



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."

15th Sept, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading—Isaiah 50:5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me.

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading—James 2:14-18

If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

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—Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

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: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 53; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Margaret Gormley, Tam Curran, Rose Davidson, Margaret Anne Stewart, Marlow Kilpatrick, John Rea and Colin McQuillan; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dennis Hall, Tom Marr, Mary Dun, Jozef Urban, Maureen Mckenzie, Anne Kelly, Winnie Smith and Bill Smith. 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: Jean Ferguson, Jan Sturrock, Jane Taylor, Eddie Nicol, Susan Nicol, Bobby Gardiner, Jim Murray, Agnes Milne, Margaret Turner, Susan Ramsay, Andrew Lynch, Billy Higgins, Greig Taylor, Pat Trapnell, Martin Conroy, Sister Mary Timmons, Jacqueline Conroy, Ann Reilly, George Charles Milne, Mike McKernie, Miriam McFadgen, Wendy Birnie, Mike McKenzie, Harry Hill, Corren Inglis, Kathleen McDonald, Veronica Cornock, Agnes Mulligan and Kate Cuthill. (this list is cleared each calendar month). May Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them.

Please send any names for these lists to the parish email address or add them to the list in foyer.

Funerals: Margaret Gallacher (nee Gromley), 10am Funeral Mass, Mon 16th 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: £1483 **Restoration Fund:** £460 (Donations & £261 from the Pre-loved Fashion Show). The Pre Loved Fashion show total now **£1425**. A big thank you to The Fashion Team.

At both weekend masses a second collection will be taken 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, Willie Thomson (43). 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:

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.

Musical Magic with The Maestro (Mr Gary White)—Sunday 6th October at 2.30pm at St Mary's Forebank Church Hall, Forebank Road. Tickets **£7** from gerardfulton@yahoo.co.uk All proceeds to the charity Scottish Book Trust.

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. Its 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 relic blessing.

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. Every Saturday Mass is offered for those struggling with illness.

Filipino Mass (1st Sunday of the Month at 1pm) Next, Sunday 6th October.

Dunkeld Serra Mass: (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm). 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:

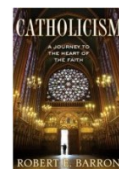
Dunkeld Diocesan Pilgrimage Association—will hold their post-pilgrimage Benediction Service in St Leonard & Fergus Church on **Sunday 15th September 2024 at 3pm**. There will be refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards and all are welcome.

Young People's Cathedral Dinner—Sunday 15th Sept after the 6pm Mass in the Cathedral Hall. If you would like to come. Please sign up to help us prepare enough food. Sign up online at: tinyurl.com/dundeedinner

The Catholicism Course continues this Sunday 15th 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.

15/09/24—Episode 3, The Mystery of God, 22/09/24—Episode 10, The Last Things



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



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.

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...**

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 'Going on Mission—Embracing our Baptismal Call' · 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.

The next Alpha course starts on Sunday 27th October every Sunday until December 15th.

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.'



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 Malcom (on behalf of AUGB).

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 20th September.**



Thanks to those who look after the exterior of St Mary's church by picking up the litter and removing weeds. Recently several parishioners weeded around the church making St Mary's look much more cared for and tidy.

There's something for everybody to do in our community. Don't be shy come along and play your part.

Fr Tom Magill has produced some videos on the four major themes of the Council in preparation for the Holy Year.

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/>

Many thanks to Robert Law for his interesting talk 'On the stars', and to those who came along and supported St Mary's Restoration Fund. £63 was raised on the night.

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.

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

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.

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

To Hope and Act with Creation

The first fruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)



Continuing on from last week's newsletter, Pope Francis's message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024, in which we are warmly invited to read and reflect.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

(5) In our hopeful and persevering expectation of the glorious return of Jesus, the Holy Spirit keeps us, the community of believers, vigilant; he continually guides us and calls us to conversion, to a change in lifestyle in order to resist the degradation of our environment and to engagement in that social critique which is above all a witness to the real possibility of change. This conversion entails leaving behind the arrogance of those who want to exercise dominion over others and nature itself, reducing the latter to an object to be manipulated, and instead embracing the humility of those who care for others and for all of creation. "When human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies" (Laudate Deum, 73), for Adam's sin has tainted our fundamental relationships, namely with God, with ourselves, with one another and with the universe. All these relationships need to be integrally restored, saved and "put right". None of them can be overlooked, for if even one is lacking, everything else fails.

(6) To hope and act with creation, then, means above all to join forces and to walk together with all men and women of good will. In this way, we can help to rethink, "among other things, the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. Our power has frenetically increased in a few

decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, yet we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival" (Laudate Deum, 28). Unchecked power creates monsters and then turns against us. Today, then, there is an urgent need to set ethical limits on the development of artificial intelligence, since its capacity for calculation and simulation could be used for domination over humanity and nature, instead of being harnessed for the service of peace and integral development (cf. Message for the World Day of Peace 2024).

Pope Francis's message to be continued next Sunday....

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TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

To hope and act with Creation
- rooted in Laudato Si and Laudate Deum
with Fr Joshstrom Kureethadam
Thursday 19th September Online 7.00-8.30pm [UK Time]

Logos: eco, Catholic and Peace Academy, OPEN HOUSE, PAV CHURCH, SCIAF (Uniting for a just world, Creating Scotland), and others.

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Key details:

Date: Thursday 19th September Location: Online

Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm and you can register at:

Registration: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0scO2hrzwtE9E8gDiyJLbQZJ1rbdLXja36>



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.

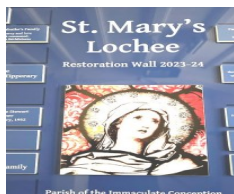
Prayer for Parish Renewal

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.

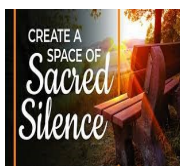
Holy Spirit, ignite in us a passion for making disciples and help us to bear fruit that will last. Amen

Restoration Bricks still available.



Application Forms in the foyer.

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.



Gospel Reflections for Vocations Awareness Week 2024

Sunday 15th September – The 24th Sunday of the Year B (Gospel – Mark 8: 27-35)

Peter speaks up to declare his faith in Jesus, even though it is far from perfect. Indeed, he can't understand the suffering, sacrifice or the cross Jesus must take up. As Vocations Awareness Week reaches its climax, we pray for our priests. May they help us understand Jesus more fully. May they help us express and live our faith as best we can, as they help us carry the crosses which come our way. And we pray for priests in difficult and challenging situations or those who carry crosses of ill health, age or persecution. May their quiet dedication and witness to love inspire many to hear the call to serve and to give their lives in service of the Gospel and of Christ's people.

More info at: PFS website <https://priestsforScotland.org.uk/vocations-awareness-week-2024/>

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>