



# 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.

## 24th March, Palm Sunday Lent (B)

**First Reading—Isaiah 50:4-7— I did not cover my face against insult—I know I shall not be shamed.**

**Responsorial Psalm—My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?**

**Second Reading—Philippians 2:6-11—He humbled himself, but God raised him high.**

**Gospel Acclamation—Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

**Gospel—Mark 14:1-15:47—The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.**

## Sacred Liturgy Schedule

**Easter Vigil Mass at 8.30pm.**

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

**Mon - Weds Mass 10am**

(see separate sheet for all Holy Week services)

**Confessions:**

**Saturday 10.30-11am**

**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**

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel John 20:1-9



## Main Holy Week Services:

Tuesday 6pm Penitential Service with General Absolution (+individual confession)

Wednesday 7pm St Andrew's Cathedral, Chrism Mass.

Holy Thursday—7pm **Mass of the Last Supper with feet washing.**

Good Friday—3pm **The Lord's Passion with kissing of the Cross.**

Holy Saturday—8.30pm **The Easter Vigil with the Liturgy of Light.**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Thomas Brown, Agnes Anderson, May Hogg and Chic Whytock and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Betty Inglis, Susan Ogilvie, Francis Rice, Meg Marr, James Marr, Michael Green, Helen Timmons, Alex Crossans, Catherine Gibson, Stephen Keenan and Mark Vannet. 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: Wendy Birnie, Fiona Kieth, Margaret Turner, Billy Higgins, Billy McDonald, George Charles Milne, Agnes Mulligan, Ann Reilly, Margaret Burke, Scott Lyons, Gillian Boland, Lesley Ianetta, Loraine Anderson, Angus MacAulay, Jim Gibson, Martin Conroy, Scott Brown, Brian Davie, Cathy McDonald and Ann McCann. (this list is cleared each calendar month). Please send any names for these lists to the parish email address or add them to the list in foyer.

**Funerals at St Mary's:** Jessie Cairney, Funeral Mass, Thursday 4th April @ 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: £1363 Restoration Fund: £148—(donations).

There will be a Special Collection for **Holy Places** on 29th March—Good Friday.

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, L. Gould (114).

**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:

**Alpha Course begins** Sunday 14th April at 12 Noon in Upper Hall. Please make an effort to attend.

**Parish Workers Social**—Saturday 20th April at 7pm (BYOB) Hot buffet and entertainment provided.

**Ceilidh in aid of Restoration Fund**—Friday 17th May

**Aiming High**—play by Gerry and Clare Fulton—Friday 24th May 7pm

### Regular Events—Weekly:

**Prayers for Parish Renewal** —Every Thursday after Mass in St Mary's—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for a renewal of faith and missionary fervour in our parish. 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:** Note change of date for March as last Tuesday falls during Holy week. Mass for vocations and prayers for our priests will be on Tuesday, 9th April. Holy hour at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm.

**Taizé Holy Hour:** as last Thursday of the Month is Holy Thursday this will be rearranged.

### Diocesan Events

**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.

**Cecilian Choir Charity Concert** 22nd May, St Mary's Lochee, Church Hall.

**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) **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](mailto: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@dunkelldioocese.org](mailto:stpiusx@dunkelldioocese.org)

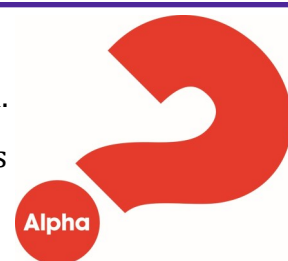
**St Clements & St Ninians, Pilgrimage and Leisure Trip to India 2024**—8-23rd November. For further info please contact Fr Johny or Therese Devlin 07813051689 [email.therese@devlinproperties.co.uk](mailto:email.therese@devlinproperties.co.uk)

**Renew your faith in Jesus** via...

**The Alpha course** starting Sunday April 14th in St Mary's Upper Church Hall at Noon.

Alpha is a great way to explore and deepen your faith, and to develop the courage to pass it on. Why not come along and invite a friend.

Please sign up at the back of church, or just come along.





This coming Thursday is **Holy Thursday**—The Mass of the Last Supper with the washing off feet.

This is the start of a 3 day continuous liturgy. To symbolise this we process in with all the objects we'll require to celebrate over the following 3 days: jug, bowl, towel, paschal candle, sacred oils, altar linen & lectionary.

The Washing of 12 people's feet will take place on the altar, and then they will come down into the body of the church washing whoever wants their feet washed. Simply move to the end of a pew and remove one shoe and sock. This is to fulfil Jesus' command 'I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.' (Jn13:15)



3pm **Good Friday**—The Passion of the Lord with the Kissing of the Cross.

Once more we are invited to venerate the cross. Ancient tradition suggests people approach the cross barefoot; and venerate the cross either by a bow, a genuflection, or a kiss. Once more we are permitted to kiss the cross as antiseptic wipes will be applied between each veneration.

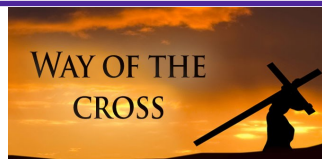
*Easter Vigil*



The great **EASTER VIGIL** starts at 8.30pm around the Paschal Fire with the Liturgy of Light, thereafter follows the singing of the Exultet, listening to our story of Salvation, a reminder of our Baptism, Confirmation and Communion in the Lord. During which Jennifer McKenzie will come into Full Communion with the Church. Please hold Jenn in your prayers. To mark the solemnity of the occasion Holy Communion will be available in both forms: bread and wine.

The Celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection will continue in the hall afterwards with refreshments.

**The Way of the Cross** performed in St Mary's Church by the P7's.  
Holy Thursday 2pm...all are welcome.



**Ecumenical Way of the Cross**...through Lochee High Street...(after Office of Readings and Morning Prayer on Good Friday)... Starting St Mary's at 10.30am finishing Lochee Parish Church. Please come along.

**The Restoration Steering Group** and **Core Group** met last week to hear that we have secured £300,000 grant money from various bodies. This will be released once Historic Environment Scotland (the major funder) reassesses their contribution. This funding is for Phase 1 only (the exterior of the church). After which we move on to Phase 2: The Hall; Phase 3: the Interior of the Church; and Phase 4: the House.

**Faith Sharing Groups** after the Sunday Morning Mass 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...

**Many thanks to those who led, and attended, the WELCOMERS and READERS workshops last week.**

Welcoming is an under valued ministry in the church, and one which can create a lasting impression. It is far more than simply handing someone a newsletter, it is about creating a welcoming atmosphere that values everybody that comes through St Mary's doors. It is to extend a hand of friendship to all those who venture through our doors.

The feedback from Tuesday's Readers practise has been exceptionally positive with old hands commenting how useful it was.

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.

### MINISTRY OF CANTOR

The ministry of Cantor is to sing the verses of the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation and to lead the people in singing the Antiphon. It is not like a soloist entertaining an audience: the role of the Cantor is to communicate, to lead, to facilitate – the Cantor's role is to lead the people in prayer at that point in the liturgy.

We need to build up a bank of people who can be Cantors at Mass and to make up a rota (just like Readers and Eucharistic Ministers), to assist those who already give their time and talents to this ministry and spread the load a little.

If Ministry of Cantor is something you would like to try or you would like to find out more about it, please come forward to the organ after Sunday Mass and speak to Karen (organist) or Jim (trainee Deacon).

**Meeting of those who are concerned about recent changes to visa legislation regarding dependents.**

Jim Murphie (trainee deacon and retired advocate) will meet after Mass this Sunday (in the Church) with anyone who is concerned about the recent change in visa legislation pertaining to dependents. Firstly he wants to listen to your concerns in order to establish what the issues are, and then to see if there's anything that can be done to alleviate those concerns. Please hold these people in your prayers who are exceptionally worried at this time.



## PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

WE SPEAK OF ONE SECTION of the Gospels, that which narrates Jesus's life from the Last Supper until his death and burial, as chronicling his "passion." On Good Friday, the lector begins the Gospel reading with the words: "The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John."

Why do we call Jesus's suffering just before his death his passion? Generally, this is not properly understood. We tend to think that passion here refers to intense sufferings, as in "passionate suffering." This is not wrong, but it misses a key point. Passion comes from the Latin *passio* meaning passiveness, non-activity, absorbing something more than actively doing anything.

The "passion" of Jesus refers to that time in his life where his meaning for us is not defined by what he was doing but rather by what was being done to him. What is being said here? The public life and ministry of Jesus can be divided into two distinct parts: Scholars estimate that Jesus spent about three years preaching and teaching before being put to death.

For most of that time—in fact, for all of it except the last day—he was very much the doer: in command, the active one, teaching, healing, performing miracles, giving counsel, eating with sinners, debating with church authorities, and generally, by activities of every sort, inviting his contemporaries into the life of God. And he was busy. He is described at times as being so pressured by people that he didn't even have time to eat.

For almost all of his public life Jesus was actively doing something. However, from the moment he walks out of the Last Supper room and begins to pray in Gethsemane, all that activity stops. He is no longer the one who is doing things for others, but the one who is having things done to him. In the garden, they arrest him, bind his hands, lead him to the high priest, then take him to Pilate. He is beaten, humiliated, stripped of his clothes, and eventually nailed to a cross where he dies. This constitutes his "passion," that time in his life and ministry where he ceases to be the doer and becomes the one who has things done to him. What is so remarkable about this is that our faith teaches us that we are saved more through Jesus's passion (his death and suffering) than through all of his activity of preaching and doing miracles.

How does this work? Allow me an illustration: Ten years ago, my sister, Helen, an Ursuline nun, died of cancer. A nun for more than thirty years, she much loved her vocation and was much loved within it. For most of those thirty years, she served as a den mother to hundreds of young women who attended an academy run by her order. She loved those young women and was for them a mother, an older sister, and a mentor. For the last twenty years of her life, after our own mother died, she also served in that same capacity for our family, organizing us and keeping us together. Through all those years she was the active one, the consummate doer, the one that others expected to take charge. She relished the role. She loved doing things for others. Nine months before she died, cancer struck her brutally, and she spent the last months of her life bedridden. Now things needed to be done for her and to her. Doctors, nurses, her sisters in community, and others took turns taking care of her. And, like Jesus from the time of his arrest until the moment of his death, her body too was humiliated, led around by others, stripped, prodded, and stared at by curious passersby. Indeed, like Jesus, she died thirsty, with a sponge held to her lips by someone else. This was her passion. She, the one who had spent so many years doing things for others, now had to submit to having things done to her. But—and this is the point—like Jesus, she was able in that period of her life, when she was helpless and no longer in charge, to give life and meaning to others in a deeper way than she could when she was active and doing so many things for others.

There's a great lesson in this, not the least of which is how we view the terminally ill, the severely handicapped, and the sick. There's a lesson too on how we might understand ourselves when we are ill, helpless, and in need of care from others. The cross teaches us that we, like Jesus, give as much to others in our passivities as in our activities. When we are no longer in charge, when we are beaten down by whatever—humiliated, suffering, and unable even to make ourselves understood by our loved ones—then we are undergoing our own passion and, like Jesus in his passion, have in that the opportunity to give our love and ourselves to others in a very deep way."

— The Passion and the Cross by Ronald Rolheiser.

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.



Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to [stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk)

### Faith of our Father's and Mother's...

(following on from the remarkable Roche family) Brother Andrew Prescott O.S.B. was born in Mid Street, Lochee, in 1903 and after serving in the Scots Guard joined Pluscardden Abbey (Elgin) as a Religious Brother in 1934. At this time the Abbey was a ruin and Brother Andrew and his confreres worked hard to restore it to a fully functioning Monastery, that has given Glory to God, and served Scotland well ever since. May he (and his confreres) rest in peace and may the Benedictines in Pluscarden continue to flourish in their praise of God and hospitality to all.

