

St Mary's, Lochee, Dundee

NEWSLETTER

Called to be bearers of Good News

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 'Get behind me, Satan!' Matthew 16:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of your mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

Communion Refrain: **Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Oh Taste and see, Taste and see the goodness of the lord. Of the Lord.

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

Sunday Mass 10.30am
(livestreamed)

Mon - Sat Mass 10am

Friday 1.30pm School Mass

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11am

Saturday 3.30pm-4pm

Rosary before weekday Mass.

Tues: Novena to St Anthony post Mass

Thurs: Adoration & prayers for the
renewal of St Mary's Parish after
Mass

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.

Renew your faith in Jesus via **The Alpha course** starts in St Mary's Church Hall this Sunday (3rd September) at 12 Noon.

Alpha is a great way to explore and deepen your faith.

Please sign up at the back of church, or just come along.



Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to stmaryslocheeadmin@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

This week in St Mary's:

Sunday - The Alpha Course—12 Noon Upper Hall.

Friday - Our Lady's Birthday - is celebrated 9 months after the solemn feast of her Immaculate Conception. Mary's birth is recorded, not in Sacred Scripture but in the second century Proto-evangelium of James which adds her parents' names as Anne and Joachim. In Jerusalem, near the Pool of Bethesda, there is a beautiful 5th century church of St Anne, reputed to be perhaps Mary's birth place. **10am Funeral Mass; 1.30pm Whole School Mass**



Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Nathaniel Sta, Caryn Brannan, Freddie Caesar, Pat Towell, Nan Zgoda, Violet Dolan, Brian Williamson, Margaret & Philip Mulholland and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Moran, Mary Dunn, Anne Kelly, Emilio Pacione, Agnes Blyth, Mary Hogan, Graeme Cavin, Margaret Lowden, and Eleanor Moore. May they rest in peace.

Prayers for the sick: Please continue to remember the sick and the terminally ill in your prayers, especially those mentioned on our sick lists: Deoduth Jooty, Scott Brown, Mary Acari, Mgr Basil O'Sullivan, George Charles Milne, Wilma Kelbie & (this list is cleared each calendar month). Please send any names for these lists to the parish email address or add them to the lists at the back of the church.

Funerals: Margaret and Philip Mulholland's Reception of Remains Thursday 7th Sept at 6pm and Funeral Mass Friday 8th at 10am. May they rest in peace.

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Parish Website - www.stmaryslochee.org.uk

Hospital Chaplain Mobile number 07821 624124; Safeguarding Coordinator: Emily Murphy

Finance Matters:

Last week's collection: £1364

Restoration Fund: £361

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner Maureen Murray (28).

Thanks to everyone who financially supports the parishes; 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.

Financial transparency:

If any person/organisation wishes to collect in the church they must have the express permission of the Parish Priest, and abide by the protocols laid down by the Diocese as informed by OSCR.

Community Café, and 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

Open Doors: St Mary's Community Café Saturday 12 noon until 2pm. Please pass the word and come along to enjoy a cup of tea, sandwiches and some comfort and cheer.

Dates for your calendar:

Alpha Course starts this Sunday (3rd September) at 12 Noon in St Mary's Upper Church Hall. Alpha has the potential to become the heartbeat of our parishes drawing back our families, friends and newcomers. Please pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Coming Soon—a Quiz night. Friday 22nd September at 7pm in St Marys Church Hall in aid of the Renovation Fund. Teams of 3,4 or 5. £10 per team.

St Mary's Doors Open Day (Saturday 23rd September, 11.30am until 4pm) Church tours & refreshments. Further guides are now required for the Doors Open Day. Please contact one of St Mary's Leadership Team (Jim Murphie, Marian Milne, Anne Hampton or Fr Jim) if you'd like to be involved.

Dunkeld Lourdes Service post-pilgrimage service will be held in St Mary's (Immaculate Conception) Lochee on Sunday 24th of September at 3pm. There will be light refreshments in the church hall afterwards and all are welcome.

Fr Alex's Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass, Friday 29th September at 6pm. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift to Fr Alex please put an envelop with your donation into the Collection Plate clearly marked 'Fr Alex.'

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 29th September -1st October 2023 at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details, contact: Louise on 07926571004 or email: louisep398@gmail.com. Completed Applications must be returned by 16th September 2023.

Diocesan Concert - Mary's Meals: *Oh, I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside!* An afternoon of music with Gary White at Our Lady of Victories (St Mary's Forebank) Church Hall, Forebank Road, Dundee on Sunday 1 October at 2.30p.m. All proceeds to Mary's Meals. Another chance to enjoy the sound of the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ in an afternoon of Blackpool Tower Ballroom style music. Come and dance, sing along and delight in favourites new and old. Tickets £7 from gerardfulton@yahoo.co.uk As numbers are restricted, tickets must be purchased in advance of the concert.

Was the last man hanged in Dundee really the notorious Victorian serial killer Jack the Ripper? Investigative journalist Michael Mulford presents ***The People versus Jack the Ripper*** ©. The audience forms a jury and votes Guilty or Not Guilty on Michael's evidence. So, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury, was William Henry Bury (***pronounced "Berry"***) really Jack the Ripper? You decide! Saturday 7th October at 7pm in St Mary's Church Hall. Tickets £7 available after Mass or from stmaryslochee@dunkelldioocese.org.uk

Dunkeld Serra: Holy Hour followed by Mass celebrated for our priests and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life; last Tuesday of the month starting at 6pm with Adoration and 7pm Mass followed by refreshments and a talk.

St Mary's Reader/Eucharist Ministers Rotas for beginning of September until end of October available in foyer as are **Welcomers/Offertory Procession Rotas**. Thanks to the small team that are organising these.

Parish Renewal Prayer Group—Every Thursday after Mass in St Mary's. This group will pray specifically for a renewal of faith and missionary fervour in our parishes. All are welcome.

Leadership Team—At St Mary's Leadership Team meeting this week we discussed the importance of Silence before Mass to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Sacred Mystery. It was noted that 2 people talking could disturb many people trying to pray. Therefore, we decided to have a 5 minute silent period before Mass, whereby a bell will be rung 5 minutes before Mass and the Procession will form at the Sacristy as a visible sign that we have entered into our silent preparation time. Mass will then start at the usual time with another ring of the bell. This will start this Sunday Masses. Please do everything you can to preserve this silence. The ideal time to catch up with friends is after Mass, especially in the hall over a cup of tea and cake.



Heating System:

New Heating System in St Mary's: the 3 old boilers have been replaced by 2 new more efficient boilers, and the engineers are in the process of replacing the pipework running down either side of the church with new Finn Pipes which function as radiators. Finally 2 ceiling fans will be installed to keep the heat in the body of the Church. This will enable the old boiler house and garage to be demolished to make room for a green space.

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PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER

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The Rock of the Church

Does God want us to be happy? How could anyone answer “no”? How could anyone suppose God is good or loving if it is not true that he wants us to be happy?

And yet look at Christ's line in the [Gospel](#) reading. Deny yourself, Jesus tells his faithful followers; take up your cross and follow me.

What will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict others?

Denying yourself seems the very opposite of going for happiness, and the cross is an instrument of torture. Why would God want these things for his people? Does God want us to be unhappy?

A man divorcing his unaccomplished, middle-aged, dowdy wife to marry a much younger, prettier, successful woman explained his decision to his devastated wife this way. “God wants me to be happy,” he told her, “and I can't be happy with you. I will be happy with her.”

It seems never to have crossed the mind of this husband that God might have any care for his wife's happiness. The husband's full view of the matter could be put this way: “God wants me to be happy, but God doesn't care at all about you.”

This little story, common in its selfishness, shows the sickness of the post-fall human condition, so apt to privilege its own power or pleasure over any greater goods. We can't be happy in this condition, when we are glad enough to crush others to get what we want. What is to be done with us? What will make us happy? What will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict others?

This is where Christ's line comes in. The route to the happiness God does want for us has to go through the cross of Christ. Christ is *The Way* for us, and the cross is where we meet him, for the road to our true happiness in love and holiness in him.

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The Faith of our Fathers (2)...more on the remarkable Roche family:

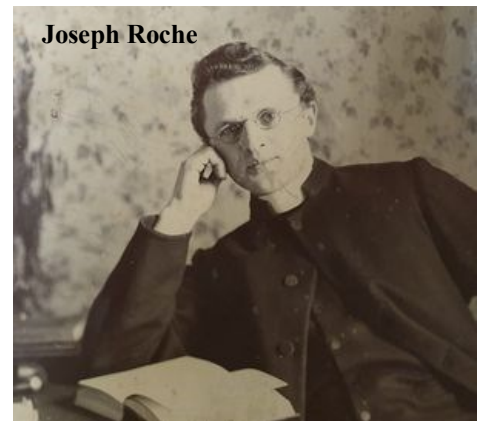
Edward Roche and Elizabeth Richards married in St. Mary's, Lochee on 7th January 1873, although they were both living in Lochee when they married, neither was Scottish by birth. Edward's birthplace is given as Ireland and Elizabeth's as Liverpool which strangely changes to Wales in the next census. In the 1881 census the Roche family are found living at 29 High Street, Lochee. He is a Grocer and they have four sons.



John Roche

By 1891 two more brothers have arrived, Patrick and Aloysius. Edward's mother Mary (80) is also living with them. One record has the family eventually totalling 15, but as yet we have seen the records for six boys followed by 3 girls.

Both John and Joseph Roche turn up in the records as students of the Scots College in Valladolid. Joseph (almost 2 years younger) arrived in 1892, aged 17. John arrived the following year, just short of his 20th birthday, having studied at "Le Petit Séminaire de Notre Dame des Champs, Paris". It was rare to have two brothers in the College at the same time. Fittingly, they were ordained priests on the same day (along with 5 others) in the College chapel in Valladolid, 21st May 1899.



Joseph Roche

By 1901 the family had moved to Gowans Bank.

Canon John Roche passed away at the age of 66 in Fernbrae Nursing Home, Dundee on 6th June 1940 with his usual residence being given at St Peter and Paul's; whilst his brother Alphonsus is parish priest in St Joseph's, and will eventually be made a Monsignor and Vicar General. (A full history of the brothers appointments in Dunkeld Diocese and further afield will appear next week.)

Margaret (Maggie) Roche (also buried with her 4 priest brothers in Balgay cemetery) taught in Lawside Primary. Remembered as 'a bit severe' she was very musical and played the organ in the Friary; she is still remembered by former members of the choir. She lived in Lawside Ave.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this short piece including Deacon Arthur Grant, Fr Michael Carrie, Fr Tom Kilbride (Rector of the Scots College, Salamanca), Veronica Walls and Mary Meg Wilson.

More to follow next week on the Lochee Roche's.

As you may know the financial help that we were receiving to buy food to hand out at the Church door has ceased. It is now costing the parish on average £130 per week. We were blessed last week to have a significant amount of food donated by the Lee Walker Celtic Supporters Club. If you would like to help with this important ministry please leave any of the following items in the boxes in the foyer: Cereals, tea, coffee, biscuits, tinned rice, tinned fruit, tinned ham, pot noodles, UHT Milk, crisps or soup. Many thanks and may God bless your generosity.

Thanks to all those who helped make Mgr Aldo's 50th Anniversary Celebrations such a joyful occasion. Hospitality, hymns and homily are the 3 crucial elements to our (Sunday) Liturgy and it would seem that St Mary's has it's fair share.



Baptism Preparation Course starts Sunday 10th September in St Mary's Lochee...after Sunday Mass... 3 weekly sessions



Our Lady's birthday...this Friday... why not give her the best present possible: the gift of her Son, Jesus, in the Eucharist.

Holy Mass 1.30pm.