



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."

2nd February, The Presentation of the Lord —C

First Reading—Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple..

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Second Reading—Hebrews 2:14-18

He had to be made like his brothers, so that he might become merciful.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel . Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 2:22-40

The child grew, filled with wisdom.

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: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 137; Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11



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: Marlene Kenny, Margaret Malcolm, Jean Gatfield, Janet Reilly, Monica Hadden, Elizabeth Kelso, Freda Ferguson and Kathleen Thomson; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George Sweeney, Christopher Gallacher, Harry Bollan, Martha Lamond, Jim Traynor, Maria Borzoni, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Marianna Janik, Carlita Bareja, Jim McGregor, Mary Malone, Willie and Maggie Hutcheon. 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, 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

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

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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: £1837 (includes £200 from Kirsty Gilmartin's family)

Restoration Fund: £451 (thanks to all those who organised & took part in the Burns Afternoon Tea raising £354).

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, Veronica Cook (41).

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.

January donations total for **SCIAF** £115 and for **Mary's Meals** £85, many thanks.

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



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:

On Her Majesty's Service—Friday 7th February 7pm, Church Hall. Alex Garty MVO and Pipe Major Derek Potter RVM provide fascinating insights into their respective careers from their Lochee roots to the British Army leading to their own personal service within the Royal Household. **Tickets £7.** On Sale at the back of the church and online using Eventbrite—
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/on-her-majestys-service-tickets-1151497402729?aff=oddtcreator>



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buy tickets

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes—Mass on Tuesday 11th February at 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

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 February, 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:

World Day Celebrating Consecrated Life Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral at 1pm, Monday 3 February. All welcome.

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 j.mckelvie@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 or phone 07817160513.

St Mary's Primary School Minnie Vinnie's Group are organising a non-uniform day to raise money for shopping to be distributed at the Church Door. Thanks to Mrs Gauld for coordinating this.



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.

Vocations Evening with Bishop Andrew McKenzie, Fr Jim Walls (Vocations Director) and Fr Malcolm Hutchison (newest priest of the Diocese) on Sunday (2nd February) in St Andrew's Cathedral Hall at 7pm. Anyone interested in the priesthood is welcome to attend.

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@griegtograceuk.org**

St Mary's Restoration Update

As you will see the scaffolding is now in place for Phase 1 work to begin. This will involve replacing cracked stone work and buttresses as well as repairing/replacing the water works (gutters and downpipes) whilst making good the roof.

Phase 2—the Hall—plans are being prepared for submission

In the future: Phase 3—the Church Interior; Phase 4—the Church House.

Last Friday saw the first monthly meeting of the Architects, Contractors, Quantity Surveyor, Diocese, St Mary's Parish Reps, Grant Consultant, National Churches Trust, and Kevin Keenan (Councillor).

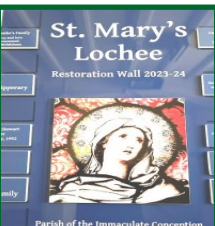
Last Friday also saw Rainbow Glass Studios visiting St Mary's to determine the best way to conserve and protect our Stained Glass Windows.

Last Friday also saw a small group of volunteers meeting under the guidance of Ged Fitzpatrick. Ged is the Parish Coordinator for the Restoration Project.



Restoration Bricks still available. Application Forms in the foyer.

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.**



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

All welcome



Tea and Coffee

Filled Rolls and Cakes

plus children's play area after Mass every Sunday.

Come along and enjoy the company



Life-Changing Pilgrimage Holidays

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About HCPT

HCPT is a registered charity offering pilgrimage holidays, to Lourdes in the south of France, for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. The letters "HCPT" stand for the Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust.

Every Easter around 1,000 disabled and disadvantaged children enjoy a fun and safe week in Lourdes, staying in hotels with their volunteer helpers.

Each Summer over 1,500 people, many of them with disabilities or life limiting conditions, enjoy a week at HCPT's Hosanna House in Bartrès near Lourdes.

HCPT is a charity with its roots in the Catholic faith. Our services are open to all. Volunteers and beneficiaries come from all walks of life and from all faiths and none.

The fundraising concert on Friday 21st March at 7pm at St Mary's will raise donations for the Easter trip to Lourdes for Group 140.

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—Freedom

The Second Reading says that Christ freed those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their lives. But what is that slavery? And how does fear of death produce it? For that matter, what is it to be free?

Well, if I lock you in the basement, you aren't free to go where you want to go. Freedom is a matter of doing what *you yourself* want to do.

But then there has to be just *one* of you if you are to be free. If you want desperately to stop smoking and you also really want to smoke, then whether you smoke or don't smoke, you aren't doing what *you* want to do. There are *two* of you, we might say, when you are divided against yourself in this way.

Fear can make a person divide against himself in this way. When Franz Stangl was first assigned to oversee a euthanasia clinic for the Nazis, he didn't want to be involved in the killing. But he was afraid of what he would lose if he didn't do as he was told. So he took the job and tried to hide from himself what he was doing. Out of fear, he willed to do what he himself didn't want to do.

Fear of death can get a person to do even worse things than putting the ill and disabled to death. Stangl wound up as the commandant of the notorious death camp Treblinka, where he oversaw the killing of many thousands of men, women, and children, because he was afraid that the Nazis would kill him if he didn't.

The horrors of that job left Stangl severely alienated from himself. At Treblinka, Stangl had to suppress a large part of his true self. If we ask ourselves whether, at Treblinka, Stangl was doing what he himself wanted to do, there seems to be no answer to the question. He did and he did not want to do what he was doing then. And so at Treblinka Stangl lost his freedom totally. He was enslaved to himself and his own fear of death.

This is the slavery that Christ saves us from. To be united to Christ is to become your own true self. That is why, if we come to Christ, we will know the Truth, and he will set us free. (John 8:32).

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Lochee Art Club by Kathleen Duffy

(A piece of St Mary's History)

Forty odd years ago, when the art club of NCR was closed, Mgr. Hanlon of St Mary's, Lochee, gave us the use of the church hall on Wednesdays for our group to share with The Mothers Union. We enjoyed their company until they finished after forty years in our parish.

The art club, however, continued in enlarged numbers, due to our invitation to join us, with great help from Radio Tay over the years and the Dundee Library's adverts.

Members joined from different parishes all over Dundee and also other denominations. They all gave wonderful support to our yearly art show with crafts, pictures, raffles, cake & candy and tea bar sales. The money was donated to children's charities in Dundee and over the years hundreds of pounds were presented to them.

Our shows were opened by various City Provosts, Charley Farquharson, Tom McDonald, Ian Borthwick and great support from local councillor Tom Ferguson.

Our various Parish Clergy for many years, Fathers' O'Farrel, Mgr. Aldo, Canon Mark also gave us lots of encouragement and we painted our Easter picture for the church and a larger mural picture for the Dryburgh Community Lounge.

We finished the club a couple of years ago leaving happy memories and goodwill in the parish and community.



Thanks to the boys and girls from St Mary's Primary School for leading us in our Sunday Mass to celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation**. Please keep all the staff and pupils of St Mary's in your prayers as they endeavour to learn about the love God has for them, and how to pass it on in their lives.



Conversations in the Spirit

Thanks to all those who came along on Thursday evening 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 an 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.

