



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."

21th January, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading— Jonah 3:15, 10

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

Responsorial Psalm

Teach me your ways, O Lord, teach me your ways.

Second Reading—Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News. Alleluia!**

Gospel—Mark 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

Communion Refrain

**We come to share our story, we come to break the bread,
we come to know our rising from the dead.**

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

Tuesday 23rd 10am Mass led by P6 & P7's

Wednesday 24th Memorial St Francis de Sales

Thursday 25th Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

Friday 26th Memorial of Ss Timothy & Titus

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Bobby Inglis, Eillen Haggarty, Anne McCluskey, Jane McKernie, Stella Johnson, Jean Harris, Stephen Harper, Brian Moore, Stephen Drummond, Kerry McFadyen, Linda Watson, Trevor White, Terry Proctor, Tony Sule, Brian Lawrence, Pearl Marshal, Muriel Cashley, Francis Smith, Gerrard Hanley and Jean Griffin; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George Sweeney, Amedeo Rocco Pietro Soave, Joseph Reilly, Charles Rogan, Mary Reilly, Tom Inglis, Mary Donnelly, Ken Brannan, Maria Borzoni, Martha Lammond, Jim Traynor, Rod Johnston, Joselito San Luis, Grace Keenan, Jane Murray, Ian McDermott, Trixie Findlay and Tracy Foran. 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: Margaret Burke, Stuart Edmonds, Ann Reilly, Jo Duncan, Scott Brown, Brian Davie, Tom Brown, Cathy McDonald, Brian Murray, Chick Whytock, Wendy Birnie, Margaret Ann Young, George Charles Milne, Allan Gourlay, Jim Gibson and Agnes Mulligan. (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: Frances Smith, **St Leonard & St Fergus**, Reception of Remains Wednesday 24th Jan @ 6pm, Funeral Mass Thursday 25th Jan @ 11.30am.

Muriel Cashley, **St Mary's Lochee**, Reception of Remains Wednesday 31st Jan @ 6pm, Funeral Mass Thursday 1st February @ 10am.

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Serving Priest - Fr Jim Walls; Trainee Deacon—Jim Murphie

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

Finance Matters: Last week's collection: £1425 Restoration Fund: £1089 (£700—'Buy a Brick' scheme)

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

The list of Special Collections for 2024 is available in the foyer. The next Special Collection is for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund and will be taken up on 17/18th February.

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, Moira Leck (67).

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

Mary's Meals - Double the Love: From 22 November 2023 to 22 January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1 million. There are many ways to give, including our gift cards and e-cards. Find out more at marysmeals.org.uk. This Advent, the same applies to **SCIAF** www.sciaf.org.uk/donate

Dates for your calendar:

Burns Afternoon: Thursday 25th January, 1-4pm, Tickets £5 (available in the New Year).

Dunkeld Serra —All are invited to the next Holy Hour and Holy Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for our priests. It will be on Tuesday 30th January, Holy hour at (6pm) and Mass at (7pm), followed by a talk by Father Malcolm Hutchison, in The Immaculate Conception Church, Lochee.

SCIAF Talk: Wednesday 7th February 2024—Michael Hamilton from SCIAF is to come to St. Joseph's to give a talk about this year's Lenten project about gender violence in Rwanda. Coffee and tea will be served from 10 am with the talk starting about 10.30. It will last about an hour.

Steve Murray (Retired Football Player) will give a talk in St Mary's Hall on **Friday 9th February at 7pm** based on his experiences with Celtic, Dundee, Aberdeen and Scotland. Steve was lucky enough to play under Jock Stein and alongside Jimmy Johnstone etc and has many amusing anecdotes. The talk will mirror a match with two 45 minute halves and a 15 minute break. Come and hear Steve speak about, 'The beautiful game.' **Tickets £10** available at the back of Church before or after Mass from George Creegan.

Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes—on **Monday 12th of February** in St Mary's Lochee, we are celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with Holy Mass at 7pm presided at by Mgr Aldo Angelosanto.

Parish Council Meeting—the next meeting will be on Thursday 29th February 2024 at 7pm.

Regular Events—Weekly:

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.

The **Parish Leadership Team** meets every Monday outside holidays. This team helps me to make good decisions for the parish.

Monthly:

Dunkeld Serra Mass: Last Tuesday of the Month, 6pm Adoration, 7pm Mass for Vocations.

Taizé Holy Hour: Last Thursday of the Month, 6.30pm Adoration, Silence, Chants and Scripture.

Diocesan Events

St Clements & St Ninians, Pilgrimage and Leisure Trip to India 2024—8 -23rd November. For further info please contact Fr Johnney or Therese Devlin 07813051689 email_therese@devlinproperties.co.uk

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 **LOURDES 2024 NURSING TEAM** Are you a Registered Nurse who could help in a Nursing role,? Fares for 2024 will be part subsidised. Please email mrskimberleyblack@hotmail.com or call Kimberley 07947837289 if interested.

GLANCING THOUGHTS—THE DESTRUCTION OF NINEVAH

The First Reading poses a puzzle that has bedeviled philosophers and theologians.

God commands Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh these words: “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed.” Now, the people of that city believed that God’s words are true, and they repented. And God was pleased with them for believing his words and repenting.

But—God’s words seem to be false.

At any rate, forty days after Jonah’s telling the people God’s words, the city is still standing. And so here is the puzzle: could God say words that are false, and could God be pleased with the people for believing a falsehood?

Philosophers and theologians have had a lot to say about this puzzle. But here is a simple thought.

When God’s words call you, God puts your life at a cross-road. You can ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life, as if God didn’t really matter, or didn’t really care what you did, or maybe didn’t really exist at all. Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to him with a willingness to trust and obey. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life behind, for a new life that might well have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won’t be who you were before. You will be a new person, in God and for him.

The people to whom Jonah was sent responded to God’s call in this second way. They believed God’s words and willed to be obedient to God, and that is why they repented their former ways. As a result, they became very different from the people they had been. The whole city became a very different city from the one it had been.

There are, then, two ways in which the Lord’s words to Nineveh can be true. It can be destroyed either because God demolishes the city or because the people cease to be the city that they were. Either way, the old Nineveh will no longer exist.

Therefore, God’s words to Nineveh were true. When the people responded to God’s words with trust and obedience, they ceased to be what they were—and the old Nineveh was destroyed.

God’s words are always true, and God is always true to his word.

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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.

Baptism Preparation Course: runs for 4 Sunday’s of February; starting Sunday 4th February. This course helps parents engage with the church prior to their child’s baptism.

This course is for parents looking to have their child baptised in St Mary’s, Lochee.

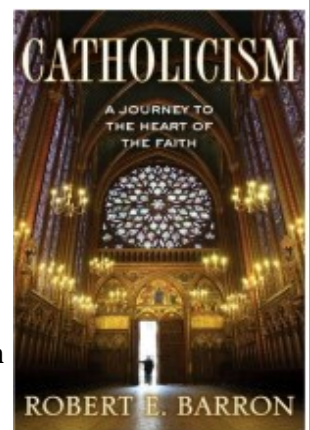
During the baptism itself the parents/guardians of the child are asked: ‘You have asked to have your child baptised in doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her *in the practise of the faith*. It will be your duty to bring her/him up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. Do you clearly understand what you are doing?’ And the parents respond: ‘We do’.

‘*In the practise of the faith*’ principally means bringing the child to Mass. This is a promise to God that shouldn’t be taken lightly, however, it has been my experience that the majority of parents seldom bring their child to Church again. In essence this is a lie at the heart of what it means to be Church, and has exacerbated the decline of the Church in the Western World. To help those presenting their child for baptism to truly live the promises they make during baptism this course will explore the Baptismal Rite and the commitments that the parents/guardians are taking on. It will also enable the families to get to know each other and create a sense of belonging, and most importantly to have a genuine experience of God. Please pray that this course encourages real faithful commitment to Jesus and His Church in all those who participate.

If you’re thinking about joining the Church....

‘Catholicism’ by Bishop Barron continues this Sunday in Upper Hall at 12 Noon.

This course is designed to help those thinking about joining the Church however it would benefit anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of the faith.

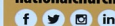


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From the Bishops' Conference of Scotland:
May the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Peace, grant us peace, and we pray for all the victims, for those who are injured, and we also pray for all those who offer sacrifices for the good of the people in the Holy 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.

Ministries Day Saturday 24th February

Starting with Mass and Adoration at 10am.

Practice Sessions for all those involved as Readers, Cantors, Welcomers, and Altar Servers.

Finishing with packed lunch at 12.30pm.

Please make every effort to attend if you serve in one of these ministries, and come along if you think you might be able to get involved.

Leadership Team—Request.

At the Leadership Team on Monday we discussed the need for having refreshments after the Reception of Somebody's Remains. This would allow families a pleasant environment in which to share memories (an important part of the grieving processes) and allow the parish to show hospitality. If you are interested in being involved in this ministry please contact Fr Jim or any other member of the Leadership Team.

Thanks to all of those who donate food and toiletries for distribution from the Church House Door. If you are in need please don't hesitate to approach Fr Jim in confidence.

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP) - As winter deepens 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.

Teas and Coffee after the Sunday 10.30am Mass have proven a huge success. Its popularity means that we require more people to help so that a rota can be put in place. Please speak to Janice Hearn, Lyn Smith or Fr Jim so that this enjoyable time can continue.

St Mary's Restoration Wall 2023-24 is now located in the entrance of the Church. To purchase a brick please speak with either Ged Fitzpatrick or Alison Houston before or after Mass. The wall will find a permanent location once all the bricks are purchased either in the Church Entrance or Church Hall.

Family Ceilidh

All are welcome to a Family Ceilidh in St Mary's Church Hall on **Friday 26th January, 6-9pm.**

There will be Scottish dancing, poetry, music as well as music and dancing from other cultures. Traditional food and drink will be provided.

Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to

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