



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."

25th February, 2nd Sunday in Lent (B)

First Reading—Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading—Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own son.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory, Glory, Glory to you O Christ, you are the word of God, the word of God. From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard ;"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him".

Rpt: Glory, Glory, Glory...

Gospel—Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Ian Surry, John Murray, Mary Agnes Malone, John Long, Allan Gourlay and Norrie Grey and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rose Sandeman, Ann Taylor, Isabell Taylor, Kate Brogan, Mary Regan, John Brown and Mirosława Urban. 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: Ross Fitzpatrick, Andy Madoc Jones, Scott Lyons, George Charles Milne, Scott Brown, Brian Davie, Tom Brown, Martin Conroy, Billy Higgins, Margaret Turner, Fiona Keith, Jim Gibson, Agnes Mulligan, Jo Duncan, Chic Whytock, Wendy Birnie, Margaret Souter, Cathy McDonald and Margaret Ann Young. (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 at St Mary's: John Murray, Funeral Service (not Mass) Mon 4th @12.30pm.

Funerals elsewhere:

St Pius X, Mary Agnes Malone, Reception Sun 25th @ 6pm, Funeral Mass Mon 26th @ 11.30am

May they rest in peace.

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

**Sunday Mass 10.30am (livestreamed)
(refreshments after Mass in hall...all welcome)**

Mon - Sat Mass 10am

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11am

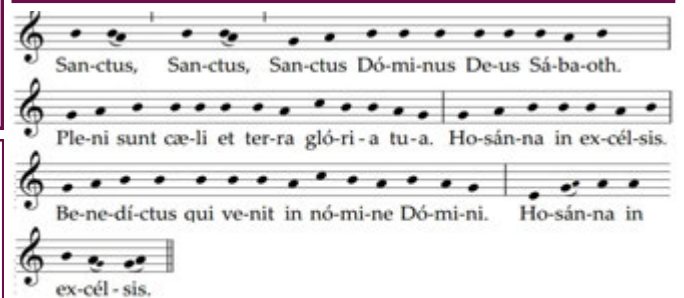
Saturday 3.30pm-4pm

9.20am Stations of the Cross 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



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The above 2 Mass parts will be used during Lent.



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www.youtube.com/@StMarysLochee Parish Website - www.stmaryslochee.org.uk

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: £1453 Restoration Fund: £1582—(including brick money and donations).

Last week Special Collection total for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund—£340

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

The next Special Collection will be for the Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) - 4th Sunday of Lent **9/10 March**

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, Kate Cuthill (29).

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:

Dunkeld Serra Mass—Tuesday 27th February. Holy Mass and Holy Hour to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for our priests. The Holy Hour is at 6pm and Mass is at 7pm in the Immaculate Conception, Lochee. Please join us.

Taizé Holy Hour—Thursday 29th February at **6pm**. Adoration, Silence, Chants and Scripture. All welcome.

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.

Restoration Core Group formed to liaise with Maria Ogden (Heritage Grant Consultant) and the full Restoration Steering Group. The Restoration Steering Group will continue to meet monthly in order to supervise, advise and help on St Mary's Restoration and Fundraising. These meetings will be presented with a summary of Maria's work and updates to actions will be circulated beforehand to make the meetings more concise. Thanks to all those who contribute to this vital work within the parish, and Ged Fitzpatrick for agreeing to act as a coordinator for these groups.

Diocesan Events

The next **Cathedral Dinner** for those aged 18-30 will take place this Sunday 25th February, in the Cathedral Hall just after the 6 pm Mass. If you would like to come, please sign up to help us prepare enough food! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/mfcF1pS6nybqRa1r5>

The Episcopal Ordination of our Bishop Elect Martin Chambers will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday, 27th April, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. More information once we have the ticket allocation for St Mary's.

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.

Pilgrimage to Knock , Mon- Fri,14-18 October 2024—Cost £709 (per person sharing) £909 in single room. £45 travel insurance. The cost includes return flights (Edin-Knock), 4 nights half board. For further info phone 01382 778449/Mob: 07488276858 or 07867950633, Email: stpiusx@dunkelldiocese.org

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

The Liturgical Season of Lent

The Liturgical Season of Lent prepares us for the New Life of Easter. It mirrors the natural season of Spring whereby new life slowly emerges from the damp cold earth. The solemn atmosphere of our Lenten Liturgy soaks in through our senses; and so the sanctuary is clothed in purple, with no flowers, and we use Latin chant and silence, whilst skipping the Gloria and using the Confiteor and the Kyrie, and the Apostles Creed. We will also use SCIAF's Bidding Prayers (that this year focus on Rwanda) for each of the Sunday's of Lent. Even our weekday celebrations will forego hymns and concentrate on singing the Mass Parts. Also, the Stations of the Cross will precede weekday Mass (apart from Saturdays) starting at 9.20am. All of this is so that when we gather to celebrate the Great Easter Vigil we truly experience the beauty of the Liturgy and the Risen Lord Jesus.

To enhance our experience of fasting during Lent we will dispense with the closing hymn and process out in silence.

Also, in discussion with the Leadership Team we have decided that all those ministers involved with our Saturday Vigil or Sunday Morning Mass should gather in the sacristy 10 minutes before Mass for a short prayer and to make sure that all are present. This includes the Eucharistic Minister, Readers, Cantors and Servers. Lastly, during Lent faith sharing sessions using Sr Joyce Rupp's 'Cup of our Life' will take place after both the Vigil Mass and Sunday Morning Mass in the Church Hall, to which all are warmly welcome.

Joyce Rupp's 'Cup of our Life' is an exceptional programme for spiritual growth whilst providing beautiful reflections for each day of Lent and material for weekly group meetings. The basic premise is to imagine ourselves as a cup being filled with God's grace and pouring it out in love for others, however, each week focuses upon a different facet of the cup: Week 1—The Cup of Life; Week 2—The Open Cup; Week 3—The Chipped Cup; Week 4—The Broken Cup; Week 5—The Cup of Compassion; and, Week 6 -The Cup of Blessing. I highly recommend this course, and look forward to sharing with you through Lent the wonders of our God. Please bring along a cup that means something to you. The book is readily available on the internet, or there are some for sharing.

SCIAF: WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE

SUPPORT SCIAF. In Rwanda, many women and girls suffer directly from gender-based violence. Your donations, prayers and actions make a real and lasting difference in their lives. To learn more about how you can help support women in Rwanda, please visit SCIAF's website (sciaf.org.uk).



WEE BOX Prayer

Loving Father, Merciful God, we worship you. You are a mighty God, far above the sin of this world, yet you choose to show compassion to each of us because you love us. We remember the country of Rwanda. Bring your comfort on those who live with trauma and suffering, and bring your healing power in their lives. Help us understand the ways of Jesus better, so that we can show love in action to our sisters and brothers across the world. Amen

Faith Sharing Groups after the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses in St Mary's Church Hall. All are welcome...no previous experience necessary. Material provided weekly. Come along and prepare for Easter...filling your cup with God's grace...an ideal spiritual exercise for Lent.



Baptism Preparation Course:

concludes this Sunday with a run-through of the Baptismal Rite itself and an opportunity to ask questions and to set the date. Well done to all those who have completed the course, we look forward to you becoming valued members of our parish.



The Restoration Wall

Thanks to the fantastic success of the 'Buy a Brick' appeal, we have now sold all of our full bricks. As a result, we have now decided to release the perimeter half bricks for sale for the reduced price of £25 (due to the smaller surface area thus accommodating fewer characters).

We are in the process of producing new order forms and as such, we will not be taking any further orders over this weekend (24th / 25th February 2024). We hope that the new forms will be ready for next weekend (2nd / 3rd March 2024) at which time we will be taking orders for half bricks only. Please note that the number of characters and words on these bricks will be significantly reduced compared with the full bricks.

Thereafter, we plan to extend the current wall to accommodate more full bricks. This may take a number of weeks to implement, therefore we will not be taking any more orders for full bricks until such time the extension is in position. We will provide an update nearer the time.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and ask for your patience in the interim

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness and extremely generous donations. The wall looks fantastic and has been admired by many. The wall has raised £ 8,600 so far for St Mary's Restoration Fund.

Thank you, Ged Fitzpatrick

Glancing Thoughts—Sacrifice

In the First Reading, Abraham offers his beloved son as a sacrifice to God. The Gospel Reading identifies Jesus as God's beloved Son. The two readings together remind us that God offers his beloved Son as our sacrifice to God. Christ, our Passover lamb, is sacrificed for us. (1 Cor. 5:7).

And so the First Reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect on sacrifice. What is a sacrifice? And why would God want one, from Abraham or from us through Christ?

The first thing to see is that a sacrifice is a peculiar kind of gift.

In the case of ordinary gifts, which aren't sacrifices, the person who gets the gift is the one who benefits from the gift-giving. That person has the thing given; and if that thing was good enough to give, it is a good thing to get too. So the gift-receiver is the primary beneficiary of ordinary gift-giving.

But a sacrifice is a different kind of gift. When one person gives something as a sacrifice, however great his gift is, in the giving of it he himself receives something of very great value. In sacrifice the gift-giver is the primary beneficiary of gift-giving.

To see this point, consider Maximilian Kolbe, who sacrificed his life for Franciszek Gajowniczek at Auschwitz.

The Nazis had randomly selected 10 prisoners to die, and Franciszek Gajowniczek was one of them. When he was picked, he cried out, "Oh, my poor wife! My poor children! I will never see them again!" But Maximilian Kolbe stepped forward and offered to take Franciszek's place. Kolbe knew that the selected prisoners would be slowly starved to death in a dark and airless bunker. But Kolbe offered his life for that of his fellow prisoner anyway. Witnesses reported afterwards that Kolbe prayed and sang hymns until the end when his voice failed.

In his sacrifice, Kolbe became a person in whom the beauty of love shone so brightly that his story now illumines all who hear about it. He gave his life to give life to Franciszek, but he himself received far more than he gave. Who would not want to be as lovely a soul as Kolbe was?

And so God, who lacks for nothing, is glad to have the gift of our sacrifices, not because he gets something great from them, but because we do.

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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.

On this the Second Anniversary of the war in Ukraine we remember all those who have died, and who have had to flee their homes. May St Joseph (who had to flee with his family due to persecution) accompany every Ukrainian citizen in their exile; and may the Holy Spirit (the Comforter) bring peace to Ukraine.



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 of Fr Jim so that this enjoyable time can continue.

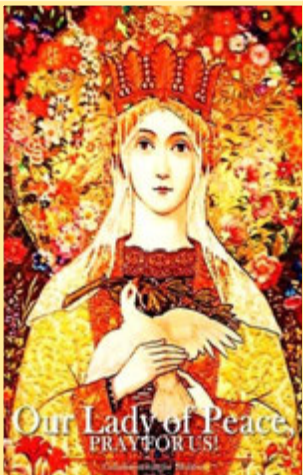
Thanks to all of those who donate food and toiletries for distribution from the Church House Door. Please don't be shy to approach a member of **The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP)** or Fr Jim in confidence.

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

Think Vocations 2024—2nd Sunday of Lent

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Are you listening to him? Is he calling you to serve his people in priesthood or consecrated life?

Speak to your local Vocations Director (Fr Jim Walls) or visit the *Priests for Scotland* [website](https://PriestsForScotland.org.uk) - ([https://Priests For Scotland | A Life Worth Living](https://PriestsForScotland.org.uk)) or our [Facebook](#) pages ([PFS](#) or [VocationNetworkScotland](#)).



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 submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

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.

