



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."

11th February, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading— Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46

The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm

You are my hiding place, O Lord; you surround me with cries of deliverance.

Second Reading—Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of the mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel—Mark 1:40-45

The Leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Communion Refrain

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

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Robert Walsh, Henry Bolland, Joe Carroll, Margaret Gethins, Mary Malone, and Jim McGregor; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jimmy Carroll, Mary Tinney, Alice Kelly, Martin Boag, Catherine Folan, Ellen (Keenan) Squire, Louise Hayes & George Stephen. 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: George Charles Milne, Scott Brown, Billy Higgins, Margaret Turner, Fiona Kieth, 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: George Donnelly, Reception of Remains Sunday 11th @ 6pm, Funeral Mass, Monday 12th @ 10am; **Robert Walsh,** Funeral Mass Tuesday 13th Feb @ 10am; **Harry Bolland,** Reception Monday 19th @ 6pm, Funeral Tues 20th @ 10am;

Funerals elsewhere: **St Andrew's Cathedral, Margaret Gethins,** Reception Sun 18th @ 4.30pm, Funeral Mass Mon 19th @ 10am; **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

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



Wednesday 14th February
10am Mass and Distribution of Ashes (St Mary's P.S. leading and attending); 6pm Mass and Distribution of Ashes. Begin Lent remembering that 'we are dust!'

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.
Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.
Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

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AGNUS DEI

A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

The above 2 Mass parts will be used during Lent.

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

Finance Matters: Last week's collection: £1447 Restoration Fund: £2134—(including brick money, Steve Murray ticket sales and donations).

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

Next week's Special Collection (**17/18th February**) is for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund.

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, Melisa San Luis (108).

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:

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

Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse—Friday 16th February. The Bishops of Scotland have established a Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse to be marked each year on the Friday after Ash Wednesday. Please see the adjacent prayer to be said.

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

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.

Heal their wounds, their strength renew A Prayer for Survivors

Bestow healing, Lord God,
upon your beloved children,
wounded by the pain and fear
inflicted on them by others.
Cast light on the darkness of their hearts
and draw near to them
to restore what is lost.
Shelter them safely in your love
and make them confident in the knowledge
that they have been powerfully redeemed.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

Update for the St Clements & St Ninians, Pilgrimage and Leisure Trip to India 2024—8-23rd November. [“An information evening will take place in St Clements hall on Friday 23rd February at 7pm.”](#) All welcome. 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.

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

Reflection—Restoration

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I will. Be made clean." Mark 1:40-41

In the Old Testament, Leviticus 14, God gave Moses a purification rite to be used for those who were cured of leprosy. This detailed rite that spanned several days was used to reintegrate a healed leper back into society. After Jesus healed the leper in today's Gospel passage, He ordered him to "go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." Thus, Jesus not only healed the man but instructed him that he was ready to be restored to the community.

At that time, leprosy was a horrible disease, not only for its physical effects, but also because the leper was not permitted to be a part of the society. This was because leprosy was quite contagious. By keeping those infected separate, the disease did not spread as easily to others.

As we ponder this healing, try to imagine not only the pain caused by the leper's disease, but especially the pain caused by his isolation. Obviously, there were no phones at that time, no video chatting, and no means of communication from a distance. Therefore, isolation would have meant a complete loss of the person's relationship with his family and friends, as well as his former livelihood, home and all that was a part of his life.

On a spiritual level, the various illnesses that Jesus cured are, in part, to be seen as symbols of sin. In the case of leprosy, we should see this illness as a symbol of the effects of mortal sin. And mortal sin, unless it is cured by God's forgiveness, has the effect of completely isolating a person from the life of grace. One becomes cut off from a relationship with God, as well as every other relationship that is centered in Christ. When one commits mortal sin and remains in that sin, that person is not capable of true love, since all grace is gone from their life. Therefore, their relationships become self-centered, demanding and unholy.

For those who have fallen into mortal sin, this leper is a symbol of the way out. First, he came to Jesus and knelt down before Him. He humbled himself before our Lord, acknowledging that Jesus was the answer to his ailment. He then begged Jesus for help. But the way he begged Jesus is also revealing: he did not demand a healing but instead simply professed his faith in the fact that Jesus could heal him. And then he knelt there in trust and hope. This leper teaches us the perfect way to approach our Lord when we struggle with serious sin.

Reflect, today, upon this leper. Try to understand his isolation and loss. Try to understand his humility and faith. And seek to imitate the way that he comes to our Lord. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God as you acknowledge the sins and other needs you have. Profess your faith in His almighty power and love, and place yourself into His hands of merciful love. He will not let you down.

Most merciful Lord, You desire all of Your children to be healed of the many sins that keep them from communion with You and with Your people. Please give me the faith and trust I need to always be able to humble myself before You so as to receive the restoration to Your grace I so desire. Jesus, I trust in You.

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This Wednesday we celebrate Ash Wednesday and our liturgical season changes dramatically in colour, music, and silence. Firstly, we don't sing 'The Gloria' and will use the Apostles Creed, however, we also forego flowers and our music/singing in general should be restrained. As per last year we will sing the Latin Mass parts from the Roman Missal unaccompanied. These are the ones on the front of this week's newsletter and that can be found on You Tube 'How to Sing the Latin Chant Mass' with Jennifer Rodriguez (https://youtu.be/UcEtHharcDU?si=LRWaDZH_ygeDzrNF). We will also sing these at weekday Mass

rather than our usual hymn.

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 Upper Church Hall, to which all are warmly welcome.

Baptism Preparation Course:

2nd week of the course continues this Sunday 11th February. This course is primarily aimed at helping the parents experience the Holy Spirit and establish a living link with the church.



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

'Catholicism' by Bishop Barron continues this Sunday in the Church House at 12 Noon.

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



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.

SCIAF: WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE launches.

On Ash Wednesday, SCIAF launch the WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal. This year's Lent appeal focuses on communities in Rwanda. In April 1994, 100 days of mass genocide began in Rwanda. Thirty years on, Rwanda and its people are still recovering from the genocide that ripped their country apart and the deep trauma it left behind. This Lent, use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE.



To find out more please visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555

George Donnelly

A beloved parishioner and well kent face
Died 19th January 2024
May he rest in peace

Thanks to Ged Fitzpatrick for organising George's brick.

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.



Fr Jim McManus CSSR (Kinnoull Monastery) celebrated his 60th Anniversary of the Priesthood recently. Jim has served (on & off) for many years in Dunkeld Diocese. Please hold his faithful servant of God in your prayers.

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



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@dunkelldioocese.org.uk

Ministries Day

It is important that all those who serve as ministers in the Church regularly attend ongoing formation to properly perform their ministry.



Saturday 24th February

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

Programme: 9.30am Rosary; 10am Mass; 10.30 Adoration (with opportunity for confession); 11am Cup of tea; 11.30am Workshops; 12.30 Packed lunch.

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.

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 for assistance.

This weekend the Logie Club is running the **Harry Grieve Snr** Memorial pool competition with proceeds going to St Mary's Restoration Fund. Please support it if you can. RIP Harry.



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.

Many thanks to the P7 pupils and staff of St Mary's for producing 3 wonderful performances of Godspell. They quite literally had some of the audience in tears at the final act when Jesus is crucified. Some of the proceeds from the show are going towards St Mary's Restoration.



Many thanks to Steve Murray for his edifying and entertaining talk on his days as a professional football player. All funds raised from Steve's talk will go towards the Restoration of St Mary's. Total to be announced



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.

