



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."

1st Sept, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading—Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?

Second Reading—James 1:17-18

Accept and submit to the word.

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

Gospel—Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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, Weds, Thurs, Fri, Sat Mass 10am

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: Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Tom Campbell, Jaimie Dunnigan, Irene Morrison, Paul Fitzpatrick, Josephine Towell, & Nan Motwani; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Theresa Tardito, Maggie Black, David Heron, Richard and Christopher Kelbie. 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: George Charles Milne, Miriam McFadgen, Wendy Birnie, Mike McKenzie, Harry Hill, Corren Inglis, Kathleen McDonald, Veronica Cornock, John Rea, Agnes Mulligan, Lorriane Glancy and Kate Cuthill. (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: St Mary's: Thomas (Tom) Campbell, Funeral Mass 10am Weds 4th September.

Our Lady of Sorrow's (Fintry): Paul Fitzpatrick (Chemistry Teacher), Funeral Mass 11.30am Tues 3rd 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: £1452 **Restoration Fund:** £352 (incl Kiltwalk & Raffle)

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, Joan Robertson (15). 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:

Maltese Mass has had to be cancelled this Sunday due to travel disruption.

Feast Day Mass for 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 its 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, 26th September.

Diocesan Events:

Season of Creation Conference, Saturday 7th September 2024, 10am–3.00pm. St Margarets, Raploch, Stirling. Bring own lunch; Tea/coffee/juice/water will be made available. Event is free but booking is essential (<http://www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah>)

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.

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.

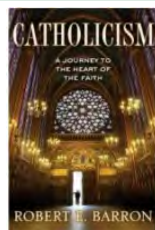
Jesus, we thank You for creating paths in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Accompany us on this journey of renewing our own parish.

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

Amen

The Catholicism Course continues this Sunday 1st Sept in the Upper Hall.

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



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

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.

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(See Jonah 1-4)

JONAH ATTEMPTS TO SHARE HIS TALE WITH DOUBTING THOMAS

We have been asked by the Scottish Bishops to revisit and promote the documents of Vatican II in preparation for the Holy Year. Fr Tom Magill has produced some videos on the four major themes of the Council, and has provided links to them below. These are suitable for parish discussions or individual use.

Introduction: <https://vimeo.com/993004902/12f0d79c78>

Sacrosanctum Concilium: <https://vimeo.com/994466330>

Dei Verbum: <https://vimeo.com/994463054/97b1e20293>

Lumen Gentium: <https://vimeo.com/993343246/a3d2750098>

Gaudium et Spes: <https://vimeo.com/994465122/>

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.

Knitting Needles Appeal

A request from the Church Liaison Officer for AUGB (Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain). There are many amputees in Ukraine and it is very cold there in winter. A project has started which is knitting stump socks and the AUGB would like to appeal for knitting needles which the project is short of. The sizes that are required are:

5mm & 6mm circular needles length 40 cm

5mm & 6mm circular needles length 32 cm

Many thanks—Margaret Malcolm (on behalf of AUGB).

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.



SEASON OF CREATION 2024

To Hope and Act with Creation

The first fruits of hope



(Rom 8:19-25)

Today we begin the Season of Creation, which runs from September 1 to October 4 and is a time for Christians to unite in praying and acting together to care for our common home. The theme for 2024 is **To Hope and Act with Creation**.

Today is also the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, which Pope Francis established in August 2015, and we warmly invite you to read and reflect on his Message for 2024.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

“Hope and Act with Creation” is the theme of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be held on 1 September 2024. The theme is drawn from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans (8:19- 25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ.

(1) Let us begin with a question, one perhaps without an immediately obvious answer. If we are truly believers, how did we come to have faith? It is not simply because we believe in something transcendent, beyond the power of reason, the unattainable mystery of a distant and remote God, invisible and unnameable. Rather, as Saint Paul tells us, it is because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. We are believers because the very love of God “has been poured into our hearts” (Rom 5:5) and the Spirit is now truly “the pledge of our inheritance” (Eph 1:14), constantly prompting us to strive for eternal goods, according to the fullness of Jesus’ authentic humanity. The Spirit enables believers to be creative and pro-active in charity. He sends us forth on a great journey of spiritual freedom, yet one that does not eliminate the tension between the Spirit’s way of thinking and that of the world, whose fruits are opposed to each other (cf. Gal 5:16-17). We know that the first fruit of the Spirit, which sums up all the others, is love. Led by the Holy Spirit, believers are children of God and can turn to him with the words “Abba, Father” (Rom 8:15),

just as Jesus did. Moreover, they can do so with the freedom of those who no longer fall back into the fear of death, for Jesus has risen from the dead. This is our great hope: God’s love has triumphed and continues to triumph over everything. Indeed, even in the face of physical death, future glory is already assured for those who live the new life of the Spirit. Nor does this hope disappoint, as was affirmed in the recent Bull of Indiction of the forthcoming Jubilee. [1]. *Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 Spes Non Confundit (9 May 2024)*.

(2) The life of a Christian, then, is one of faith, active in charity and abounding in hope, as we await the Lord’s return in glory. We are not troubled by the “delay” of the Parousia, Christ’s second coming; for us the important question is whether, “when the Son of man comes, he will find faith on earth” (Lk 18:8). Faith is a gift, the fruit of the Spirit’s presence in us, but it is also a task to be undertaken freely, in obedience to Jesus’ commandment of love. Such is the blessed hope to which we must bear witness. Yet where, when, and how are we to bear that witness? Surely by caring for the flesh of suffering humanity. As people who dare to dream, we must dream with our eyes wide open, impelled by a desire for love, fraternity, friendship and justice for all. Christian salvation enters into the depths of the world’s suffering, which embraces not only humanity but also the entire universe, nature itself, and the oikos, the home and living environment of humanity. Salvation embraces creation as an “earthly paradise,” mother earth, which is meant to be a place of joy and a promise of happiness for all. Our Christian optimism is founded on a living hope: it realizes that everything is ordered to the glory of God, to final consummation in his peace and to bodily resurrection in righteousness, as we pass “from glory to glory.” Nonetheless, in the passage of time we are not exempt from pain and suffering: the whole creation groans (cf. Rom 8:19-22), we Christians groan (cf. vv. 23-25) and the Spirit himself groans (cf. vv. 26-27). This groaning expresses apprehension and suffering, together with longing and desire. It gives voice to our trust in God and our reliance on his loving yet demanding presence in our midst, as we look forward to the fulfilment of his plan, which is joy, love and peace in the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis’s message to be continued over the next 3 Sundays....

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The Bishops Conference of Scotland Care of Creation Office presents...



SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024

SAT 7TH SEPT '24

Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement at SCIAF and member of the Holy See delegation at COP28.



Guest speaker:

Workshop hosts: Justice & Peace Scotland and SCIAF.


Location info and bookings: <https://tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah>

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF DISCUSSION, IDEAS AND INSPIRATION ON HOW WE CAN GROW CARE OF CREATION ACTIVITY IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES.



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>

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. 2 people were left to clean the church. They did so willingly and cheerfully however we can do better. 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



A prayer for our new Bishop Andrew McKenzie

God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love.

You have chosen your servant, Andrew, to be shepherd of your flock in the Diocese of Dunkeld.

Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he build your Church as a sign of salvation



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

St Peregrine O.S.M, Mass for the healing of the sick including Novena Prayers of St Peregrine, and Anointing of the Sick, this coming Saturday at 10am.

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.



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

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

Still time to sign up and help St Mary's Restoration Fund

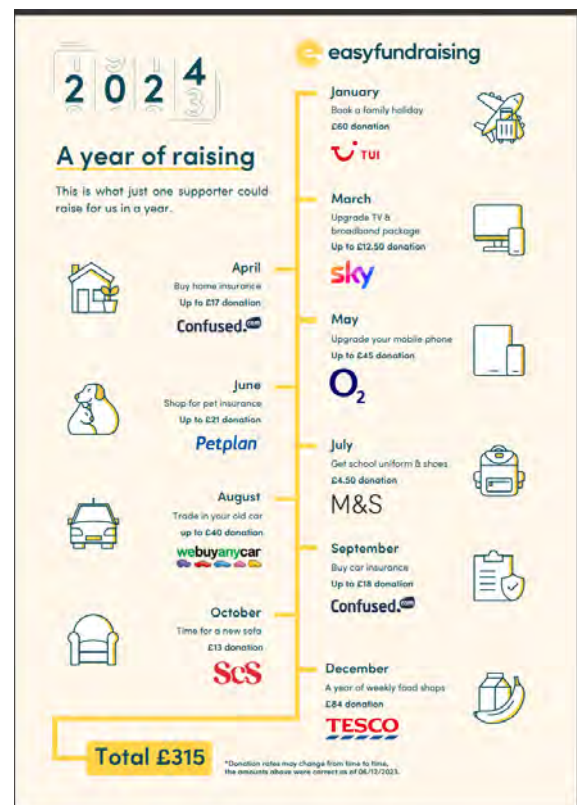
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When we reach 10 or more new supporters Easyfundraising will donate a £1 bonus to our cause page and the promotion continues until the **2nd September**.

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Thank you for your ongoing support!



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

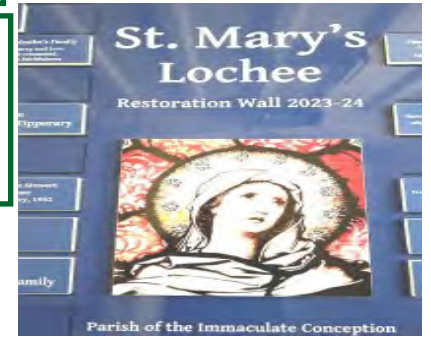
St Mary's Pre-loved Fashion Show raised £1129 for the Restoration Fund



Many thanks to all those who organised, donated, catered, entertained, modelled and compered. A special thanks to the Smokie Eukes (all the way from Arbroath) for their wonderful accompaniment.

A selection of cut price designer outfits, hats, shoes, jewellery etc still available in the Lower Hall after this weekend's Masses. Pop in for a bargain.

Restoration Bricks still available. Application Forms in foyer.



The Parish's thanks to Harry Mudini for putting on a Magic Show for the children.

Harry had children and adults alike engrossed in his fantastic show. Please keep Harry and his family in your prayers for his kindness and generosity.

