



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."

25th Aug, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading—Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading—Ephesians 5:21-32

This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel—John 6:60-69

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

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

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

Wed 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 4:1-2,6-8; Psalm 14; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Chris Barry, Linda Montgomery, Tom Campbell, Paul Fitzpatrick and Josephine Towell; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rose Webster, Janet Sweeney and Agnes Blyth. 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: Anne Creegan, Bobby Gardiner, Sister Mary Timmons, Ivan Garcia Pacheco, Jim Murray, Agnes Milne, 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 Cormack, Agnes Mulligan, Kate Cuthill, Lorraine Glancy 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.

Funerals: Thomas (Tom) Campbell, Funeral Mass 10am Weds 4th 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.



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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: £1530 **Restoration Fund:** £211

The next special second collection will be on the 24th Sunday (15th Sept) for **The Sick & Retired Priests 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, Theresa Farrell (42). 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:

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

Parish Council Meeting, Thurs 29th August at 7pm in Parish House. This meeting is an opportunity for all parish bodies to provide an update on their work so that I can make good decisions based upon an overview of parish activities.

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

Feast Day Mass of St Teresa of Kolkata —5th September at 10.30am in St Clement Parish hall/church

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

Doors Open Day—Saturday 28th September. As part of Doors Open Day there will be 4 guided tours in the church—11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm, covering its long history and it's important place in the history of the local area.

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:

The Parish Leadership Team —meets every Monday during term time to help me make good decisions. It's members are Jim Murphie (Trainee Deacon), Marian Milne (Sacristan), Moira Leck (Schools Liaison), & Anne Hampton (Finance).

Novena to St Anthony of Padua - every Tuesday after Mass—concludes with blessing with relic.

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.

Monthly:

St Peregrine's Mass (1st Saturday of the Month at 10am) We now have a relics of St Peregrine, St Anthony of Padua and St Martin de Porres. If anybody wishes a blessing please just ask. We are still looking for a suitable reliquary to house them. Every Saturday Mass is offered for those struggling with illness.

Filipino Mass (1st Sunday of the Month at 1pm) starts Sunday 1st September.

Dunkeld Serra Mass: (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm) Next, Tuesday 10th September. Please keep praying for priests, deacons, and religious.

Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, Sunday 15th September.

Taizé Holy Hour: (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Taizé Prayer, Thursday, 29th August.

Diocesan Events:

Dunkeld Diocesan Pilgrimage Association will hold their post-pilgrimage Benediction Service in St Leonard & Fergus Church on **Sunday 15th September 2024 at 3pm**. There will be refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards and all are welcome.



Baptism Preparation.....the start of a life giving process...the next course starts Sunday October 6th and will continue for the following 3 weeks of October.

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 baptized 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.

Please remember in your prayers the Staff of the Scots College Rome: Canon Mark Cassidy (Rector); Fr Rogi Thomas CST (Spiritual Director) and Fr Nick Welsh (Vice Rector) as they start a new academic year. These men serve the



Church valiantly.



Please also hold in prayer those men in their charge who are training for the priesthood. May many more be inspired to join them. If you are interested in the Diocesan priesthood please contact Fr Jim Walls (Vocations Director).

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.



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

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.

Novena to Mother Teresa starting Tuesday 27th August at 5.45pm in St Clement's Convent Chapel followed by Community Adoration until 7pm. All are welcome.

The Feast Day Mass for St Teresa of Kolkata is on 5th September at 10.30am in St Clement Parish church/hall. All are welcome.



For more info contact the Missionaries of Charity on 01382-612861

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR NEW P1'S

If anyone is having a wee clear out and has any of these items they 'd like to give away.

Soft Furnishings (bean bag chair/cushions etc), Dolls, Teddies, Dressing up costumes, Cars, Dinosaurs, Small World, Building Blocks.

Please contact 01382 436707 for enquires and /or giving donations. Thanks.

St Mary's once again joins **Doors Open Day** on Saturday 28th September with four tours of the Church scheduled for: 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm, and 3.30pm.

We are looking to put together a team of welcomers, guides, and hospitality.

Please contact Fr Jim or Ged Fitzpatrick if you would like to be involved as training will be provided.

HOPE POINT, DUNDEE WELLBEING SUPPORT
WE ARE HERE ALL WEEKEND; NO MATTER WHAT TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT.

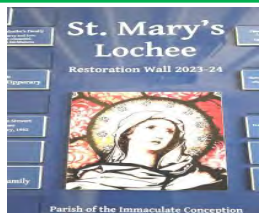
If you are in distress and feeling like you can't go on, please do reach out to our friendly team.

Freephone: 0800 955 0008; Text: 01382 604123; In Person: 4 South Ward Road.

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>

Restoration Bricks
still available.

Application Forms in foyer.
Brick £50 / Half brick £25
Ideal as a remembrance.



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.



Reflection on the Readings—Distressing Words

For the last several weeks Jesus has been using his words to distress the disciples. That's right. Last week he said that if they want eternal life they have to eat his flesh and drink his blood! His followers could not possibly have understood this.* They muttered. "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" And they left.

This Sunday he makes it even harder. Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about his words, he said to them,

Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending.....to where he was before?

It is the Spirit that gives life,.....while the flesh is of no avail. ...

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. (Gospel)

A sad scene, and puzzling too. Why is Jesus saying such things to his followers, and how is anyone supposed to understand it?

The following unwritten guideline might help in reading the Gospel of John, from which our Sunday reading is taken.

There, whenever an event or saying does not seem to make complete sense, we can understand that *it is masking deeper meanings*. In other words, often a delicious significance is hidden behind events that are described in a bewildering way.

If this can be our axiom, let us try to apply it to a saying from this week's Gospel: Jesus was ...ascending to where he was before. Ok, where was he "before"? He was in the bosom of the Holy Trinity. God's love leaned out to us in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. He "descended" to us.

But he will have to "go back to the next life," because he was a human being, even though he was God. He is telling them this: if body and blood shock you, wait till you see me ascend into heaven! And what about the words, it is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is to no avail.

In the readings from the past few weeks we have seen that Jesus' ascension would never be a desertion of us but would be his presence on earth in a new form. The third person of the Trinity was going to dwell within any people who believe.

The third person will dwell in us? If so, where will our beloved Jesus be? Well, since the members of the Trinity are at one in everything, then they are completely present within each other. So Christ is within the Holy Spirit. That Spirit offers to live deep within each believer, within each person who says yes to its presence. The same thing can be said for the Father.

Fine, but how do we acquire this Holy Spirit? Definitely through Baptism. And, of course—as in Jesus' command from last week—through eating and drinking his body and blood. Communion makes us "become what we have eaten," the body of Christ. We are to let Christ have flesh again, in our hearts and in our actions.

The Spirit is to be the soul within the Body of Christ, and we are to be the body.

When we are part of the "Body of Christ," we therefore have eternal life, as he told his followers. Peter sums it up. "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Mass this Sunday will be meant to give us the power to live the Body of Christ into the world.

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The Catholicism Course continues this Sunday 25th August in the Church House after Mass.

This course is ideal for anyone thinking of joining the catholic Church or for anyone interested in deepening their knowledge of the faith.

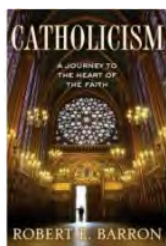
25/08/24—Episode 6, The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church

01/09/24—Episode 7, The Mystery of the Liturgy

08/09/24—Episode 8, The Communion of Saints

15/09/24—Episode 3, The Mystery of God

22/09/24—Episode 10, The Last Things



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



Fr Jean Gove will celebrate a Mass for the Maltese Community next Sunday at 11.45am in St Mary's Lochee. Fr Jean is on a flying visit to Dundee and will leave promptly after Mass.



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.

How we look after the exterior and interior of St Mary's says a lot about how we value our faith. Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 6th September.** Thanks to those who look after the exterior of St Mary's church by picking up the litter and removing weeds. The side of the Church bordering St Mary's lane and the courtyard bordering Lochee High Street are difficult to access and in need of tidying and weeding. Please see Fr Jim to gain access. There's something for everybody to do in our community. Don't be shy come along and play your part.



The next **The Alpha course starts in the near future (watch this space...)**

Alpha has a proven track record of helping people experience God in a very personal way.

It is an ideal place for those who are searching for meaning in their lives.

It is also a great way for those of us who profess faith to come alive in that faith and to live it in an even more profound manner.

In essence Alpha helps evangelise. It helps create a longing to know Jesus more intimately and to help others come into a life giving relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Please come along and bring your friends. As we've heard from numerous testimonies over the year you won't be sorry.



St Mary's Pilgrimage to Knock, week before Holy Week, April 2025. The likely cost is around £600 per person sharing. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage and wish to be kept informed please contact Jim Murphie on james.murphie@virginmedia.com



Harry Mudini, Dundee's Famous Children's Entertainer and Magician, has kindly agreed to put on a Magic show.

St Mary's Magic Show this Sunday (25th August) after Mass in Upper Church Hall. It's free and open to all.



A RAY OF HOPE

MINI MISSION facilitated by **Fr TOM RYAN (Killaloe Diocese)**

13th - 15th SEPTEMBER 2024

Fri 13th: 7pm Mass with Sermon- Fr Tom

Sat 14th: 11am Mass- prayers for Healing & Anointing of the sick

LUNCH in Parish Hall: 12.30—2pm— BRING SNACK

Sat 14th: 2pm-4pm Eucharistic Adoration/Confession/Chat- Fr Tom

4pm-5pm : Tea/Coffee served in Hall

Sat 14th : 6pm Mass Sermon- Fr Tom

Sun 15th : 10am Mass Sermon- Fr Tom.... Blessing of homes and

Commissioning - "GO OUT AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS"

Gather in Parish Hall for Tea/Coffee

Event Location—Ss Peter and Paul



DEE UKES

10th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 26th October 2024, 2-4pm

@ The Space Theatre

Dundee College, Old Glamis Road

Dundee DD3 8LE

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Dundee City Box Office

16 City Square tel: 01382 434940

www.dundeebox.co.uk



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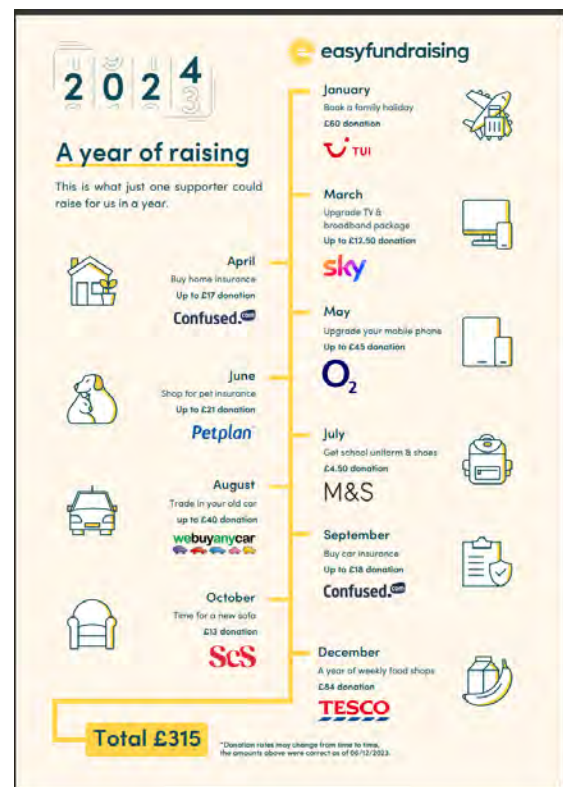
When we reach 10 or more new supporters Easyfundraising will donate a £1 bonus to our cause page and the promotion continues until the 2nd September.

If you have signed up please consider sharing to your friends and family too, every share makes a difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Please find address links to a start up guide if unsure how this all works.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/promote-my-cause/guides/>



St Mary's Parish Gathering

(Sun Sept 29th after Mass)

The Most Important Parish Event of the Year

(outside the Liturgy)

If you care about St Mary's Roman Catholic Parish, Lochee...

...Save the Date, as Your Parish Needs You to attend.



For St Mary's to have a future we need to restore our beautiful building, but more importantly we need a vibrant, engaged, committed, caring group of people willing to take the Good News of Jesus out into the world.

That is what it means to be Church.

The Parish Gathering aims to:

Reignite Divine Renovation with an inspiring talk by Fr Tony Lappin

Present the Parish Accounts

Provide an update on the Restoration Project

Explain what the Leadership Team does

Highlight our Charitable Activities

And conclude with a Cheese and Wine Social.

Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to
stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

Thanks to all those who supported St Mary's Kiltwalk.

As of Friday 23rd August St Mary's Kiltwalkers have raised **£3,462 for the Restoration Fund** (and we can claim £556 Gift Aid) and **£1,177 for Mary's Meals**.

The parish's sincere thanks to all those who Kiltwalked: Raphael Mendosa, Adam Johnstone, Logan Catto, Moira Leck, Anne Hampton, Elizabeth Davie and John O'Meara.

Thanks also to all those who sponsored the Kiltwalkers.

The way Kiltwalk works is that they keep the months and then the money is automatically you would still like to donate the QR codes



Just Giving Pages open for a further two transferred to the charities. Therefore, if will take you to the Just Giving Page.



St Mary's Restoration (Left)

Mary's Meals (Right)



A Big Thank you to all who donated prizes to the BIG SUMMER DRAW: Chris Igoe (Igoe Up Steeple-jacks), Paul Murphy (Fife Golf Trust) and Paul Murray.

Thanks also to all those who bought tickets. A special thanks to those from out-with the parish and even out-with the Diocese: St John the Evangelists in Portobello and St Agatha's Methil sold over £500's worth of tickets between them.

1st Prize Winner: Billy Biggins; 2nd Prize Winner: Gerry Conway; 3rd Prize Winner: Helen Heiland.

The Raffle has raised £1,971 for the Restoration.

An update on St Mary's Restoration Project

As previously reported the tenders for the Restoration Project were due in on Monday 12th August. This week we received notification that the tenders received were far in excess of the Quantity Surveyor's Probable Costs. Grants had been applied for based upon the Quantity Surveyor's Estimates, therefore there is now a considerable shortfall in funding. John O'Meara (Property Manager for the Diocese) has had several meetings this week with the Grant Consultant (Maria Ogden), Architect and QS.

St Mary's Core Group also met with John and Maria on Friday to plan a course of action which could include applying for more grants to cover the shortfall. Myself and Ged Fitzpatrick (Project Coordinator) are meeting with John, Maria, and the Architect on Monday to further explore the way forward. A full explanation of the Restoration Project will be provided during our Parish Gathering on 29th September by which time we should have a clearer picture of the way ahead.

Please keep St Mary's Restoration, and all those involved, in your prayers.

Thanks to all those who held the Parish's External Audit in your prayers. The External Auditor (from EQ) has provided some initial comments prior to the published report.

"Pleased to see all records meticulously kept and filed appropriately to support grants applied for and managing the separate renovation funds.

The parish and volunteers are clearly diligent in making sure everything is done to a high standard.

As with all parishes we would encourage continued effort to encourage standing orders rather than cash from regular donors."

The Diocesan Accountant added: "it is reassuring for the Curia finance office to know parish finances are being managed closely and accurately during a time of large grants and outgoings."

The parish's thanks to our Finance Team: Irene Delaney, Anne Hampton, Pauline Johnstone and Moira Leck. Also, thanks to the Diocesan Finance Team who are incredibly obliging and supportive.