



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.

13th Oct, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading—Wisdom 7:7-11

Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Second Reading—Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel—Mark 10:17-30

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

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: Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 32; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Valerie Brown, Roy Sweeney, Barbara Webster, and Edith Burns and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Irene Petrie, Anne Low, Billy Milne, Robert Vannet, Neil Findlay, Kevin Stevens, Agnes Stephens, Mark Stephens, Anthony McAndrews, Andrew McNally and Eileen 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: George Charles Milne, Ann Reilly, Ann Fyfe, Harry Hill, Frances McKernie, Wendy Birnie, Margaret Turner, Susan Ramsay, Billy Higgins, Andrew Lynch, Jim Murray, Grieg Taylor, Sister Mary Timmons, Jean Ferguson, Bobby Gardiner, Martin Conroy, Jacqueline Conroy, Kathleen McDonald, Pat Trapnell, Agnes Milne, 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.

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 & Restoration Fund: Collection totals will be noted in next weeks newsletter.

There will be a second collection on the 29th Sunday (20th October) for **Mission Sunday**.

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, Marian Milne (27).

Mini Fete—The next mini sale will be on the 20th October. Our **Christmas Fayre** will be held on **Sat 2nd Nov from 11am –4pm**. 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 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:

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 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. 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 3rd November.

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:

Cathedral Dinner—for those aged 18-30 will take place on this **Sunday 13th October**, in the Cathedral Hall just after the 6 pm Mass. If you would like to come, please sign up to help us prepare enough food! Sign up online here: tinyurl.com/dundeedinner

Dunkeld Diocese Mission Event: Saturday 19th October, St Mary's Forebank, Dundee. Begins at 9.30am with teas and coffees. Mass at approximately 12 Noon, and will end 3.30pm sharp so those who need to will be back home for vigil masses. This year we have the same theme "PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS" which will be led by Fr Mike Freyne MHM & Aid to the Church in Need. We are in their hands.

All are warmly invited and encouraged to attend this event. Please bring your own packed lunch. Thank You.

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...started 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.



The Synod on Synodality resumed this month in Rome to continue its process of listening. In the words of Pope Francis: 'It's a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn—the lay faithful, the bishops, the pope: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" (Jn 14:17) in order to know what He is saying to the Church.'

For more info on Synodality this short video is excellent. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5lAktuejwo>

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.



Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 18th October.** Thanks to those who look after the exterior of St Mary's church by picking up the litter and removing weeds.



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

St Mary's Pilgrimage to Knock, I regret to announce that, due to significant increases in prices, we have had to take the difficult decision to cancel our proposed pilgrimage to Knock, at least for the time being. There has been a delay waiting for the Ryanair flight schedule (Edinburgh to Knock, April 2025) to be published but, now that it has, there is large rise in the group fares from last year. As a result of the delay, there has also been a price rise in the cost of the hotel and other costs, all of which make it uneconomic and unattractive at present as a parish pilgrimage project. Sincere thanks to all who expressed interest in this project- we are actively researching other pilgrimage destinations closer to home which would be more affordable, so please watch out for further notices on this in the near future. Jim Murphie

Many thanks to those supporters who have signed up to support St Mary's Restoration Fund using the easyfundraising app or website, it really makes a difference.

Please sign up too, it's easy and completely FREE! 8,100 brands will donate to us when you do your usual online shopping with them - at no extra cost to you!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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—Inheriting Eternal Life

In the Gospel Reading, a rich young man asks Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” In response, Jesus says to him, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor.”

Selling what you own is a pretty radical thing to do. Just think what you own: a house, a car, a bed. And that’s just the beginning, isn’t it? There’s also the computer, the cell phone, the TV—and on and on.

Early in Christian history, people who sold everything they owned set up religious orders, so that they could live together and share what they needed. And so Jesus’ exhortation to sell what you have and give to the poor is usually taken as a call to religious life. Understood in that way, Jesus’ advice to the rich young man is one of the counsels of perfection. It explains what you have to do to be perfect in this life.

But here’s a puzzle worth noticing. You don’t have to be perfect to go to heaven. You don’t have to be a member of a religious order to go to heaven. But going to heaven is what the rich young man was asking Jesus about: “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” And so the answer Jesus gave the rich young man should have explained to him what you have to do to get to heaven. A counsel of perfection is by its nature not an answer to the rich young man’s question.

Or put it this way. If selling all he has and giving it to the poor is what the rich young man needs to do to inherit eternal life, what about everybody else? Does everybody have to sell what he has in order to attain heaven? If you don’t sell everything you have, are you going to hell?

The solution to the puzzle is to think about the description of the man asking Jesus the question: he is the rich young man. In other words, his gifts lie in his wealth.

Now gifts are highly various. There are lots of gifts, gifts of learning, of music, of many other things. But whatever a person’s gifts are, they are meant to be given back in service to the Lord. You cannot bury your talent—your gifts—in the ground and hope to please the Lord.

So here is what you need to do to inherit eternal life: You need to follow Jesus and use your gifts to the full when you do.

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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



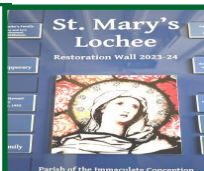
Thanks to all of those who donate food and toiletries for distribution from the Church House Door. Please don’t be

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.

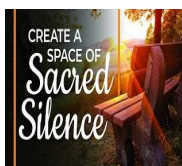
Restoration Bricks

still available.

Application Forms in the foyer.



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 silent vigil

Abortion figures in Scotland have risen by 10% in the last year. Our city has had the highest abortion rate in Scotland for the past three years and has the highest rate for girls under 20. SPUC Dundee branch will commemorate the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act with a silent candle-light vigil in the City Square on **Thursday 24th October at 6pm until 7.30pm**. This will be followed by Mass for pro-life intentions in the Cathedral. Please join us for part, or all, of this event.

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



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>