

St Mary's, Lochee, Dundee

NEWSLETTER

Called to be bearers of Good News

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy seven times Matthew 18:21-35

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. 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.



Vocations Awareness Week's Memorials and Feasts: Wednesday Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Companions; Thursday Feast of St Matthew the Evangelist; Saturday Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

This week in St Mary's:

Sunday - The Alpha Course—12 Noon Upper Hall; Baptism Preparation Course after Mass in Church House.

Thursday—**Taizé Prayer Service** at 7pm in St Mary's. Come along and enjoy the peace of St Mary's, complimented by Sacred Scripture, and Taizé chants. All are welcome.

Friday—Quiz Night in aid of the Restoration Funday. 7pm Church Hall. Teams of 3,4 or 5. £10 per team.

Saturday—**Doors Open Day** from 11.30 until 4pm. Church tours & refreshments. Bring friends.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Peter Holden, Jean Petrie & James Dolan and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Marr, Jim Kelly, Josef Urban, Margaret Henderson, Ian Cameron, Jim & Alison Russell. 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: William Reid, Ann Reilly, Thomas Marr, Paul Markie, Jane Harris, Andy Madoc Jones, Marion Brannan, Betty Daily, Kerry McFadyen, Brian Davie, Baby Jude, Leman Sleck, Deoduth Jooty, Scott Brown, Mary Acari, Mgr Basil O'Sullivan, George Charles Milne and 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:

Peter Holden, Funeral Mass, Monday 18th September at 10am. May he rest in peace.



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

Finance Matters: Last week's collection: £1902 (includes £500 donation) Restoration Fund: £119

Last weeks Sick & Retired Priests Collection—£406 (Next Special Collection: Mission Sunday, 22nd October).

Thanks to everyone who financially supports the parish; 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.

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner Teresa Souter (39).

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

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.

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@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.

Vocations Prayer: God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. (Courtesy of the United States Bishops' Conference)

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

Extensive Works on the Church Heating System

We are currently carrying out the repositioning of the Heating Systems for both the Church and the Church House, from the external plant room to an internal plant room.

Whilst doing this, we are also implementing an upgrade of the church heating system due to an external audit report commissioned by the Diocese Estates, noting that the church requires additional heating.

There will also be fans installed to reduce the amount of heat loss through the roof structure and will contain more heat within the building.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused during this time.

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Please keep 5 minutes silence before the start of each Sunday Mass.



This creates a decompression chamber in which we acclimatise to the Sacred and come into God's presence.

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EVEN PASTOR EVENTUALLY CONCEDED THAT THIS PARTICULAR SERMON RAN ON MUCH TOO LONG

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Last week we celebrated the Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, the “golden-tongued” late 4th-century preacher and bishop of Constantinople. (And later declared a Doctor of the Church.)

He gave us a good reminder about the end-purpose of liturgy. It's about *lex vivendi*—forming us in how we

live. The Holy is present and celebrated first in human life. Praising God in our worship makes no sense unless we also recognize God's presence in everyday life, especially in the darkest depths of human life.

Saint John Chrysostom's meditation on Matthew 25 exemplifies this:

“Would you honor the body of Christ? Do not despise his nakedness; do not honor him here in church clothed in silk vestments and then pass him by unclothed and frozen outside. Remember that he who said, “This is my Body”, and made good his words, also said, “You saw me hungry and gave me no food”, and, “in so far as you did it not to one of these, you did it not to me”. In the first sense the body of Christ does not need clothing but worship from a pure heart. In the second sense it does need clothing and all the care we can give it.

We must learn to be discerning Christians and to honor Christ in the way in which he wants to be honored. It is only right that honor given to anyone should take the form most acceptable to the recipient not to the giver. Peter thought he was honoring the Lord when he tried to stop him washing his feet, but this was far from being genuine homage. So give God the honor he asks for, that is give your money generously to the poor. God has no need of

golden vessels but of golden hearts.

I am not saying you should not give golden altar vessels and so on, but I am insisting that nothing can take the place of almsgiving. The Lord will not refuse to accept the first kind of gift but he prefers the second, and quite naturally, because in the first case only the donor benefits, in the second case the poor gets the benefit. The gift of a chalice may be ostentatious; almsgiving is pure benevolence. What is the use of loading Christ's table with gold cups while he himself is starving? Feed the hungry and then if you have any money left over, spend it on the altar table. Will you make a cup of gold and without a cup of water? What use is it to adorn the altar with cloth of gold hangings and deny Christ a coat for his back! What would that profit you? Tell me: if you saw someone starving and refused to give him any food but instead spent your money on adorning the altar with gold, would he thank you? Would he not rather be outraged? Or if you saw someone in rags and stiff with cold and then did not give him clothing but set up golden columns in his honor, would he not say that he was being made a fool of and insulted?

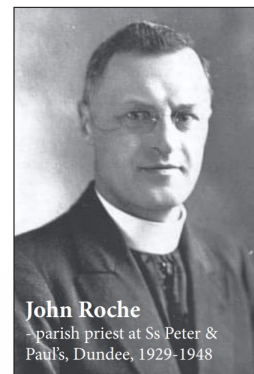
Consider that Christ is that tramp who comes in need of a night's lodging. You turn him away and then start laying rugs on the floor, draping the walls, hanging lamps on silver chains on the columns. Meanwhile the tramp is locked up in prison and you never give him a glance. Well again I am not condemning munificence in these matters. Make your house beautiful by all means but also look after the poor, or rather look after the poor first. No one was ever condemned for not adorning his house, but those who neglect the poor were threatened with hellfire for all eternity and a life of torment with devils. Adorn your house if you will, but do not forget your brother in distress. He is a temple of infinitely greater value.”

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Roche Family—Service History

Very Rev. John Canon Roche (1874-1940)



<u>Born:</u>	9th November 1873 (Lochee)		
<u>Educated:</u>	St. Mary's Primary School, Lochee		
	St. Mary's College, Blairs	1888 - 1892	
	Petite Seminaire de Notre Dame de Champs, Paris	1892 - 1893	
	Royal Scots College, Valladolid	1893 - 1899	
<u>Ordained:</u>	21st May 1899 by Mgr. Cydad y Olmas, Bishop-Auxiliary of Valladolid, in the College Chapel		
<u>Appointments:</u>	Assistant Priest	Immaculate Conception, Dundee	1899 - 1909
	Parish Priest	St. Fillan's, Newport-on-Tay	1909 - 1920
	Parish Priest	St. Mungo's, Alloa	1920 - 1929
	Parish Priest	Ss. Peter and Paul, Dundee	1929 - 1940
	Member of the Cathedral Chapter		1930 - 1940
<u>Died:</u>	6th June 1940 (Dundee)		

A Prayer in Communion with All Creation

by Teresa Berger of praytellig.com

Creator God, mystery of love that sustains the universe:

In the beginning, you called forth all that is.

To this day, you accompany your creation on its journey through time.

All you have created rightly gives you praise.

We join our voices with the sublime choir of creation that ceaselessly sings your praise.

With all that exists, we worship you, Giver of life, and Source of all flourishing.

We confess, before you and all creation, that we have not always mirrored your care for your world.

We lament the wounds we have inflicted on the earth community, and commit ourselves to changing our ways.

Send out your Spirit, Creator God, and renew the face of you earth.

Awaken in us passionate love and generous care for creation, so that we may join with its countless voices in singing your praise.

Amen.



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



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.

Baptism Preparation Course
starts Sunday 10th September
in St Mary's Lochee.....

...after Sunday Mass...

3 weekly sessions

