



# 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.

## 16th June, 11th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year B

**First Reading—Ezekiel 17:22-24**

**I make low trees grow.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

**Second Reading—Corinthians 5:6-10**

**Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

**Gospel—Mark 4:26-34**

**It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.**

## Sacred Liturgy Schedule

**Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.**

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

**Mon, (Tues 10.30am), 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: Job 38:1,8-11; Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41**

### 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

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: David Edwards, Stephen Petrie, John Gardiner, Ann O'Keefe, Muriel Ross and Nancy Blair; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Colin McHugh and Cathie Stott.

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: Wendy Birnie, Scott Brown, Jacqui Conroy, Martin Conroy, Kate Cuthill, Jennifer Downie, Bobby Gardiner, Micheal Hamilton, Phyllis Hastie, Deacon Charles Hendry, Billy Higgins, Harry Hill, Andy Madoc Jones, Andrew Lynch, Agnes Milne, George Charles Milne, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica McCornock, Kathleen McDonald, Susan Ramsay, Ann Reilly, Margaret Turner and M.A. Young. (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: David Edwards, (please note change of date & time) Thurs 20th June @ 1.30pm Funeral Service; Stephen Petrie, Thurs 27th Reception 5pm, Fri 10am Funeral Mass. May they rest in peace.**



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

Scottish Charity Number: SC001810

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

**Finance Matters:** Last week's collection: £1491 **Restoration Fund:** £1001 (Jim Craig Tickets, Brick Money, Donations)

The BIG CELTIC raffle in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund: including a currant signed Celtic Strip, a Jim Craig signed photo, Steve Murray paintings, Henrik Larsson prints; and many other items of Celtic memorabilia (including a retro-replica strip). Tickets £5 on sale now. For Jim Craig tickets and Raffle tickets please phone 01382—221792

This Sunday there is a Special Collection for The Day of Life (please see letter on 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 Restoration Fund: 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner, Allan Blythe (5). 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 Margaret of Scotland  
pray for us.



### Dates for your calendar:

**Meet and Greet including Q&A with Jim Craig (Lisbon Lion)** - Fri 21st June 7pm—Tickets now available

**Church Open Evening**—part of the Festival of Archaeology—Weds 17th July at 7pm—St Mary's history, guided tour, refreshments.

**Kiltwalk**—Sunday 11th August, In aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund and Mary's Meals: helping at home and abroad.

**Children's Magic Show**—Harry Mudini—Sunday 25th August from 12 Noon—Free entry

**Pre-loved Goods Fashion Show**—Friday 30th August

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

**Parish Gathering** (Sun Sept 29th after Mass) reigniting Divine Renovation; presentation of Parish Accounts; update on Restoration Project; what is a Leadership Team; Charitable Activities; concluded by Cheese and Wine Social.

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

**Staffin Island Ceilidh band** - St Andrew's Night—30th November

### 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:** **Second** Tuesday of the Month; 7pm Mass preceded by Holy Hour, proceeded by refreshments & talk. Next Serra Mass will be Tuesday 9th July allowing for a month's holiday. Please keep praying for priests.

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

**St Peregrine's** Mass will be on the First Saturday of the Month. As we now have a relic of St Peregrine anybody who wishes a blessing with it should simply approach Fr Jim or Trainee Deacon Jim Murphie after Mass. Hopefully we can build a shrine so that it is permanently on display. Every Saturday Mass is offered for those struggling with illness.

### Diocesan Events

**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.

**Please beware of Scam Emails: please check the email address very carefully. If you have any concerns please phone the parish land number to confirm or send an email to [stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk)**



### Baptism Preparation...starting Sunday 7th July...the start of a life giving process

If you would like to know more about having your child baptised please contact Stella Andrews on andrews24@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 07817160513.

Due to demand the next course has been brought forward and will run for the 4 Sundays of July. Anyone interested in having their child baptised should register their interest with Stella as well as attending Mass.

In baptism the parents and godparents promise to bring their child up in the practice of the faith. For Catholic Christians this means regular attendance at Sunday Mass where we grow in love for God and neighbour. This is a promise to God and therefore should not be undertaken lightly.

Please pray for all those contemplating having their child baptised.

MEET AND GREET WITH!

# JIM CRAIG

(LISBON LION)

INCLUDING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**£10 A TICKET**

**PIE AND BOVRIL INCLUDED**

**FRIDAY 21ST JUNE AT 7PM**

**LIMITED BAR - CASH ONLY**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, GRAY'S LANE, LOCHEE**

TICKETS - 01382 221792

IN AID OF ST MARY'S RESTORATION FUND

### 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.

Mgr Aldo recently attended a meeting of 200 Parish Priests in Rome. This meeting was to help Parish Priests engage with the Synodal Process. The Process where we listen to each other in order to better discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit. From this meeting Pope Francis sent out these priests as Missionaries of Synodality to spread the good news of synodality, and to explain the Synodal process to others.



To further this aim Mgr Aldo has generously agreed to a pulpit swap at this Sunday's Masses whilst I cover Monifieth and Carnoustie.

**Proposed Pilgrimage to Knock**, week before Holy Week, April 2025. The likely cost is around £600 per person sharing, on the basis of 5 nights' DBB in a Hotel, return flights from Edinburgh to Knock and coach travel within Ireland. In addition to religious activities at the Shrine, there will be various excursions included, such as to Galway City, Ballintubber Abbey and the National Famine Memorial at Strokestown House, County Roscommon. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage and wish to be kept informed of more details, please add your name and email address to the list in the Church porch.

In preparation for the **Jubilee Year** a group of pilgrims have been walking from Motherwell Cathedral to St Andrews, and the last day of their journey will be Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We have been invited to join them and walk the last 10 miles from Ceres to St Andrew's (stopping at Craigtoun Park for Packed Lunch). The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass in St James' RC Church (St Andrew's).

If you would like to be part of this pilgrimage please call or text Jim McKelvie on 07957 847290.



I have been asked to accompany the pilgrims on the last day of their journey, therefore *Mass on Tuesday will be at the slightly later time of 10.30am.*

Thanks to Mgr Ken for covering.



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. May God bless your generosity and ministry.

Continuing thanks to those who volunteer to help further the Kingdom of God through St Mary's. In the last couple of week's the Restoration Core Group, the Restoration Full Group, the History Sub Group and Parish Council have met. Without these dedicated people the parish would struggle. Please keep them in your prayers, and consider giving of your talents.

### Restoration Wall Update

The Restoration Group are delighted to report that the extension to our initial wall has now been installed and that both full and half bricks (£50 and £25 respectively) will be on sale from 15th June 2024.

Anyone who wishes to purchase a brick please see Alison Houghton after 4.30 mass on a Saturday or Ged Fitzpatrick after 10.30 am mass on a Sunday.

Once again, we apologise for the delay and thank you for your continued patience.

### St. Mary's Lochee Church, History Subgroup Appeal

Members of this group are currently in the process of obtaining oral histories from a variety of people aged 75 and over who are, or have been, members of St. Mary's Parish.

The group are very keen to encourage as many people as possible to come forward and contribute to this extremely valuable part of our church's heritage.

If anyone would like to take part in our Oral Histories Project or would like more information regarding becoming involved, please send your contact details to St. Mary's Lochee History Subgroup at [g.burton11@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:g.burton11@hotmail.co.uk).

***The Lord is My Shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of life***  
**Day for Life Sun 16 June 2024 - Letter from Bishop John Keenan**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today the Catholic Church in Great Britain and Ireland marks our annual Day for Life established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1995 to foster recognition in our consciences, our families, our Church and in civil society of the value of human life at every stage and condition. It is a Day that draws our attention to the seriousness of abortion and euthanasia but also to other aspects of life deserving our consideration.

Over the years the Special Collection taken up at Masses has helped us support survivors of sexual abuse and those with addictions, as well as caring for refugees and asylum seekers, even though our largest grants continue to fund traditional pro-life concerns such as abortion and euthanasia.

This year a Bill has been introduced in the Holyrood Parliament to allow assisted suicide in Scotland for sixteen-year-olds and over, proposing that doctors hand a lethal concoction of drugs to patients to kill themselves.

In countries where assisted suicide has been legalised, palliative care provision has stalled and hospices refusing to offer assisted suicide have had their funding stopped, including Catholic hospices. This is why three quarters of palliative care doctors in Scotland said they would refuse to participate in assisted suicide, and just under half will resign if required to administer it.

In countries with assisted suicide, supposed safeguards have soon eroded to include people with arthritis, anorexia, autism and dementia, and even little children. Assisted suicide sends a message to disabled people that they are a burden and puts pressure on the vulnerable to opt to die, as in Oregon where half of those who chose assisted suicide felt a burden on their families, communities and healthcare system. When the elderly and disabled are worried about being a burden, our response should be to commit ourselves to providing care and compassion to help them have a life worth living.

As Catholics, we offer just such a vision to our loved ones who are suffering and approaching death in the hope of eternal life. Our faith teaches us that there is no such a thing as a useless life, and to reverence the gift of life to its natural end. Our Gospel calls us to protect the vulnerable from a culture that would pressure them into assisted suicide and support them with appropriate treatment and the best of care so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love. Jesus did not send the sick away and Our Lady remained at the foot of the Cross as Her Son died, as a model of compassionate presence to the very end. People close to death often go through darkness and pain, but experience shows they can come to a more complete understanding of their lives in treasured last moments accompanied by spiritual care and their loved ones.

This year our Day for Life focusses on compassion and hope at the end of life. We hear Fr. George sharing his experiences as a hospital chaplain, especially his encounter with Francis, a lapsed Catholic and convicted drug dealer with terminal cancer and not long to live. Fr. George accompanied Francis to reconciliation with the Church and a beautiful death, leading him beyond his Calvary to the Kingdom the LORD had prepared for him since the foundation of the world.

Today's Day for Life is an invitation to us renew our calling personally and as a society to care for others at the end of their lives, and to help our culture to see the end of life as an occasion for spiritual growth filled with grace and love.

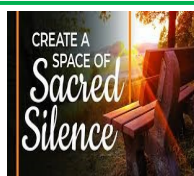
With assurance of prayers,

*John Keenan*

Bishop of Paisley      **SECOND COLLECTION** at all Masses this weekend for the work of the apostolate of life.

Mary's Meals invites you to join them for the Dundee screening of new documentary, Zero Hunger, about the devastating and escalating hunger crisis in Ethiopia. Please join them on Wednesday 26th June at 7pm at The Queens Hotel, 160 Nethergate, Dundee DD1 4DU      Visit [marysmeals.org.uk/events](http://marysmeals.org.uk/events) to register for your free ticket.

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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