



# 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."

## 29th Sept, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading—Numbers 11:25-29

If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second Reading—James 5:1-6

The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel—Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name.

## 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: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Stacey (Gourlay) Owen, Dave Miles, Charles Alexander, Simon Penny, John Smith, Miram McFadyen and Edwin Parkin; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Helen Heron, John Tinney, Nan Taylor, Charles Warden, Mary Dunn, Jem Kelly, Margaret Gallacher, Bernard Gallacher Jnr, Elizabeth Winter, Robert Winter, Bro. Joseph Hynd OSM 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: Ann Fyffe, Frances McKernie, David McLeod, 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, Frances McKernie, Mike McKernie, David, 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 (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, **Edward Parkin**, Funeral Service, 12 Noon, Monday 30th September; **Billy Johnston**, 10am Funeral Mass, Thursday 3rd October; **Jean Wright**, 10am Funeral Mass, Friday 4th October.

**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: £1470      **Restoration Fund:** £372

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, Dorothy Stewart (81). There are spare numbers if anyone is interesting in joining to help support the St Mary's Restoration Fund.

**Mini Fete**—From Sept-Dec, there will be a mini fete in the hall after the Vigil and Sunday Mass. The proceeds of which will go to the Restoration Fund in Sept/October and SCIAF during Nov/Dec.

**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](mailto:yvonne_stclair@yahoo.co.uk) or 01382-623618 Mob 07709040233



St Vincent De Paul

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.

and  
pray for us.



St Margaret of Scotland

### Dates for your calendar:

**The Parish Gathering** - After Mass this Sunday Sept 29th .

**Creation of Prayer, Song and Music**—Tuesday 1st October at 7pm, held in St Ninians RC Church. All Welcome.

**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](mailto:gerardfulton@yahoo.co.uk) All proceeds to the charity Scottish Book Trust.

**An Evening of Story & Song on Dundee's Jute Industry**, introduced by John Quinn, Verdant Works Visitor Guide - Friday 18th October @ 7pm. Tickets £5 and BYOB. To book tickets please call 07552920740. Further details of the programme for the evening are included in the bulletin.

**Staffin Island Ceilidh band** - St Andrew's Night 30th Nov.

#### Why should I attend St Mary's Parish Gathering on Sunday?

Because, St Mary's is undergoing a process of Divine Renovation taking us from maintenance to mission.

Under the influence of the Holy Spirit we are becoming an outward looking parish; fulfilling Jesus' command to 'Go, therefore, and MAKE DISCIPLES'.

We believe that in doing so St Mary's will flourish. It will become (once again) a vibrant place of worship and love of neighbour.

But...to do so...we need every parishioner (and anyone else) to come along on Sunday and capture the vision.

### 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 relic of St Peregrine, St Anthony of Padua and St Martin de Porres. If anybody wishes a blessing please just ask. Thanks to Sid Grant (SVDP Diocesan President) for acquiring a suitable cabinet, and to George Creegan for adapting. Each Saturday Mass is offered for the sick.

**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 20th October

**Taizé Holy Hour:** (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Taizé Prayer, Thursday, 25th October

### Diocesan Events:

**Dunkeld Diocese Mission Event: Saturday 19th October**, St Mary's Forebank, Dundee, 9.30am – 3.30pm. This year we have the same theme "PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS" which will be led by Aid to the Church in Need. We are in their hands. All are warmly invited and encouraged to attend this event.

**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](mailto:james.murphie@virginmedia.com)

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

**The next The Alpha course starts Sunday 27th October after Mass in the Upper Church Hall.**

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.**



**Stories and Songs of Juteopolis**

**An evening of stories and songs from the days of Dundee's Jute Mills.**

**Come and hear the fascinating history of the jute industry in Dundee from the early days to its eventual decline.**

**Written and performed by John Quinn (Visitor Guide at Verdant Works) and friends in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund.**

**Friday October 18th at 7pm in St Mary's Lochee, Upper Church Hall.**

**Tickets £5 (BYOB) from Church Foyer, or calling 07552920740**

Prayer for our week...

May the blessing of light be on you--  
light without and light within.

May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire,  
so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.

And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,  
like a candle set in the window of a house,  
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.

And may the blessing of the rain be on you,  
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean,  
and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines,  
and sometimes a star.

And may the blessing of the earth be on you,  
soft under your feet as you pass along the roads,  
soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day;  
and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it.

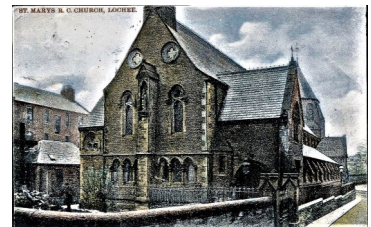
May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out  
from under it quickly;

up and off and on its way to God.

And now may the Lord bless you,  
and bless you kindly. Amen.

Old Scottish Blessing

Thanks to all those who helped host Doors Open Day in St Mary's on Saturday. An opportunity to open up to the wider community was ably facilitated by our Tour Guides, Welcomers and Refreshment providers. Please continue to invite friends, family and colleagues to be part of our community.



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 4th October.** 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.



**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.

## Glancing Thoughts—Tribalism

It is part of Christian doctrine that only Christians can be saved. No one comes to the Father except by Christ (John 14:6). This is a view that can encourage tribalism.

In the Gospel Reading, the apostles see someone who is not among the group of Christ's disciples but who is casting out demons in the name of Christ anyway. When the apostles perceive the man doing a miracle in Christ's name, they tell him to stop it. As the apostles see it, unless a person is a member of their group, their tribe, he is an outsider; and, as an outsider, he is not among the saved. In the view of the apostles, that is why there is something wrong about that outsider's using God's power to do miracles.

In response, Christ defends the outsider and rebukes the tribalism of his apostles. "Whoever is not against us is for us," Christ tells the disciples. The outsider has not joined the disciples, and he doesn't know the doctrines or customs that the disciples are learning from Christ. But, in Christ's view, he is still one of Christ's own. So it is true that no one comes to the Father except by Christ.

But this requirement makes Christ the one necessary and sufficient condition for salvation. It doesn't say anything about any of the other ways by which members of a group usually identify themselves. As Christ sees that outsider, the man meets the one requisite condition for salvation: he is for Christ. And so, in Christ's view, that outsider counts as one of those who come to the Father by Christ, even if he is not an official member of Christ's disciples.

But then, you might say, who doesn't count as one of Christ's own? Who actually is against Christ?

In effect, Christ answers these questions by giving an example of a group destined for perdition. It is the group of those who draw children away from the Lord or who make the vulnerable and helpless worse than they otherwise would be. Those in that group would be better off being dropped into the sea with millstones around their necks, Christ says.

So here is what we need to remember. Even Judas was a member of the official tribe of Christ's disciples; but in the end Judas was not one of Christ's own. Real membership in the group of those who are Christ's own depends on being for Christ, and for those he loves.

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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 cooperate 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**

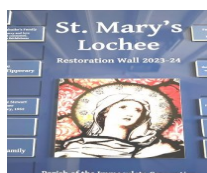


Thanks to all of those who donate food and toiletries for distribution from the Church House Door. Please don't be

shy to approach a member of **The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SVPDP)** or Fr Jim in confidence. May God bless your generosity and ministry.

**Restoration Bricks** still available.

Application Forms in the foyer.



"Thanks to all those who helped organise and cater for the SPAB (Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings) Conference in St Mary's last week. Attendees came from as far afield as Ellon and Stonehaven with the main Christian denominations represented. Their amazement at 4 flavours of homemade soup available for lunch says it all!"

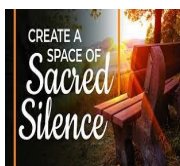
## A LOAF A WEEK?

Can you donate one loaf of bread per week in order that the Parish can support the staff provide every child, of St Mary's, with a piece of toast before lessons start?

Lookout for the bread basket the **weekend of 12th/13th Oct** and drop your loaf of bread into the basket at the back of the Church.

Thanks to Wendy Sinclair for hosting the 'Catholicism' Course. Alpha next...

**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.



**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>