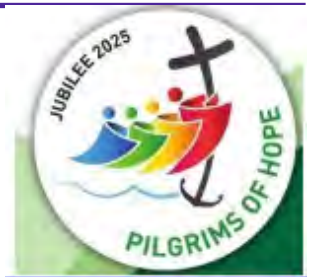




# St Mary's, Lochee, Dundee NEWSLETTER

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."

## 9th February, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Year—C

**First Reading—Isaiah 6:1-8**

**Here I am! Send me.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord**

**Second Reading—Corinthians 15:1-11**

**So we preach and so you believed.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia!**

**Gospel—Luke 5:1-11**

**They left everything and followed him.**

## Sacred Liturgy Schedule

**Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.**

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

**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 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: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6:17,20-26**



**After Monday & Friday Mass, tea will be served in the church foyer. All are welcome for some company.**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Edward (John) Moyse, Una Butler, Patricia Butler, Marlene Kenny, Jean Murray, Margaret Malcolm, Jean Gatfield, Monica Hadden, Janet Reilly, Kathleen & John Thomson; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Tinney, Caroline Rice, Jimmy Carroll, Presentacion Bareja, Michael Prendergast, Nan Halliday, Barbara Crossans Crichton, Alice Kelly, Angela Fortuna and Catherine Ravey. **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: Liam Markie, Gerry Mulrooney, Karl Mercier, Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Wendy Birnie, Frances McKernie, Agnes Milne, Andrew Lynch, Susan Ramsay, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica McCormack, Kate Cuthill and James Murray (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: Margaret Malcolm**, SCD Service Rooms South Rd, Mon 10th Feb at 12.30; **Jean Gatfield**, 10am Funeral Mass, Thurs 13th Feb; **Monica Hadden**, Dundee Crem, Fri 14th at 3.30pm; **George Charles Milne**, 10am Funeral Mass, Mon 17th Feb; **Kathleen Thomson**, 10am Funeral Mass, Tues 18th Feb; **Janet Reilly**, Reception of Remains 5pm, Tues 18th at 5pm; 10am Funeral Mass Weds 19th Feb .



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

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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: £1595

**Restoration Fund:** £191

Next special collection for **The Ecclesiastical Students Fund** will be on the 6th Sunday of the Year (**15/16th Feb**).

**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, Ros Cunningham (36).

**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.

A running total of **SCIAF** and **Mary's Meals** donations will be provided by Ann Creegan on a regular basis.

**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 St Margaret of Scotland  
pray for us.



### Dates for your calendar:

**The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**—Mass on Tuesday 11th February at 10am with the School, and 7pm celebrating The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. All most welcome.

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

**HCPT (Group 140) Fundraising Night with Paul Sullivan and Guests**—Friday March 21st 7pm; Tx £7 from Lynn Smith

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

**Johnny Mack -Vocalist/Entertainer**—Saturday 7th June

**St Mary's Pilgrimages**—Jim Murphie is kindly looking into pilgrimages to Knock and St Andrew's Cathedral during this Holy Year. Please watch this space for more details...

### 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 2nd March, 2025

**Dunkeld Serra Mass:** (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm preceded by Holy Hour). Note date 18th February (3rd Tue).

**Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass** (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, Sunday 16th February

**Taizé Holy Hour:** (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Taizé Prayer, Thursday, 27th February

### Diocesan Events:

**Italian Mass**—Sunday 16th Feb at 5pm in St Brides, Monifieth.

**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 or phone 07801 227 443

**Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**, 5th to 12th September 2025, 4 nights in Rome & 3 in Assisi. Approx. £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 [jmckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk](mailto:jmckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk) or by phone 07957 847290.



**Baptism Preparation.....the start of a life giving process... The next course starts on Sunday 2nd March.** There will be a further 2 sessions on Sundays 9th and 16th March.

The sessions will be held after the 10.30 Mass in the parish church house.

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.

If you would like to donate food for distribution at the Church door please consider dropping any of these items in the baskets in the Church foyer: UHT milk, Cereals, Biscuits, Coffee, Tea, Tinned Milk Puddings, tinned fruit, tinned curries, tinned ham.

May God bless your generosity and ministry.

Also, if you are in need please don't hesitate to be in touch with any member of the SVDP or Fr Jim.



**Aid to the Church in Need: Scottish Conference 'Courage to be Catholic'**

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build the Catholic community. Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.



This sounds like a very worthwhile event it would be good to go through as a group. Please consider this...

### Handed in for St Mary's archives

BEHOLD HOW HE LOVED



HE DIED FOR ME  
REMEMBRANCE OF THE MISSION  
Preached by the  
REDEMPTORIST FATHERS at  
ST. MARY'S LOCHEE  
1948.



Tea and Coffee

Filled Rolls and Cakes  
plus children's play area after  
Mass every Sunday.



Refreshments also after Mass Mondays and Fridays.

Come along and enjoy the company.

### GRIEF TO GRACE - A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse - 29<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Perth

Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: **Grief to Grace (Scotland)** at

[margaret.clarke@griefftoGraceuk.org](mailto:margaret.clarke@griefftoGraceuk.org)

**The Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue**—Annual Symposium on "The Role and importance of Interreligious Dialogue in Catholic Peacebuilding Locally, Nationally and Globally"

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>—Sat 8<sup>th</sup> March, Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. See website or scan the QR code for more details

<https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/symposium-2025/>



St. Mary's  
Lochee  
Restoration Wall 2023-24



Parish of the Immaculate Conception

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

**RSCM Scottish Voices**  
Choral Evensong, St Salvador's Episcopal Church, Dundee  
**Saturday 15th Feb at 4pm.**  
All welcome

Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 14th Feb 2025. Many hands make light work.**



**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—Life After Death

In the First Reading, Isaiah dates a religious vision not by a day but by a death: “... in the year that King Uzziah died.”

There are some things so painful for a person that events in his life can be dated by them: “in the year my wife died”; “in the year we lost our mom”; “in the year the hurricane devastated the town.” An affliction of this sort divides a whole life into before and after: there is the life you had before your wife died, and then there is the life you have afterwards, after the death of your wife and the death of everything that made up your life together.

Sometimes in unbearable grief such as that stemming from the death of someone so loved, a person doesn't know how to stand under his sorrow. A heartbroken person has lost something central to him; and a person can fall apart when the center doesn't hold.

In those circumstances, a grieved and suffering person can want to die then too; he can want to come to the Lord too. When King Uzziah died, Isaiah came before the Lord too, but only in a vision, where the doorposts shook and the house filled up with smoke.

The problem is that you can't really come to the Lord before your time on earth is over, and falling apart under grief gets you only an increase of sorrow. Isaiah responded to that vision of the Lord by saying “Woe is me! I am doomed!”

This is not the end of the story for Isaiah, though. An angel seared Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal.

And then Isaiah opened his mouth and offered to serve the Lord. When God asked, “whom shall I send?” Isaiah said, “Here I am. Send me.” All his most important service for the Lord came after the death that dates his vision and that changed his life.

When Isaiah himself finally died and came to the Lord, three kings later, he had become the foremost prophet of Israel. Because in the end he didn't fall apart but lived after King Uzziah's death, he produced the great prophecies of the Messiah that even now give the whole world hope.

If you can stand under your sorrow, rather than falling apart, then through the searing grief can come a new life, a good life that was unimaginable to you before. If you can stand and live into the period of your life after the destruction of your heart's desire, then God's grace can bring life out of death for you.

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An army of children from St Mary's P.S. along with Mrs Gauld) dropped off an avalanche of food shopping for distribution at St Mary's Church House. All donated by the children and their families as part of a non-uniform day. May God bless their generosity.



A huge 'thank you' to Alex Garty MVO and Pipe Major Derek Potter RVM for an exceptional night's entertainment and informative talks about their duties within the Royal household. Also thanks to Ged Fitzpatrick and helpers for organising.

The HCPT are taking 3 young people from St Mary's on pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter. The HCPT Group 140 fundraises the fares for all the children. To help with this fundraising there will be a Cake and Candy after Sunday Mass. Please support.



## Conversations in the Spirit

Thanks to all those who came along to the gathering of the Small Groups. This meeting allowed us to deepen our understanding of what a 'Conversation in the Spirit' is, and to benefit from feedback from the Advent Groups and plan for our Lenten Groups. Please consider joining a Lenten Small Group. These groups allow us to deepen our faith and Christian friendships and thus make us more confident in telling others about Jesus. The Lenten Groups will run for 4 weeks during Lent; and we hope to have groups running at different times and locations throughout each week to allow everyone to participate. May the Holy Spirit guide our Parish Groups.



**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.

