

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."

16th February, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Year—C

First Reading—Jeremiah 17:5-8

Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord

Second Reading—Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 6:17,20-26

Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

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

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

******Fri 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: Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; Psalm 102; Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:39-45



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: Bernard Colvin, Ina McGurk, Peter Dobbie, Margaret Mackie, George Charles Milne, Kathleen Thomson and Janet Reilly; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ellen Squire, Louise Hayes, Rose Sandeman, Faustina Villres, Anna & Alex Small and George Stephen. **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: Kasun Srimal, Jason, Marion Brannan, Betty Baily, Maureen Gibson, Christopher Pryce, Angela Rae, Harry Hill, Sr Hildegard Walls OSM, Veronica Cornock, 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, David Pilling 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: 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 Wed 19th Feb; Peter Dobbie, 10am Funeral Mass, Thurs 27th Feb; St Pius Douglas: Margaret Mackie, Fri 28th Feb, 11.30 Funeral Mass.

Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to 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: £1593
(donations, brick money and On Her Majestys Service Fundraiser)

Restoration Fund: £409 (includes money from

Second collection at both masses (15/16th Feb) for **The Ecclesiastical Students Fund**.

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, Melissa San Luis(108).

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
pray for us.

St Margaret of Scotland



Dates for your calendar:

Dunkeld Serra Mass—Tuesday 18th Feb. Holy Hour at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm. All 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

Holy Week—Dates for Diary: Holy Thursday 17th April; Good Friday 18th April; Easter Vigil 19th April and Easter Sun 20th April.

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).

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.

Cathedral Dinner - Sunday 23th Feb in the Cathedral Hall after the 6pm mass. For those aged 18-30, If you would like to come, please sign up tinyurl.com/dun deedinner to help us prepare enough food!

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 runs from 7th to 14th July 2025. For further information please email dunkeld@pobox.com or phone 07801 227 443

St Clements/St Ninian's are planning a **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** in Bosnia and Herzegovina from Sunday 24th to Thursday 28th August 2025. 4 nights/ 5 days ex Edinburgh to Croatia. Cost based on two sharing. £690. Single supplement £225. If you would like more details please contact Fr Johney 07831 580 361, or Bernadette Dailly 07919106129 Bdailly@btinternet.com or Therese Devlin 07813 051 689 email therese@devlinproperties.com



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 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 29th 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...

SCIAF Lenten Meeting 2025

Michael Hamilton, a SCIAF Community Engagement Officer, will be coming to St Joseph's Parish, Dundee to give a talk on this Jubilee Year's Project, **Pilgrims of Hope.**

The meeting will start at **11 o'clock on Tuesday 25th February** and should last for about an hour. These meetings are very informative, so please try to find the time to come along. You will be made most welcome. Tea and Coffee will be provided.



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.



The Parish of St. Mary's Lochee would like to formally thank the National Churches Trust for its grants towards the Church's urgent and essential repairs.

GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 29th April to 4th 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

The most important dates in a Christian's Year.

In less than a month we will be in the Lenten Season.

St Mary's Lochee will start our Lenten Journey together with a Day of Reflection led by Alex Holmes on Christian Meditation and his work in the Catholic House of Hospitality in Calais, on Saturday 8th March. Please lodge this firmly in your diary. This will be an ideal springboard for our Lenten Small Groups.

Lent is our preparation for Holy Week which runs from 13th April (Palm Sunday) to 20th April (Easter Sunday). Please move mountains to celebrate this with your Christian Family here in St Mary's.

Alex commented on his visit to the parish last Sunday that 'St Mary's is the friendliest parish I've been in!'

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

Friday 7th—Sat 8th March, Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. See website or scan the QR code for more details <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/symposium-2025/>



Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 28th 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—The End of the Story

In the Second Reading, Paul says that if Christ is not raised, your faith is in vain.

This is a hard saying. Faith is meant to make a person fruitful, like a tree planted by running water, as the Psalm says. Why would a person not be fruitful if he thought there was no resurrection?

Well, the fruits of a life are the fruits of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Here are the first four: love, joy, peace, and patience. If God is indwelling within you, then he is present in love to you; and love, joy, and peace come from the presence of your Lord. It is easier to wait in patience through the afflictions of this life if God is with you, too.

And here we should notice that you can lose the fruits of the Spirit and become a fruitless person whose faith is in vain in different ways.

The First Reading says that you will be like a dried up plant if you put your trust in the things of this world. You can lose your job or your health or your spouse, for example. And then, if you trusted in the things of this world, you would become bitter because your career or your life or your relationships would have failed to be what you trusted they would be. You wouldn't be fruitful in love, joy, and peace in that condition.

But you can go wrong another way too. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that those who are hungry and weeping and hated are blessed. If you think there is no resurrection, you will think that being in so miserable a condition is the best you will ever have. And then you will certainly lack love, joy, peace, and patience. Then you will be both bitter and self-congratulatory in the mistaken view that you are spiritually advanced because you are taking the denying of yourself as a good in itself.

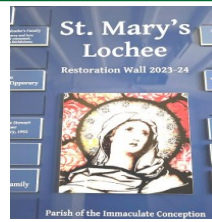
So for your faith to be fruitful, you do need to believe that there is a life after this one, where there is no more hunger, weeping, or hatred. If you grasp that, after the crucifixion of this life, there is the life of the resurrection when God himself will wipe all tears away, then and only then will you be fruitful in love, joy, peace, and patience.

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Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he was admitted into hospital last week suffering from bronchitis. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and comfort him.

Restoration Bricks
Application Forms available in the foyer.



FREE & MULTILINGUAL ADVICE CLINIC FOR MIGRANTS IN DUNDEE

CITIZENS
RIGHTS
PROJECT

Monday 17 February 2025
From 11:30 - 15:30

Dundee International Women's Centre
Unit 9B, Manhattan Business Park,
Dundonald Street, DD3 7PY

WOMEN ONLY

HELP WITH:

- WELFARE & FINANCIAL ISSUES
FOR PRE-SETTLED OR SETTLED STATUS HOLDERS: BENEFITS, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, ENERGY, DEBT & OTHERS
- EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME
LATE APPLICATIONS, PRE-SETTLED TO SETTLED STATUS, FAMILY REUNION & OTHERS
- EVISA APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE TO ALL MIGRANTS: HELP WITH SWITCHING PHYSICAL DOCUMENTS TO EVISA

Drop in or book an appointment to
secure your spot by emailing:
INFO@CITIZENSRIGHTSPROJECT.ORG

A LOAF A WEEK?

Can you donate a loaf of bread to help provide every child in St Mary's Primary School with a piece of toast before lessons start? Lookout for the bread basket and drop your loaf off...

Afternoon For Life

As both Holyrood and Westminster prepare to vote on legalising assisted suicide, the annual pro-life Afternoon in Dunkeld Diocese couldn't have come at a more crucial time. If you want up-to-date information about the proposed legislation and what you can do about it then please join us at Our Lady of Victories on Saturday 8th March. There are also talks about the current abortion situation in Scotland and the plans to make abortion more readily available. Please contact mcgraw.clare@gmail.com or 07752527696 for further

Conversations in the Spirit

Conversation in the Spirit small groups will start again for four weeks during Lent with weeks beginning 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March.

All are welcome to join, and times, dates, and locations will be outlined in next week's newsletter.

If someone invites you to join them, please accept the invitation and let the Holy Spirit do the rest!



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.

