



# 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."

## 32th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**First Reading– Wisdom 6:12-16**

**Wisdom is found by those who look for her.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

**Second Reading—Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**

**Gospel—Matthew 25:1-13**

**The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.**

**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**

## **Feasts and Memorials**

Thursday, St Margaret of Scotland, Feast; Friday, St Elizabeth of Hungary, Memorial; Saturday, The Dedication of the Basilicas of the Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

## **Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception**

**O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.**

**O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. (state your intentions here)**

**O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.**

**O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Janina McClement, Billy Stark, Mary Lammond & Harry Grieve; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Roseann Muligan, John Mulligan, Nan Mulligan, Bruce Robertson, Lily Milne, Baby Danielle McGregor & Davina McGloan . 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, Scott Brown, George Charles Milne, Brian Davie, Baby Jude, Georgina Robbie, Andy Madoc Jones, Chris Whytock, Ann Reilly, Margaret Young, Kathleen McDonald 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:** Reception of the Remains of Harry Grieve, Wednesday 15th at 6pm followed by Funeral Mass Thursday 16th at 10am. May he rest in peace, and his family be comforted by the Holy Spirit.



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Parish Website - [www.stmaryslochee.org.uk](http://www.stmaryslochee.org.uk)

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

**Finance Matters:** Last week's collection: £1418 Restoration Fund: £300

Collection from last weeks Annual Mission Appeal by the White Fathers - £879. Fr Willie Crombie MAfr left a note commenting upon the lovely welcome and generosity that he received.

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.

St Mary's has exceptionally generous parishioners as witnessed by the Collection each week and by your response to any special appeal, however, if you are struggling financially, especially with winter heating bills kicking in, please don't feel embarrassed to let the plate pass you by. Nowadays many people donate to the Church by Direct Debit and therefore don't contribute to the plate.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund: 200 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner Ros Cunningham (36)

**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](mailto:yvonne_stclair@yahoo.co.uk) or 01382-623618 Mob 07709040233

### **Dates for your calendar:**

**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.

**Months Mind Mass**—Fr Johney and the parishioners of St Clement's wish to invite you to join them at a Months Mind Mass on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6pm in St Clement's Church (Hall) Ravenscraig Road, Charleston, Dundee. DD2 4NJ to celebrate the life of the late Fr John Mundackal CST.

**Mass for Thanksgiving** for Priesthood and Intercession for priests in St Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday 18th November at 10 a.m. organised by Dunkeld Serra.

**Annual Mass** for all those involved in **Catholic Education:** Thurs 16th November at 7pm in St Andrew's Cathedral.

**The People V's Jack the Ripper—Rescheduled**—Friday 17th November at 7pm, St Mary's Upper Church Hall. Previous tickets are valid, whilst some tickets are still available for sale, or to be purchased at the door.

**Christmas Fayre—St Marys** , Saturday 18th November 11am—4 pm

**International Mass for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** (formerly know as the Feast of Christ the King); Sunday 26th November. This Mass will be something akin to our celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost, so if you'd like to be involved please contact Lyn Smith or Karen Scott (Organist).

**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](mailto:dunkeld@pobox.com)

**St Clements & St Ninians, Pilgrimage and Leisure Trip to India 2024**—8 -23<sup>rd</sup> November. We are having a trip to India - visiting Goa, Tamilnadu and Kerala from 2024. 15 nights - 16 days. Cost £2495 based on two sharing, single supplement £740. If you would like further information and a copy of the itinerary please contact Fr Johney or Therese Devlin 07813051689 email [therese@devlinproperties.co.uk](mailto:therese@devlinproperties.co.uk)

**LOURDES 2024 NURSING TEAM** are looking to build a team to support Hospital pilgrims in Lourdes next year. Are you a Registered Nurse who could help in a Nursing role, recently retired nurse or have healthcare experience and would like to be part of the team? Fares for 2024 will be part subsidised depending on monies raised from fundraising. Please email [mrskimberleyblack@hotmail.com](mailto:mrskimberleyblack@hotmail.com) or call Kimberley 07947837289 if interested or would like more information.

### **Catholic Education Week**

(16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November)

Please pray for all those involved in Catholic Education endeavouring to instil Christ-like values into our children.

#### **Jesus our Teacher,**

in your love for us,  
help us to develop our own talents

so that we may become like you  
and lead lives of goodness.

Bless all learners  
and all teachers.  
May our Catholic schools continue to  
serve our families,  
our communities and our country.  
Help us, through our learning,

to believe in you  
and to celebrate the life of your  
Church.

Help us to grow in holiness  
as we grow in friendship with you  
and try to become saints.  
We make this prayer  
in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen

## GLANCING THOUGHTS — THE FOOLISH

In the [Gospel](#) parable, there are ten women waiting for the Lord. But when the Lord comes, half of these women are rejected. As the parable explains it, the problem is that five of the women are off shopping for oil when the Lord comes, and so they're left out. They are the foolish ones. The other five women are the wise ones, welcomed by the Lord.

How are we to understand this parable?

Well, notice that when the ten women originally arrived at the place where they were to wait for their Lord, the five foolish women did notice that the wise women had brought extra oil with them. But humility doesn't seem to have been one of the virtues of the foolish women. When they saw that the wise women had brought extra oil for their lamps, the foolish ones apparently just felt they knew better than the wise: the oil in their lamps would not run out.

And maybe, after all, it didn't seem very important to the foolish women whether the oil in their lamps would last. When the foolish discovered that they were wrong and were short on oil, they didn't lament their mistake. Their first thought was just to demand some of the oil of the wise.

The foolish didn't care if the wise suffered in consequence. The foolish were willing to risk the welfare of the wise, provided only that the foolish had a chance of getting something for themselves. Love for others isn't one of the virtues of the foolish either.

What would have happened if the foolish women had not risked missing the Lord by going after the oil they wanted but had just waited for him instead, without oil? What would have happened if their Lord had found them in darkness but also in humility, not trying to climb to safety on the backs of others, but just acknowledging their mistakes and hoping in the Lord? Does anyone really think that their Lord would have cast them out?

Their folly lies in their insistence on having just what they want when they want it, no matter what the risk or the cost to anyone else. And that is why they are cast out.

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### Prayer for a good and holy Bishop:

Dear God, you sent your Son to reveal what it is to be truly human. We, in Dunkeld Diocese, are awaiting a new Bishop, please send us one after your own heart: a tender heart with a zeal for souls, a love of the poor and children, compassion for the sick and those on whom time has taken its toll. Bless him with an enthusiasm for Sacred Scripture and the gift for breaking open your Word so that we, his sheep, may be inspired and nourished to lead lives worthy of our Christian calling, and enabled to evangelise others. Amen.



**Marriage, Family  
and  
Life Office**

The Bishop's Conference of Scotland

### NATIONAL WEBSITE LAUNCHED FOR MARRIAGE, FAMILY & LIFE

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has now established a national office and commission for Marriage, Family and Life. We are delighted to be able to launch our website — **Please visit the Bishops' Conference national commission website at [www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk](http://www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk)**

Thanks to all of those who donate food and toiletries for distribution from the Church House Door. This week we had food donated by Celtic Boy's Club; and an anonymous donation of £1,000 plus Gift Aid. If you are in need please don't hesitate to approach Fr Jim in confidence. The week we were able to help a person from Brechin who has been decanted because her house was flooded.

**The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP)** - As winter approaches and the temperature drops please note that the SVDP supports anyone in need of assistance with food, electricity, gas, clothing, furniture etc. Please don't be shy to approach one of the SVDP members or Fr Jim for assistance.

**November lists** are available in the foyer of the Church. Please write your list put it in the envelope provided and return it in the Collection Plate. All the lists will remain on the altar throughout the month of November in remembrance of our departed loved ones. May they be enjoying the eternal banquet in the company of God and all his angels.



An email received this week from Charis Soares:

I hope you are well. I am writing to ask if your parish would be willing to support my small business, which has recently been established to supplement my income as I endeavour to continue working for the **Diocesan Youth Service on a voluntary basis.**

My business is called 'The Celtic Saint', and I offer greetings cards and graphic design services with an underlying Catholic ethos. I would be most grateful for any support you can give. **The full range of my products and services can be viewed on my website at [www.thecelticsaint.co.uk](http://www.thecelticsaint.co.uk)** - including a series of Christmas cards for the upcoming season.



**The Alpha course** continues this Sunday at 12 noon in Upper Church Hall ...don't worry if you've missed this course next one coming shortly in the New Year...



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.

**We will remember them.** I was lucky enough last week to make a poignant trip to Caen, and Sword beach Normandy. Where the 76th (H) Field Regiment RA made up of men from Dundee and Fife helped spearhead Operation Overlord led by Lord Lovat and his piper Bill Millin on 6th June 1944. Many never made it back to the Bonnie Banks.



At a time when war once more dominates the news and blights countless lives we pray for peace, and non violent means to reconcile differences. Our Lady Queen of Peace melt our hearts and prepare them for everlasting peace.



Please remember in your prayers all those who serve us in the Military. Especially today I would ask you to remember a Dundee man Deacon Neil Galloway O.B.E. After a distinguished RAF career Neil responded whole-heartedly to God's call and was ordained a deacon. He then re-entered the RAF and is currently serving as a Chaplain in the Falkland Isles. May God bless Neil and all those who bring God's love and compassion into our war-torn world.

**New Liturgy Rota available and will be starting 5th November.** The Second Vatican Council called for active participation of the laity in the liturgy and to help with this our Sunday Mass will now have a separate reader for each of the two readings and a cantor to sing the psalm, as well as someone to read the Prayers of the Faithful, and Welcomers to greet people at the door. The other important ministry of bringing down the gifts will be arranged on the day, with a variety of people being asked.

Thanks also to the small team (Cecilia, Dan, and Logan) who are creating and running the Power Point Presentation with the words of the hymns etc. This also enables more active participation in the liturgy. The Vigil Mass needs more readers and cantors so please make yourself known to Emily Murphy, Pauline Johnstone or Fr Jim if you feel capable of serving the Lord in this manner.

**Thanks to all those who already serve the Lord and the parish in our Liturgical Celebrations**

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/579-israeli-palestinian-emergency-appeal>



**From the Bishops' Conference of Scotland:** May the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Peace, grant us peace, and we pray for all the victims, for those who are injured, and we also pray for all those who offer sacrifices for the good of the people in the Holy Land, especially those who tirelessly pray for the small Christian community in the Gaza Strip."

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.

