



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."

23th June, 12th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading—Job 38:1, 8-11

Here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm

O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

Second Reading—Corinthians 5:14-17

Now the new creation is here.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Gospel—Mark 4:35-41

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

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: Acts 12:1-11, Psalm 33, Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18, Matthew 16:13-19

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: Joseph Hart, Stephen Petrie, David Duncan, Robina Garvin and Nancy Blair; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cathie Stott and Rean Curran. 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, Michael Hamilton, Phyllis Hastie, Deacon Charles Hendry, Billy Higgins, Harry Hill, Andy Madoc Jones, Andrew Lynch, Mary Matheson, Agnes Milne, George Charles Milne, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock, 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: Stephen Petrie, Thurs 27th Reception @5pm, Fri 28th, 10am Funeral Mass; **Robina Garvin**, Funeral Mass 10am, Mon 1st July; **Joseph (Joe) Hart**, Funeral Mass 10am Tues 2nd July. 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: £1182

Restoration Fund: £219

Last Sunday's Second collection for **Day for Life** : £227; next Sunday (30th June) Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up. This collection supports Pope Francis' charitable work.

Many thanks to everyone who supported Jim Craig's Meet & Greet on behalf of St Mary's Restoration Fund; once again a convivial, enjoyable evening. Special thanks to Ann & George Creegan for coordinating the evening and for their team of helpers. Thanks also to Mary & Kelly Brannan for supplying the bar and the replica trophies. The final sum raised will be announced next week.

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, Y St. Clair (24). 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:

St Mary's P.S. Prize Giving will be held in St Mary's Church, Mon 24th June at 1.30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Primary 7 Leavers Mass— 10am, Thurs 27th June

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

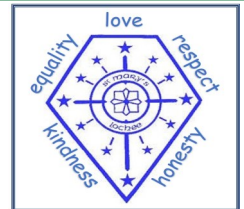
Pre-loved Goods Fashion Show—Friday 30th August

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: **This Thursday 27th June:** 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.

The Syro-Malabar Mass and Catechism Classes will move to the 3rd Sunday of each Month, however, it will now stop for the holidays and recommence in August. Also, **Filipino Mass** starting 1st Sunday of each Month on 1st September.

Diocesan Events: Episcopal Ordination of Canon Andrew McKenzie, Saturday 10th August, St Andrew's Cathedral.

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@dunkelddiocese.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.



Reflection by Mgr Aldo on Synodality: We are celebrating today the great Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Who can ever hope to grasp its meaning? We can only glimpse dimly into its awesome depths. What we can grasp is love. We know what it means to be loved and how to be lovable. The Holy Scriptures of the Church, the learned men who went before us, the saintly men and women and especially those who faced death and at times the most horrendous torture, bear witness to the truth that there is something higher and more precious to us than all the riches and material pleasures of this world. There are many signs which point to these eternal values, which can only be grasped by Faith. Wise men taught us about God., "Theology" they call it and they define it as "Faith seeking understanding". The History of the Church tells us much about the high points of that faith journey in its search for the TRUTH. Many Councils of great Churchmen, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit helped to refine and make as clear as possible what that truth is in their own time and facing their own challenges and crisis. That journey of faith continues to this day, with its own crisis in the Church and in the world. What is God telling us now in our world, in or Church today? Are we listening? Pope Francis has set us on a journey together, on the same road, to listen to God and to each other. This is the greatest exercise of "Listening" in the history of the Church....nothing less than a radical transformation our shared life in the church....through listening to one another. And that means, in the simple, human language of everyday life, for the Pope wants every baptised person, in their dignity of sharing in the common priesthood of all the baptised and as members of the priestly, prophetic and royal People of God, to give living witness to their faith, their joys and their wounds and hurts, in and outside, the Church. Already millions of Catholics have taken part in meetings, at parish, diocesan and continental levels, sharing and airing their views. Not to produce documents or dogmas, but to open horizons of hope for the fulfilment of the Church's Mission, not just for herself but for all Christians and for all of humanity. This is at the root and essence of what is meant by "Synodality". Oh Loving and Mysterious God, be among us as we, the disciples of Jesus travel the road of communion, participation and mission, together.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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 to register for your free ticket.

GLANCING THOUGHTS—HEY, YOU!

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, there is a squall at sea, and the apostles' boat begins to take on water. They are very afraid; and they wake up Jesus, who is asleep in the back of the boat. He calms the sea. And then he asks his disciples two questions: Why are you terrified? Don't you yet have faith?

Why are they terrified? Well, because that boat is filling up with water, the wind is fierce, the waves are high, and there is an excellent chance that everybody in the boat will die by drowning. What is not to fear here?

And why does Jesus ask them *if they have faith*? The [First Reading](#) is from the book of Job. Job certainly had faith—and he lost all his children and his possessions in one day, shortly before he came down with a loathsome skin disease. If having faith won't save a person from the fate of Job, then why wouldn't the disciples fear, even if they had faith?

The solution lies in seeing how Jesus rescues his disciples from shipwreck. He doesn't issue decrees about the weather. He talks directly to the sea. "Be still!" he says to the sea. And notice that in the [First Reading](#) this is exactly how God deals with the ocean. Just as Jesus says "you" to the sea, so God says "you" to the ocean: "So far shall you come and no further." For God, for Jesus, even inanimate objects such as the ocean and the sea have an I-Thou relationship with their Lord. Even the sea and the ocean are in direct second-personal relationship with the loving God who made them.

And if this is true of the ocean and the sea, then how much more is it true of each one of us? So faith is not the bare belief that there is a God. Faith is the willingness, in trust, to say "you" to God, as God says "you" to each one of us.

In this I-Thou relationship with the good and loving Creator of all there is, what is left to fear?

Whether we live or die, whether we sorrow or are at ease, we stand in joy in the love of our Lord.

And that is why we do not have to be afraid.

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Heal my wounds my strength renew

Bestow healing, Lord God, upon me,
your beloved child,
wounded by the pain and fear
inflicted on me by others.

Cast light on the darkness of my heart
and draw near to me to restore what is lost.

Shelter me safely in your love
and make me confident in the knowledge
that I have been powerfully redeemed.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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The Mother Provincial of the Little Sisters of the Poor visited the cemetery at Wellburn last week. The cemetery contains many graves of the Little Sisters as well as Sisters of Mercy and several diocesan priests including Fr Francis Beurms: a Belgian born priest who served as Priest-in-charge of St Mary's Lochee from 1872 to 1880. He died in Newport in 1895 and was buried in Wellburn. Mgr Kenneth McCaffrey, a lifelong friend of The Little Sisters, blessed the graves in the presence of several Associates of the Little Sisters who helped at Wellburn. May the Lord bless all those associated with The Little Sisters and Wellburn; and May the souls of their faithful departed rest in peace.



The Parish's thanks to Jim Craig (Lisbon Lion) and his wife Elizabeth for supporting St Mary's Restoration Project through Friday nights Meet & Greet. Also, thanks to Canon Andrew Clark and his wife Jackie who helped to arrange the event, and eventually thanks to our very own Steve Murray (ex-Celtic, Dundee & Aberd') for introducing Jim.



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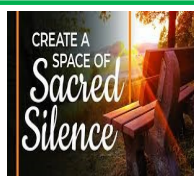
If you are in distress and feeling like you can't go on, please do reach out.

Freephone: 0800 955 0008

Text: 01382 604123

In person: 4 South Ward Road.

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 stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk