

St Mary's, Lochee, Dundee

NEWSLETTER

Called to be bearers of Good News

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. Matthew 21:28-32

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercy Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word. And my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. 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**

Sat: Adoration 10.30-11am

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.**

The Alpha Course is now closed to new members. Please pray for all those involved in the course.



Memorials and Feasts: Monday, The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial. Wednesday, St Francis of Assisi, Memorial. Saturday, Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial.

This week in St Mary's:

Sunday—Enrolment Sunday—when those children desirous of the Sacraments enrol, and promise, to prepare well.

The Alpha Course—12 Noon Upper Hall.

Tuesday—The P7 classes join us for 10am Mass

Friday—School MacMillan Coffee Morning -1pm until 3pm in Church Upper Hall

Saturday— The People V's Jack the Ripper—7pm Upper Church Hall.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Thomas Girvan, William McLean, Aoife Moss and Mary Abbott; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George Scott, Theresa Tardito, Winnie Smith, Bill Smith, Billy Milne, Helen Heron, Margaret Gallagher, Bernard Gallagher (Jnr), John Tinney, Elizabeth Winter, Robert Winter, Charles Warden & Mary Noonan. 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: Isobel Curwood, Marion Brannan, Kerry McFadyen, Scott Brown, Mgr Basil O'Sullivan, William Reid, Ann Reilly, George Charles Milne, Sarah Bayley 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.

Funeral Mass of Thomas Garvin, Monday 2nd October at 10am; Funeral Mass of William McLean, Thursday 5th October at 10am; Funeral Mass of Mary Abbott, Monday 9th October at 10am.



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

Finance Matters: Last week's collection: £1304 Restoration Fund: £651 (300 raised from the Quiz night)
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 Irene Delaney(26)

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

Dates for your calendar:

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 gerardfulton@yahoo.co.uk

Dunkeld Diocesan Mission Group—organised Mission Event. St Mary's Forebank; Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Saturday, 21 October (Saturday before Mission Sunday). The event will begin at 9.30 am with teas & coffee. There will be mass approximately at noon. The event will end at 3.30pm sharp so those who need to will be back home for vigil masses. Everyone to bring their own packed lunch. **PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS** is the theme for this year. We invited Aid to the Church in Need to be our guide. Their theme just now is very much on persecuted Christians in Africa and especially in Nigeria. They will provide us with presentations, videos. They plan to bring along either a lay person or Nigerian priest who have worked in refugee camps.

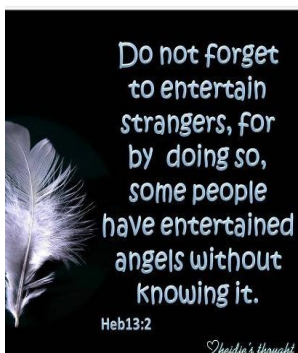
Dunkeld Serra: The next Holy Hour (6pm) followed by Mass (7pm) to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life, is Tuesday 31st October followed by refreshments and vocations talk.

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.

Dunkeld Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024—12th—19th July; Register your interest with Ruth Anne O'Neil on 07801 227 443 or dunkeld@pobox.com

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



The parishes' thanks to all those who catered for (and hosted) St Joseph's (Kilmarnock) Parish Group visit, the Church Open Doors Day, and Fr Alex's Farewell Celebration. More helpers at events such as these are always welcome. Please contact Fr Jim, Marian Milne, Jim Murphie or Anne Hampton if you feel you would like to be more involved.

Thanks also to Dan & Cecilia Bareja for producing the hymn Power Point Presentations for Sunday Mass.

Vocations Prayer: Pope Francis reflects on the theme “Vocation: Grace and Mission” in his *Message for the world Day of Prayer for Vocations*, saying, “This day is a precious opportunity for recalling with wonder that the Lords call is grace, a complete gift, and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others.”

The Holy Father emphasizes that each human person chosen by God, “created by love, and with love, and made for love.” Recalling his own call to the priesthood, Pope Francis explains that God’s call “tends to make itself known gradually,” and one calls for a response on our part. “Vocation is ‘the interplay between divine choice and human freedom’ ...God calls us in love and we, in turn, respond to Him in love.” At the same time, the Pope continues, “God’s call...includes a ‘sending’. There is no vocation without mission.” Pope Francis once again highlighted that every baptised Christian is called “to bear joyful witness” to our experience of Jesus through spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In service to God and our fellow human beings, “we come to understand the heart of the Christian vocation: to imitate Jesus Christ, “Who came to serve, not to be served.” The Holy Father then takes up the image of the disciples on the road to Emmaus after the death and resurrection of Christ, and reminds the faithful that our vocation is not a result of our own “abilities, plans, or projects,” but stems from “a profound experience of Jesus.” The Pope prayed that every man and woman “might feel called to arise and go in haste, with hearts on fire,” like those disciples.

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Season of Creation comes to an end this week on the Feast of St Francis. Our Wednesday 10am Mass will be offered in reparation for the ecological sin that humanity continues to inflict on God’s creation.

Entering the Kingdom of Heaven

The parable in the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus says, is about entering the kingdom of heaven. In the parable, a father says to one of his sons, “go to work in my vineyard, Son!”; and that son says, “NO!” Then the father says to his other son, “go to work in my vineyard, Son!” And that son says, “YES!”

Which of these sons is the good son? Which one enters the kingdom of heaven?

You might sensibly enough think that it is the son who says “yes” to his father.

After all, what could be worse than saying “NO!” to God the father? Who would think that rebellious *NO*-sayers could be pleasing to God? Who would suppose that they could enter the kingdom of heaven?

And so it seems clear that the *YES*-sayers are the ones who will enter the kingdom of heaven and those wretched *NO*-sayers will wind up in the other place.

But this is not what Jesus says. He says that the *NO*-saying son is the one who did the will of his father. He is the one who entered the kingdom of heaven, and not the *YES*-saying son.

Why would Jesus say this?

Well, the son who says “YES” to his father doesn’t actually do what his father wants him to do. It is the *NO*-saying son who actually goes to work in his father’s vineyard.

And so here is the thing for us to notice. What the *NO*-saying son *says* is contrary to God’s will. But what he *does* is in accordance with it.

It is just the other way around with the *YES*-saying son. The words of the *YES*-saying son are obedient to God’s will, but his life is lived in opposition to it.

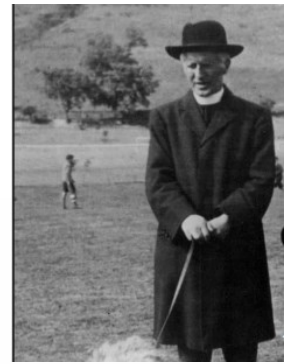
The words of the *YES*-saying son are empty. His life, not his words, tell the real truth about his relationship to his father. The truth is that the *YES*-saying son rejects God’s will, however much acceptance there is in his words.

And so the Psalm gives us the right prayer to go with this parable: “Lord, teach us your ways!” Our ways need to be God’s ways. It is good if our words say *YES* to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say *YES* to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless.

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Roche Family—Service History

Right Rev. Mgr. Alphonus Canon Roche (1879-1951)



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<u>Born:</u>	7th October 1879 (Lochee, Dundee)		
<u>Educated:</u>	St. Mary's College, Blairs	1895 - 1900	
	Seminaire St. Sulpice, Paris	1900 - 1901	
	College of Propaganda Fide, Rome	1901 - 1906	
<u>Ordained:</u>	15th March 1906 by Cardinal Pietro Respighi, Vicar General to His Holiness, in the Lateran Basilica		
<u>Appointments:</u>	Chaplain	Little Sisters of the Poor, Dundee	1906 - 1908
	Assistant Priest	St. Patrick's, Dundee	1908 - 1912
	Assistant Priest	St. Mungo's, Alloa	1912 - 1914
	Parish Priest	St. John Vianney's, Alva	1914 - 1929
	Parish Priest	St. Mungo's, Alloa	1929 - 1940
	Parish Priest	St. Joseph's, Dundee	1940 - 1948
	Member of the Cathedral Chapter		1938 - 1949
	Vicar General		1945 - 1948
	Domestic Prelate		1945
<u>Retired:</u>	1948		
<u>Died:</u>	9th August 1949 (Dundee)		

Extensive Works on the Church Heating System—

Update This week the new heating system including the fans should be operational, and the EICR (Electrical Installation Condition Report) will be carried out. At the same time the Church Lights will be replaced with LED alternatives. Please be patient and take care avoiding any marked off areas.

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.

East Coast Combustion Services Limited

Thanks to those who presented their child for baptism last Sunday. These baptisms will now take place after Sunday Mass over the next couple of months.



The next **Baptism Preparation Course** will start early next year. If you would like your child baptised please contact the parish via email to register for this course.

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.



Parish Door Ministry: 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.



If you need a visit from a priest whilst in hospital please phone 07821 624124 for the on duty Catholic Priest. If you would like a house visit simply call St Mary's on 611282.