardiner, Kate Cuthill, Andy Madoc Jones, Wendy Birnie, Marion Brannan, Betty Bailey, Veronica Cornock, Margaret Turner, Billy Higgins, Agnes Milne, Jennifer Downie, Emily Buenaventura, Michael Hamilton and Scott Brown (this list is cleared each calendar month). May Our Lady of Lourdes (The Immaculate Conception) intercede for them.

Please send any names for these lists to the parish email address or add them to the list in foyer.

Funerals: Anne Mitchell; (Sturrock, Combe and Davidson's South Rd) Monday 27th @ 12 Noon.



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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: £1364 Restoration Fund: £206 Communications: £287

Thanks to the Italian Association for donating £1300 to St Mary's Restoration Fund. A generous gift.

Thanks to the Celtic Foundation for donating a signed strip. This will be raffled/auctioned in the near future in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund.

The next Special Collection is for The Day of Life and will be taken up on Sunday 16th June.

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 Restoration Fund: 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Teresa Soutar (39). There are spare numbers if anyone is interesting in joining to help support the St Mary's Restoration Fund.

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



Dear Lord, thank you for providing for the needs of the parish, please keep us focused on your real treasure living amongst us: the poor.

St Vincent De Paul and St Francis pray for us.



Scam Emails—several parishes in the Diocese including St Mary's have been targeted by fake emails purporting to come from the Parish Priest asking for Amazon Vouchers. These emails are convincing and cleverly done. Please take every care and only respond to emails bearing stmaryslochee@dunkelldioocese.org.uk. If you are unsure please contact me via the aforementioned email address.

Dates for your calendar:

Thank you to all who have purchased tickets for **Aiming High** to raise funds for the restoration of St Mary's Lochee Church. All of the tickets have now been sold and the cast very much look forward to seeing you all on 24 May at 7 p.m.

Prize Bingo—Friday 31st May

Meet and Greet with Jim Craig (Lisbon Lion) - Fri 21st June 7pm

Talk on the Stars by Robert Law (Visitor Assistant Balgay Observatory) - Friday 13th September @ 7pm

Parish Gathering (Friday September 27th at 7pm) reigniting Divine Renovation; presentation of Parish Accounts; update on Restoration Project; what is a Leadership Team; concluded by Cheese and Wine Social.

Dundee's Jute Industry a talk by John Quinn (Visitor Guide Verdant Works) - Friday 18th October @ 7pm.

Regular Events—Weekly:

Prayers for Parish Renewal —Every Thursday after Mass in St Mary's—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers 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.

Monthly:

Dunkeld Serra Mass: Last Tuesday of the Month; 7pm Mass preceded by Holy Hour, proceeded by refreshments & talk.

Taizé Holy Hour: Last Thursday of the Month; 6.30pm Adoration, Scripture, chant, and silence.

St Peregrine O.S.M, Mass for the healing of the sick including Novena Prayers of St Peregrine, and Anointing of the Sick; first Saturday of each Month. Saint Peregrine is the patron saint of those afflicted with cancer and other serious illnesses. St Peregrine pray for all those afflicted by serious illness.

Diocesan Events

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

Dunkeld Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee will hold the pre-pilgrimage mass in St Leonard & Fergus' on Thursday 20th of June at 6.30pm. There will be refreshments in the hall after mass. All 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 **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.



Baptism Preparation... thanks to Stella Andrews who has agreed to be St Mary's Baptism Coordinator. If you would like to know more about having your child baptised please contact Stella on andrews24@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 07817160513. The next course is planned for October and the best preparation prior to that is to attend Sunday Mass and become active members of St Mary's Faith Community.

Considering Priesthood

Have you every thought about a life of loving service to others in God's name?

If so, 'Come and See' at the National Enquirer's Event for anyone considering the Priesthood on Saturday 25 May in Turnbull Hall, Glasgow.

Please be in touch with Fr Jim Walls (stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk; or 01382-611282). Transport will be arranged from Dundee.

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children (SPUC) recently launched a new prayer initiative in collaboration with the Knights of St Columba. **Let Life Flourish: A Spiritual Bouquet** is a rallying call to Catholics, the wider pro-life community and all people of good will to pray with renewed faith and trust for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. Please go to the following webpage to let SPUC know what prayers you can commit to as part of this initiative: www.spuc.org.uk/

Structural Engineers did an invasive investigation into the buttresses that bedeck our beautiful church of St Mary's. These buttresses are constructed around iron bars that have corroded over the last 158 years and as a result the stonework cracks and crumbles around them. Restoring these will be a major part of St Mary's Restoration, and will be a considerable factor in the final cost. Please keep this in your prayers as the grant providers consider the engineers' report.

The next **Cathedral Dinner** for those aged 18-30 will take place on Sunday 26th May, in the Cathedral Hall just after the 6 pm Mass. If you would like to come, please sign up to help us prepare enough food!

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/1bMYJ8N7i1yRMsgo9>

The Scottish Bishops' Conference invites you to join Catholics across Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland in a **Novena For Life** from 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation, praying for the protection of human life. Sign up to the Novena at prayforlife.ie for your daily intention, accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. The Feast of the Visitation is a celebration of joy in new life, even in challenging circumstances, and we pray for a return to a society that values and protects all human life from the moment of conception to its natural end.

The Novena will lead up to our annual **Day for Life** on Sunday 16th June 2024 of the Bishops Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

Mary's Meals' Pray in May mission asks as many people as possible to pray for those struggling to put food on the table.

In this Year of Prayer, we look at our world and see so many struggling, even to eat a daily meal. We ask Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who brought up her son in poverty, to pray with us for a fairer world. May the Lord help us share what we have with those who lack even the most basic things. Amen.

Mary, you showed your deep faith in God by saying 'yes' to being the Mother of Jesus. Please pray for all those who continue to say 'yes' to supporting the work of Mary's Meals especially those who volunteer. We ask that more people will join our mission and help us reach the next hungry child. Amen.

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.

Thanks to those who have responded to Sid Grants' appeal for new members to St Mary's conference.

Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill.

Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland.

Use the QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs.



You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

Hope Point,

Dundee Wellbeing Support

If you are in distress and feeling like you can't go on, please do reach out.

Freephone: 0800 955 0008

Text: 01382 604123

In person: 4 South Ward Road.

The Coming of the Spirit

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus foretells that he will send the Holy Spirit on his disciples. And this Sunday we celebrate that coming of the Spirit at Pentecost.

Christ's followers are filled with the Spirit, they are unified with Christ, because his Spirit is within them.

But Genesis tells us that the Spirit was in the world from the beginning of creation. The Spirit moved upon the face of the waters when God first made heaven and earth. From that beginning all throughout the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is present in the world. For example, the Spirit of God came upon Balaam ([Num. 24:2](#)), Joshua ([Num. 27:18](#)), Gideon ([Judges 6:34](#)), Jephthah ([Judges 11:29](#)), Samson ([Judges 13:25](#)), Saul ([1 Sam. 11:6](#)), David ([1 Sam 16:13](#)), and others as well.

So why in the [Gospel](#) Reading does Christ say that he will send the Spirit? How does he send the Spirit if the Spirit was already in the world in Old Testament times?

The first thing to notice is that, in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is mentioned as coming only on a few particular people, often just people marked out for some particular purposes by God. But after Christ sends the Spirit at Pentecost, the Spirit comes on every single Christian. As the [Second Reading](#) explains, every person who says (and believes) that Jesus is Lord has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.

Furthermore, after Pentecost, the Spirit that comes is the Spirit of the resurrected Christ, as well as the Spirit of the Father. And so when, after Pentecost, Christ's followers are filled with the Spirit, they are unified with Christ, because his Spirit is within them.

At Pentecost, then, the Spirit comes on all those who believe in Christ; and it comes on them forever, for their whole lives, provided only that they remain in Christ. Those who have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them are made into the body of Christ, because the Spirit of the resurrected Christ is in them.

So that is why the Spirit comes at Pentecost, to inaugurate the new age which God promised long ago. Through his prophet Joel ([Jl 2:27](#)), God promised that in the messianic age God would pour out his Spirit on all his people; and then God himself would be the hope and the strength of his people (Jl 3).

We are included in that promise too. By God's spirit that dwells in us, we are made one with our risen Lord; and his peace remains with us because he himself is with us and within us always, as he promised.

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**Bring flowers of the fairest,
bring blossoms the rarest...**

**Our Lady is the perfect
example of someone who was
open to God's love (the Holy
Spirit). The love and beauty
she portrayed is available for
us all through the Holy Spirit.**

**Let's spend time basking in
God's love for us, soak it up,
and radiate it to those around
us.**

**Thanks to all those who have
handed in flowers for Our
Lady's Altar, and to those who
helped make our Marian
evening such a beautiful
liturgy.**

Thanks to all those who are helping to set up and prepare for the Ceilidh. These events though crucial for fund-raising are even more important for building community and our fellowship in Christ. Please make every effort to share yourself with fellow parishioners.

Prayer for Parish Renewal

Father, thank You that You are always doing a new thing. Give us eyes to see Your infinite goodness at work and to co-operate with You as You renew the church.

Jesus, we thank You for creating paths in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Accompany us on this journey of renewing our own parish.

Holy Spirit, ignite in us a passion for making disciples and help us to bear fruit that will last.

Amen

Dundee Audio News

If anybody would like to receive a free sample to Dundee Audio News please contact Graeme Tarbet on: graemetarbet@hotmail.com. Postage free for CD or USB

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.



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

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