

St Mary's, Lochee, Dundee

NEWSLETTER

Called to be bearers of Good News

23th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.
Matthew 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Oh that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O lord, consecrate us in the truth. 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

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, continues in St Mary's Church Hall this Sunday 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; Baptism Preparation Course after Mass in Church House.

Vocation Awareness Week—please pray for Vocations first and foremost to the Catholic Christian Life and to Marriage that will produce young men and women willing to devote their lives to the service of God through the Church.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Norrie McCoull, James Dolan, Peter Holden, Stephen Tinney and Helen Dryden and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Theresa Tardito, Winnie Smith, Anne Kelly, Maggie Black, David Heron, Sammy Pendergast, Andy Henderson. 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: Kerry McFadyen, Brian Davie, Baby Jude, Leman Sleck, 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: Norman McCoull, Funeral Mass, Friday 15th September at 10am;
Peter Holden, Funeral Mass, Monday 18th September at 10am.
May they rest in peace.



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

Finance Matters: Last week's collection: £1421 Restoration Fund: £895

Thanks to everyone who financially supports the parish; and enables the Church to reach out to those in need.

Sick & Retired Priests Fund—Special Collection this Sunday.

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.

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner Kate Cuthill (29).

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:

Cecilian Choir Concert—St Pius X, Balerno Street, Dundee. Wednesday 20th September at 7pm. Guest Soloist is Christopher Park, Angus Young Musician of the Year 2023. There will be a retiring collection for the Church Funds. Refreshments served in the church hall after the concert. All Welcome.

Quiz night in St Marys Church Hall, Friday 22nd September at 7pm 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!* Sold Out...

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@dunkelldiocese.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.

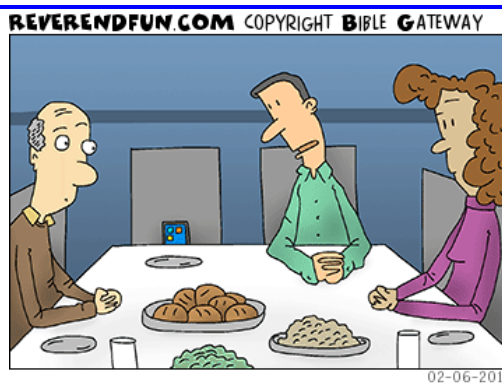
This weeks Memoria & Feast days

Wednesday 13/9—St John Chrysostom— Memorial

Thursday 14/9—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross—Feast

Friday 15/9— Our Lady of Sorrows—Memorial

Saturday 16/9—St Ninian—Feast



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I was beginning to think I was obsessed about Evangelisation however it would appear that I’m in good company and in harmony with the mind of the Church:

Bishop Robert Barron, one of the best known Bishop’s in the world commented on Wednesday’s Gospel:

Friends, in today’s Gospel, Jesus declares his mission: “I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent.” And he continues to pursue his mission among us in our efforts to do the work of evangelization.

Do we need evangelization? The statistics couldn’t be clearer. Did you know that the fastest-growing category in polls of religious affiliation is “none”? And did you know that there are far more “nones” than Catholics in this country?

So, Catholics cannot avoid the demand of evangelization, proclaiming the faith. Vatican II couldn’t be clearer on this score, seeing the Church itself as nothing but a vehicle for evangelization: it’s not so much the case that the Church has a mission,

but rather that a mission has the Church.

St. Paul VI and St. John Paul II made this idea central to their teaching. In fact, John Paul famously called for a New Evangelization. Bringing people to Christ is not one work among many; rather, it is the central work of the Church, that around which everything else that we do revolves.

(Courtesy of WordonFire Ministries).

Our Sunday Liturgy (a Greek word meaning ‘the work of the people’) is at the heart of what it means to be a Catholic. The Second Vatican Council referred to the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian Life, and encourages active participation of all the faithful. This means that we try our best to join in with the Mass through our responses, singing, and silence. At each Sunday Mass we should have two readers, a cantor for the psalm, and someone to read the Prayers of the Faithful. It is a great honour to read, sing, or serve at Mass. In addition bringing down the Offertory, or taking up the Collection, or Welcoming people at the door are all ways that we can more actively participate in the Liturgy. Please participate as actively as your talents and gifts allow.

The Faith of our Fathers (3)...more on the remarkable Roche family:

The youngest Roche brother to be ordained was Aloysius, and his story is arguably the most interesting...he was to serve the people of The Most Holy Redeemer parish in Billericay, Essex, for 48 years...

“Father, later Canon, Aloysius Roche, was probably Billericay’s most famous resident of the 20th century. He was ordained into the Redemptorists in 1913...A generous and modest man, Father Roche would wear his cassock out before buying a new one.

Father Roche was very prolific, writing many books. His most popular was *A Bedside Book of Saints*, published in 1934. He was one of the first Catholic priests to become well known through radio broadcasts, and in the early 1950’s he even appeared on television - his most impressive broadcast being the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. He often used to broadcast the epilogue at the close of transmission.

Father Roche was also an animal lover and his house always had a number of cats; and at one time a family of hedgehogs. He was author of *These Animals of Ours* (1939).



Fr Aloysius Roche

In 1962 Father Roche was elevated to the rank of canon. According to his obituary in the *Catholic Herald*, he had turned the honour down many times previously. Canon Roche retired in 1966 and died in February 1968. The Canon Roche Social Centre is named after him.”

(Excerpt from *The Story of Ballericay* by Charles Phillips suggested by Fr Michael Carrie)

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.

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God.



The Season of Creation begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

St Mary’s Lochee, Church Hall

Friday, 22nd September @ 7pm

Why not come along and join in

Teams of 3, 4 or 5—£10 per Team

Quiz night in aid of the St Mary’s Lochee Restoration Fund



Baptism Preparation Course

starts Sunday 10th September in St Mary’s Lochee.....

...after Sunday Mass...

3 weekly sessions



The world humans have known, enjoyed and celebrated is changing rapidly beyond repair. Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. The hope of keeping average temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius is fading.

The futures of young people are threatened by the cascading impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate. Industrialization, colonization and the extraction and consumption of resources have created great wealth, unequally distributed. We are presently more aware than ever of the link between fossil fuels, and violence and war.