



# 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."

## 5th January, The Epiphany of the Lord—Year C

**First Reading—Isaiah 60:1-6**

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you,  
O Lord.**

**Second Reading—Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

**It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow  
heirs of the promise.**

**Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star  
as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel—Matthew 2:1-12**

**We have come from the east to worship the king.**

## Sacred Liturgy Schedule

**Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.**

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

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

**Wed 10am Eucharistic Service**

**Fri Funeral Mass 2.15pm**

**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 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Bobby Gardiner, Anne DeGernier, Alyson Kane, Kirsty Gilmartin and Ann Reilly; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gary Strachan, Fr Ben O'Brien OSA, Alexander Lowden, Catherine Lowden, Rena Mulreany, Joseph Reilly and Mary Reilly. **RIP**

**Prayers for the sick:** Please continue to remember the sick and the terminally ill in your prayers, especially those mentioned on our sick lists: Gerry Mulrooney, Ann Fyfe, Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Marlene Kenny, Margaret Turner, Susan Ramsay, Andrew Lynch, James Murray, Agnes Milne, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock 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: Kirsty Gilmartin, 2.15pm Funeral Mass Friday 10th January conducted by Canon Kevin Golden;**

**Ann Reilly, 10am Funeral Mass Mon 13th January;**

On behalf of Benito and myself, many thanks to all those who kindly handed in cards and gifts, as well as the many good wishes and prayers that we have received. It's always humbling at this time of the year to experience your generosity and thoughtfulness. May God bless your generosity, and keep you safe this New Year. Fr Jim

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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 Sunday's and Christmas collections: £3362

**Restoration Fund:** £678.60

**Today's Special Collection** is for the work of Justice and Peace Scotland.

Special Collections for the year list available shortly.

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 Maureen Crighton, (34).

**SCIAF mini sales** during Advent raised £1560. Many thanks to Ann Creegan and her team for this remarkable effort.

**Mary's Meals, Foreign Currency collection**—There will be a box at the back of the church for collecting any foreign currency for Mary's Meals. Thanks for your support.

**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

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**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 St Margaret of Scotland  
pray for us.**



### **Dates for your calendar:**

**Burns Afternoon Tea** Saturday 25th January 2-4pm

**In her Majesty's Service**—a talk by former Royal Security Officer Alex Garty accompanied by Derek Potter former Royal Piper—Friday 7th February

**St Mary's Strictly Come Dancing** Friday 28th February

**Parish Lenten Retreat Day**—Saturday 8th March led by Alex Holmes (Christian Meditation and Calais Volunteer).

**Holmes on the Hilltoon**—another comedy by Gerry Fulton—Friday May 9th, 2025

### **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). St Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer and offer incurable diseases. 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. Each Saturday Mass is offered for the sick.

**Filipino Mass** (1st Sunday of the Month at 1pm) Next, Sunday 5th January, 2025

**Dunkeld Serra Mass:** (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm preceded 6pm by Holy Hour). Next Serra Mass, Tues 14th Jan.

**Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass** (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, Sunday 19th January, 2025

**Taizé Holy Hour:** (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Taizé Prayer, Thursday, 23rd January, 2025

### **Diocesan Events:**

**Jim Murphie's Diaconate Ordination** will be on Saturday 3rd May 2025 at 12 noon in St Andrew's Cathedral.

**The Dunkeld Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee** are delighted to announce that Bishop Andrew McKenzie will lead our 2025 pilgrimage to Lourdes from 7th to 14th July 2025. For further information please email [dunkeld@pobox.com](mailto:dunkeld@pobox.com) or phone 07801 227 443

**Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**, 5th to 12th September 2025, 4 nights in Rome & 3 in Assisi. The cost of the trip will be approximately £1,600 per person, with a single-room supplement of £168. If you would like further information, or to register your interest, please contact Jim McKelvie by email [j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk](mailto:j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk) or by phone 07957 847290.

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



### Baptism Preparation.....the start of a life giving process...

If you would like to know more about having your child baptised please contact Stella Andrews on andrews24@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 07817160513.

Thanks to Dave Pilling and Billy Grant for donating and organising a Hamper Raffle in Kiddie's Bar for St Mary's Restoration Fund. The raffle raised £255. Many thanks to Kiddie's Bar & patrons for their generous support.

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 (SVP) or Fr Jim in confidence. May God bless your generosity and ministry



### Whole School Mass led by P4/5's

Monday 6th January at 10am. Please come along and show your prayerful support of the pupils and teachers at the beginning of the Holy Year of Hope.

Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 10th Jan 2025**

We're using #easyfundraising to help raise money for St Mary's Lochee Restoration Fund in 2025. To get involved, sign up and shop via the easyfundraising website or App with over 8,000 retailers. You'll raise free donations for us as you shop online at no extra cost! All the big names including eBay, Tesco, John Lewis & Partners, TUI, and many more will donate. We'll be so grateful for your donations! Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-marys-lochee-restoration-fund/7a4r01/c2s/zhbCjHD/CE946/facebook/>

**The Alpha course** concludes with a Holy Spirit Day in Kinnoull Monastery on Saturday 18th January, followed by the final session on Sunday 19th January after Mass in the Church House Meeting Room.



### Conversations in the Spirit Small Groups

Thanks to all those who hosted and/or led these groups.

These small groups have proven very useful throughout the world, and feedback from our own groups has been positive.



Through rooting the discussions in prayer, respectful listening and concise speaking the Holy Spirit directly influences the topic under consideration. Thus helping us to discern where God's calling us individually and as a parish. Small Groups also deepen the bond of Christian friendship between participants. More to come throughout Lent..

### BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND STATEMENT ON SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ENDING THE TWO-CHILD BENEFIT CAP, 9TH DECEMBER, 2024

The Catholic Bishops of Scotland have welcomed the Scottish Government's vow to lift the two-child benefit cap, which could potentially result in benefits being paid out to families of 15,000 children. The bishops look forward to seeing more detail on how the Scottish Government intends to lift the cap and hope that it will be lifted as quickly as possible to allow more children and families to receive support they so badly need.

[End the British Government's cruel two-child benefit cap – SPUC](#)

### The Parish of St Mary the Immaculate Conception, Dundee

#### Don't carry cash but want to make a donation?

Scan this QR code with your phone to make a donation. If you are a UK taxpayer you can also Gift Aid your donation and we will be able to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate.

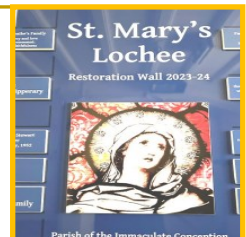


This parish is a Parish of the Diocese of Dunkeld, a Designated Religious Charity, Number SC001810

### Restoration Update

The preparatory work for the Start Date of January 6th has begun. In the process the outside of the church has been brushed removing loose debris and stone, as well as scaffolding erected around the tower which has allowed a major Perspex window guard to be reinstated. Please keep this whole project in prayer.

**Restoration Bricks** still available. Application Forms in the foyer.



### 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—Who knew?

Who knew the Messiah was born as the baby Jesus in Bethlehem in that wintertime? In our Gospel Reading, a lot of people came to figure it out.

The chief priests and scribes knew where the Messiah would be born, because they could interpret the parts in the Old Testament that predicted the Messiah's birth. The magi from the East knew that the Messiah had been born, because they could interpret the presence of the star in the sky. When the magi followed the star to Bethlehem to see for themselves, Herod the King ordered them to come back and tell him too.

For all these people, there was a way to know the birth of the Messiah. The priests could interpret Scripture, and the magi could read the stars. King Herod had the political power to command their knowledge and wisdom for his own purposes.

But what about people who lack the advantages of the priests and magi and who have no power to command others? How are they to know? Does God make provision only for the fortunate?

Consider the shepherds. They lacked the money needed for education, and so they lacked the ability to use Scripture or stars to know the birth of the Messiah. They had no power to command others to share the fruits of their education with them either.

But it isn't powerlessness or poverty that keeps a person from knowing the birth of the Messiah. In the end, it was not the shepherds but the powerful and wealthy King Herod, with his evil-hearted intentions, who didn't know the baby Jesus was the Messiah. The magi didn't tell him, because God warned them in a dream not to. And so Herod the King didn't know.

In spite of their lack of all worldly advantages, the shepherds in fact outranked the king and all the others. They were by the side of the Messiah first, and they didn't have to figure it out for themselves either.

The shepherds may have been poor and simple, but they were trusting and open-hearted, too. And so they knew Christ Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem that cold winter night because they heard the angels sing.

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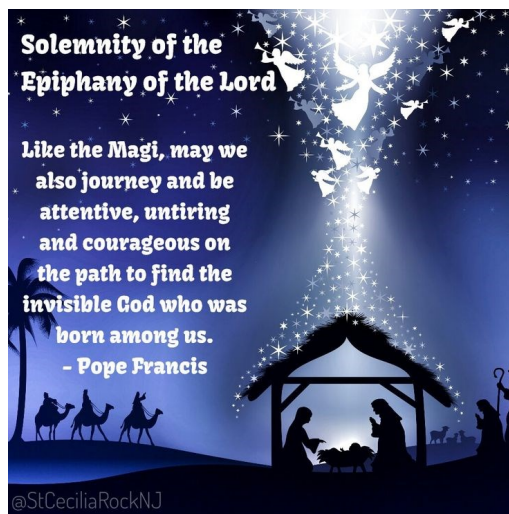
## A Prayer for the Feast of Epiphany


Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this parish and all who worship here.

Fill us with the light of Christ  
that our concern for others may reflect your love,  
and draw them into your embrace.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



 THE MANILA CATHEDRAL 

# MEANING OF THE LOGO

## of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025

### Pilgrims of Hope

**DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION**  
SECTION FOR FUNDAMENTAL  
QUESTIONS REGARDING  
EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD

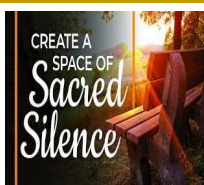
The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

**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.



**Don't miss the 'missa'...**a word that means 'sending out', from which we get the word 'Mass' and 'Mission'. The final blessing and the final hymn send us out with a Mission to spread the good news