

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 March, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Year—C

First Reading—Sirach 27:4-7—Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.

Responsorial Psalm—It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

Second Reading—Corinthians 15:54-58—He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 6:39-45—Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speak.

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13



Wednesday 5th March 10am Mass and Distribution of Ashes (St Mary's P.S. leading and attending); 6pm Mass and Distribution of Ashes. Begin Lent remembering that 'we are dust!'

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: David Freedman, Karl Mercier, Sr Hildegard Walls, & George Valentine; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Andrew Bourke, Chic Lamond, Gerard Gabrielli, Gordon Geeves, John Brown, Monica Easson, James Thomson, Alexander James Forrester, John Murry, Fausto Reyes, Margaret McSherry, Miroslawa Urban, Mary & Frank McCabe and McCabe Family. **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: Kevin & Catherine Hannigan, Tricia Henderson, Stephen (Jean), Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Wendy Birnie, Harry Hill, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock, Kate Cuthill and Christopher Pryce (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: Sr Hildegard Walls OSM, Mar 27th, St Catherine's, A&B

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

Weds 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

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.
Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.
Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in
ex-cél-sis.

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AGNUS DEI

A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

The above 2 Mass parts will be used during Lent.

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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: £1412 Restoration Fund: £211 (incl £160 from Kathleen Thomas Funeral Collection)

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, Alex Toshney (66).

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.

February donation totals for **SCIAF** £107 and for **Mary's Meals** £21. Many thanks for your donations.

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:

Parish Lenten Retreat Day—Saturday 8th March led by Alex Holmes (Christian Meditation and Calais Volunteer). Talk 1: 'The Stranger at the Door'. Understanding "Love your neighbour as yourself" through the lens of Calais and refugees. Talk 2: Contemplative Stillness and Silence; the path of Christian Meditation.

HCPT (Group 140) Fundraising Night with Paul Sullivan and Guests—Friday March 21st 7pm;

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 St Andrew's Cathedral, St Margaret's Dunfermline, Balmerion Abbey, and Carfin 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) Next, 11th March, 2025

Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, 16th March, 2025

Taizé Holy Hour: (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Taizé Prayer, Thursday, 27th March, 2025

Diocesan Events:

Afternoon For Life—Our Lady of Victories on Saturday 8th March. Please contact mcgraw.clare@gmail.com or 07752527696 for further information. Booking is not required.

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 this 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...

Justice and Peace Scotland, March-May 2025 newsletter.

Catch up with all the latest activities, campaigning and events across the J&P network. The latest edition includes a report from the recent Holy Land Coordination trip, and details of petitions to support over debt justice in this Jubilee Year and the need for the Scottish Government to revitalise their actions on climate commitments. Available at <https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/#1037>



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 - 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

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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.

We're funding repairs to your church.

The most important dates in a Christian's Year.

Lent starts this week with Ash Wednesday.

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 a recent visit to the parish 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 14th March 2025.**



Many hands make light work!

Dunkeld Lourdes Service

Fundraising Ball
Sat 26th April 2025
Apex Hotel, Dundee
For further details please contact Ruth Anne on 07801227443 or e-mail: dunkeld@pobox.com

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—A Good Tree is Known by Its Fruits

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that every tree is known by its fruit. You can tell the difference between the good and the rotten trees by their fruits, he says; but he is really talking about us. But what are the good fruits that you have to bring forth to count as a good tree?

They are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Every person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells has the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Scripture lists nine fruits (see Galatians 5:22-23), but traditionally the Church has listed twelve. Here is that list:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Longsuffering, | Goodness, Benevolence, Mildness, Fidelity, | Modesty, Contenance, Chastity

You'll see that I have divided the twelve into three unequal parts.

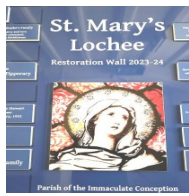
The first part has five fruits that have to do with your relation to the Lord. When you are a good tree, you have the Holy Spirit indwelling in you. With the indwelling Holy Spirit, you are your beloved Lord's, and he is yours in love and joy and peace. In that loving relationship, you can also bear better the troubles of this life, and so patience and long-suffering are on the list too.

The next four fruits have to do with your attitude towards your neighbor. When you are inclined to wish the good for your neighbor, you have goodness; and when you are inclined actually to help your neighbor in good ways, you have benevolence. You have mildness when you put up with a neighbor who is troublesome, and you have fidelity when you are inclined to forego getting revenge on him when he has been unjust to you.

Finally, the last three fruits have to do with your attitudes about yourself. You have modesty when you are inclined to be content even if you are not the center of everyone's attention. You have continence if you are inclined to discipline yourself with regard to morally acceptable things. You manage to get your exercise in because you got yourself to turn the TV off, for example. And you have chastity if you are inclined to discipline yourself about those things that tempt you but that are not morally acceptable.

If you have all these good fruits of the Spirit, it will be easy to recognize you as the good tree that you are!

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Restoration Bricks
Application Forms available in the foyer.

A Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse—Fri 7th Mar
Heal their wounds, their strength renew

Bestow healing, Lord God, upon your beloved children, wounded by the pain and fear inflicted on them by others.

Cast light on the darkness of their hearts and draw near to them to restore what is lost.

Shelter them safely in your love and make them confident in the knowledge that they have been powerfully redeemed.

Through Christ our Lord Amen.



Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he continues to be treated for double pneumonia in hospital. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and comfort him.

2025 WEE BOX Appeal

This year's WEE BOX Appeal shines a light on how SCIAF's partners are supporting the people of Colombia through Church networks.

As we continue in this Jubilee Year, with the call to be **Pilgrims of Hope**, we thank you for your support and that of your parishioners as we continue to bring hope through SCIAF.

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? Bread basket and food for those in need in Church foyer. Many thanks



SVDP Request

We need a bunk bed and a dark coloured suite for living room. We can pick it up. Please contact Steve Smith on 07533839137

Day	Time	Location	Leader	Contact No.
Mon	10.45am	Church	Marian Milne	07806777157
Mon	6.45pm	Parish House	Moira Leck	07814540800
Tue	11.00am	Parish House	Pauline Johnston	07484297945
Wed	10.30am	Parish House	Anne Creegan	01382 221792
Wed	2.00pm	Own Home	Cormack Andrews	07817160513
Wed	6.00pm	Own Home	Donna Brown	
Fri	7.00pm	Church Hall	Malachi Okpala	
Sat	11.00am	Parish House	Jim Murphie	07517867928
Sat	5.00pm	Own Home	Francine	07767933367
Sun	11.45am	Parish House	Wendy Sinclair	

School staff TBC after school one night

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.

Please think about joining one of the groups during Lent.

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.

