



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 Aug, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading—Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading—Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel—John 6:24-35

He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

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: Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 33; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Jennifer Downie and Derek McClone; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jim Malone, Larry Reyes, Jim Russell, Alison Russell, Marlyn McLagan, Pauline Murphie and Dave Squire. 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: Margaret Turner, Susan Ramsay, Billy Higgins, David Duthie, Andrew Lynch, Grieg Taylor, Ann Reilly, George Charles Milne, Jacqui Conroy, Martin, Conroy, Wendy Birnie, Harry Hill, Kathleen McDonald, Pat Trapnell, Veronica Cornock, Agnes Mulligan, Kate, Cuthill and Irene Morrison.

(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.

Diocesan Events:

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

St Mary's has been allocated 10 tickets for the Ordination. If you would like your name added to the draw for a ticket please let Fr Jim know by Thursday 8th at 9am. The draw will take place after the Mass/Novena on Thursday. All applicants must provide contact details. Please note we are required to be in the Cathedral for 10.30am to be seated for 10.40am, and that the service is expected to last at least 2hrs with limited toilets available. Admission by ticket only.



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www.youtube.com/@StMarysLochee Parish Website - www.stmaryslochee.org.uk

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: £1344

Restoration Fund: £60

Special Collection at both masses this weekend will be for the **Bishops' Mensal Fund**

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, Cath Naughton (79). 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
pray for us.

St Margaret of Scotland



Dates for your calendar:

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

BIG SUMMER RAFFLE—Will be drawn on **Saturday 18th August, ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO .**

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

Pre-loved Goods Fashion Show—Friday 30th August at 7pm. Tickets on sale at the back of church or telephone 07552920740.

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 now has its summer break. Resumes Monday 12th August

Monthly:

Dunkeld Serra Mass: Second Tuesday of the Month; 7pm Mass preceded by Adoration and Holy Hour at 6pm, and proceeded by refreshments & talk. Please keep praying for priests, deacons, and religious.

Taizé Holy Hour: Next Taizé Prayer in St Mary's will be Thursday, 29th August @ 6.30pm.

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.

Prayer at time of death: Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you, go forth, faithful Christian, may you live in peace this day, may your home be with God in Zion, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints. Amen.

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.....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.

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.



ST MARY'S KILT WALKERS

The A-Team: Fr Jim, John O'Meara (Property Manager for the Diocese) & Elizabeth Davie (whose family formerly owned Davie's) are taking part in the

Mighty Stride Kiltwalk from St Andrews to Dundee (20 miles) to raise funds for St Mary's Restoration.



If you would like to sponsor them please sign the Sponsor Form at the back of the church, scan the QR code, or go to justgiving.com/team/stmaryswalkers

The B-Team: The Wee walkers will take part in the **Wee Wander (4 miles)** to raise funds for Mary's Meals. For more info see Moira Leck or Anne Hampton. To donate scan QR code to the right.



It is important that we remember that we are restoring St Mary's Church buildings so that the Kingdom of God may become present to those in need. This has been at the forefront of every charitable organization and collection associated with St Mary's over it's 158 year history. We exist to give praise to God, and to serve others in love.

Finally, thanks to those parishioners who have donated walking shoes and a kilt...generosity's at the heart of St Mary's.

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock April 2025. Many thanks to all who have added their names to the list for the proposed pilgrimage to Knock in April next year. I'm delighted that we have 25 names already for the 25 places available, however, if anyone is interested but hasn't yet added their name to the list, I would encourage you to do so as soon as possible and we will keep a reserve list which will be used should anyone of the 25 decide not to proceed. We are awaiting confirmation of the flight schedule and prices from Ryanair and as soon as these are available an email will be sent to everyone on the list with full details of the pilgrimage and inviting people to pay a deposit to secure their places. Thanks. Jim Murphie

St. Mary's Lochee Church, History Subgroup

Members of this group are currently in the process of producing:

- an UpToDate factual history of the parish (along the lines of the previous 100 and 125 Anniversary Booklets)
- a visitor leaflet
- Visitor boards displaying the History of the Parish akin to the Roche family boards.
- Collecting Oral Histories of the Parish. Please contact: g.burton11@hotmail.co.uk
- Working on a novel based on St Mary's history.

Assisted Suicide Short Survey

The Scottish Parliament Health Committee is asking for your views on proposals to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. It is vital that as many people as possible complete the short survey, which should take just a few minutes to do, before it closes on 16th August. Full guidance, including a link to the survey, can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by entering the following address in your web browser: <https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide-committee-call-for-views/>

Anthony Horan, Director, Catholic Parliamentary Office



BIG SUMMER RAFFLE

£5 per ticket. Prizes include:

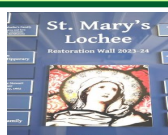
1st Prize - Hibernian v Dundee Hospitality for 4 @ Easter Road, Saturday 24th August 2024;

2nd Prize - 4 Ball from Fife Trust, Selection of Courses;

3rd Prize - Carrera Mountain Bike 27.6/2's Gents & Ladies Model.

Tickets on sale at the back of church or telephone 07552920740.

Restoration Bricks still available. Application Forms in foyer.
Brick £50 / Half brick £25



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 (SSVP)** or Fr Jim in confidence.

May God bless your generosity and ministry.



Glancing Thoughts—Fed by the Lord

In the First Reading, the Israelites, who are marching through the desert, are hungry and angry. God should have killed us in Egypt, they say; then at least we would have died with food in our bellies.

In response, God feeds them with bread from heaven. Manna falls from the sky during the night, and in the morning they can pick the manna up off the ground. It seems to have been a specially wonderful analogue to bread. Scripture says that it was small, and white, and mildly sweet, like honey with coriander (Ex 16:31); and it was greatly sustaining, too. Tolkien's Elven bread lembas, so prized for its taste and nourishment, must have been modeled on manna.

This is a story to shake your head over. In my world, if you want bread, you have to go to the store for what you need, and you have to pay for what you get there, too. And if you grumble against God angrily, you get a guilty conscience; you don't get bread falling from the sky. With or without stores and money, we get no Elven bread at all.

Why are these Israelites so lucky? Why doesn't God make bread fall from heaven for us too?

Here, by way of answer, is what the story makes clear. God is a God of history. He intervenes in human affairs in particular ways at particular times to provide for his people what will do them good at that time. The only ones who got to eat manna were those grumbling Israelites. And even they got to eat it only for a while. When they crossed the Jordan River, the manna stopped. All they got then was the parched corn from the previous harvest.

These thoughts can prompt a painful yearning. Who would not want to be among those who got to taste that honey-sweet manna? Who would not want to have been one of the people hand-fed by the Lord?

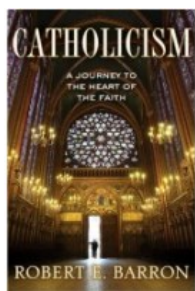
And, yet in God's love, every yearning has its fulfillment. We too are fed with the bread from heaven; and, in the Eucharist, we taste the goodness of the Lord, which is sweeter than honey (Ps 19:10). We too are hand-fed by the Lord.

Although God is a God of history, for each one of us it is true that we will want for nothing.

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'Catholicism' by Bishop Barron will start after the summer holidays—
Sunday 18th August.

This course is for anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith. It is ideal for those exploring becoming a Catholic or for anyone wishing to deepen their knowledge of the faith. All are welcome.



SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024

The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling.

The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

SHARE is an [NHS Research Scotland](https://www.nhs.uk/research-scotland) initiative, supported by the Universities and Health Boards in Scotland, and Scotland's Chief Scientist Office.

They are appealing for Volunteers to register with them to assist and support health research.

For more information or to register please visit their website: www.registerforshare.org or scan the QR code. Alternatively visit their [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) if interested in helping.



SPUC's Petition

SPUC are calling on the British Government to end the two-child benefit cap. Please use the link noted if you would like to sign and support.

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/end-benefit-cap>

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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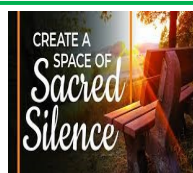
Prayer for Parish Renewal

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

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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