



# 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.

## 14th April, 3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

**First Reading—Acts 3:13-15,17-19**

**You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Lift up the light of your face on us. O Lord.**

**Second Reading—John 2:1-5**

**Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's.**

**Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**

**Gospel—Luke 24:35-48**

**It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.**

## Sacred Liturgy Schedule

**Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.**

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

**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat Mass 10am**

**Monday's 10am Mass is a Whole School Mass**

**Weds 10am Eucharistic Service**

**Confessions:**

**Saturday 10.30-11am**

**Saturday 3.30pm-4pm**

**9.30am The 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**

**Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18**

**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.



**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Fr Martin Chambers, Sarah Reid, Rosemary McCaffrey, Sarah Glen Reid, James Gibson and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Helen and Joe O'Brien, John McGhee, Dennis Sandeman, Edward Lowden, Alice Marr, Ian Mill and William Noonan. 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: Scott Brown, George Charles Milne, Bobby Gardiner, Ann Reilly, Martin Conroy, Andy Madoc Jones, Agnes Mulligan, Margaret Turner, Billy Higgins, Fiona Kieth, Jim Lowden, Elizabeth Keeping, Wendy Birnie, Kathleen McDonald, Brian Davie, Angus McCallum and Scott Lyons (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: Rosemary McCaffrey,** Funeral Mass, Monday 22nd April @ 10am;

**James Gibson,** Funeral Mass, Monday 29th April @10am;

**Funerals Elsewhere: Sarah Glen Reid,** Thursday 25th April @ 12.30pm in Dundee Crematorium;

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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: £1761 Restoration Fund: £143 SCIAF Wee Boxes: £167

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, Raymond Taylor (9).

**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

**Dear Lord, thank you for providing for the needs of the parish, please keep us focused on your real treasure living amongst us: the poor.**  
**St Vincent De Paul and St Francis pray for us.**



### **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...complimentary tickets available for those who serve in the parish; please collect from the back of the church

**Daffodil Tea**—Thursday 2nd May, 1.30 to 3.30pm.

**Prize Bingo** Friday 31st May

**Ceilidh in aid of Restoration Fund**—Friday 17th May—Tickets on sale this weekend for £10 includes refreshments.

**Aiming High, the radio play** —Friday 24th May at 7pm—due to be performed in St Mary's Lochee Upper Hall . Tickets priced £7 are now on sale and are available from Anne Hampton, Ann Creegan or gerardfulton@yahoo.co.uk *A night you won't forget in a hurry—for a number of reasons!* Please note there will be a CASH ONLY wine bar on the night.

**Meet and Greet with Jim Craig (Lisbon Lion)** - Fri 21st June 7pm

**Talk on the Stars** by Robert Law (Visitor Assistant Balgay Observatory) - Friday 13th September @ 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:** Last Tuesday of the Month (30th April); **Taizé Holy Hour:** Last Thursday of the Month

### **Diocesan Events**

**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 **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.

**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](mailto:email.therese@devlinproperties.co.uk)

### **Fundraiser Notice—Dunkeld Lourdes Service.**

As part of our fundraising effort we are holding a silent auction for two excellent experiences.

- Firstly a **4-Ball at Royal Troon** with snacks beforehand and a meal afterwards.
- Secondly a four people package for **Destiny Race Day at Perth Races.**

The auction lots will be open at the Dunkeld Lourdes Service Ball on Saturday 27 April 2024, bids will be accepted up until then. For further information please contact [dunkeld@pobox.com](mailto:dunkeld@pobox.com) or phone 07801 227 443.



By now most of you will have heard the sad news about Fr Martin Chamber's (our Bishop Elect) being found dead on Wednesday Morning. It looks like he passed away peacefully in his sleep. In a statement at 1pm, on Wednesday 10th April 2024, our Diocesan Administrator, Canon Kevin Golden announced the sad news:

"It is with deep regret and sorrow that I have to inform you that our Bishop Elect, Martin Chambers, died in his sleep last evening. May he rest in peace and may his family and loved ones find consolation in the Risen Lord and the love of family and friends."

Mass was celebrated on Friday in St Andrew's Cathedral for the repose of Fr Martin's soul. A good number of priests as well as many people of the Diocese were able to attend whilst Martin's brother and family were also in attendance. The Funeral Details will be announced in due course.

Please keep Fr Martin's family and friends in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto his soul, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Parish Worker's Social...**this coming Saturday (20th April) starting at 7pm in Upper Church Hall.

For anyone who serves in St Mary's: Welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers, Handy Men, Readers, Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, SVDP, Restoration Steering Group Members, Restoration History Sub Group, Finance Team Members, Alpha Team Members, Music Ministry, Cantors, Computer Operators & Power Point Presentation Compilers, Food Bag Fillers, Hospitality Team, Children's Liturgists, Children's Catechists etc...

This is the parish's way of saying 'thank you' to all those who serve in St Mary's and make it the wonderful, vibrant parish that it is. The Social is also a good way of remembering and giving thanks for the life of service of our Bishop Elect Martin Chambers (RIP) who was the life and soul of many a party in Lourdes at Easter with the HCPT. There will be plenty to eat and drink. Please come along and make community.



**Baptism Preparation...**thanks to Stella Andrews who has agreed to be St Mary's Baptism Coordinator. If you would like to know more about having your child baptised please contact Stella on [andrews24@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:andrews24@blueyonder.co.uk). The next course is planned for October and the best preparation prior to that is to attend Sunday Mass and become active members of St Mary's Faith Community.



Thanks to all those who have handed in their WEE BOX...it's still not too late if you haven't already. Michael Hamilton of SCIAF is visiting the parish this week to meet with our SCIAF Coordinator (Ann Cregan) to express their thanks for the generosity of St Mary's parishioners.

**Mary's Meals**, who provide school meals to over 2.4 million children every day, invite you to join their Pray in May campaign. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty.

We pray particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia.

**We are hosting a special online session** where our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will share more about this under-reported crisis on **Tuesday the 16th of April at 7pm**, find out more at Charity events | Mary's Meals UK ([marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk))

Please visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) to access our Pray in May resources and find out more about our Crisis in Ethiopia appeal.



3 old friends from Atholl Street in Tipperary visit their P1 teacher from St Mary's Baby School. From left to right: Margaret Keir, Margaret Fullerton nee Davidson and Marjorie Robertson nee Towel. In front Mrs Kathleen Wilson. Mrs Wilson has recorded some of her memories of St Mary's. If you, or anyone you know has distant memories of St Mary's, please let either Mary or George Burton know

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. Mr Sid Grant (the SVDP Diocesan President) will visit the parish, and make an appeal for members, over the weekend of Sat 27th/Sun 28th April.

## GLANCING THOUGHTS—WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

Once, in perplexity, people asked Jesus, “What are we supposed to do?” (John 6:28). The Second Reading raises this question for us too.

The Second Reading says that if you don’t keep God’s commandments but say that you know the Lord, you are a liar. Being a liar is bad enough. But the Second Reading also says that if you don’t keep the Lord’s commandments, you don’t know the Lord.

That is the worst, isn’t it? Especially because the test for whether or not you know the Lord is not whether you have fervent prayer or sweet religious experience. No, the test is just whether you keep the Lord’s commandments. That is why you lie if you don’t keep the Lord’s commandments but still try to tell yourself and others that you know the Lord.

In another passage, this same Epistle (1 John 1:6-8) claims that if you say you have no sin, you are a liar, too.

And now we have a real puzzle, don’t we? To avoid the sin of lying, you have to confess that you do sinful things. But then you are confessing that you aren’t keeping the Lord’s commandments, aren’t you? And in that case, you are a liar, and you don’t know the Lord.

Well, then, what are we supposed to do?

The answer is in what Jesus told the people when they asked him that very question. Jesus said, “Believe on the one whom God has sent.”

Notice that this is a command.

And here is what it means. We can tell the truth: that we are sinful. But it doesn’t follow that we don’t keep God’s commandments. If we believe that Jesus is the Savior, sent by God to save us from our sins, then, sinful as we are, we are in fact keeping the commandment the Lord gave the people when they asked him what they were supposed to do.

And if we keep his command, then it is also true that we know him. We know him as the Christ, sent by God to save us from our sins.

It can be true then that we are sinful and that we keep the commandment of the Lord, both, if we believe that he will save us from our sinfulness.

So this is what we are supposed to do: know him.

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This week a new **History Sub Group** of St Mary’s Restoration Committee met. This group has been formed as the parish is required to investigate, preserve, and present it’s historical heritage as a qualification for certain grants.

The newly formed group is full of enthusiasm, local knowledge and expertise, however it is also open to new members who have similar interests and talents. To enable you to decide whether you’d be interested in joining hereafter follows a broad remit for the group:

1. To produce (an updated/Modern) version of the Historical Record of St Mary’s (building upon the previous Anniversary Booklets and other archive material).
2. To create a historical novel about St Mary’s to stimulate interest in the Restoration Project and the Parish in general.
3. To produce Historical Display boards highlighting interesting aspects of St Mary’s Heritage.
4. To develop St Mary’s website into a historical archive.
5. To create an Interactive Visitor’s Leaflet.
6. To create a catalogue of historical material.
7. To investigate the historical link between the parish and the school.
8. To record an oral history of the parish.

If you have any stories to tell about St Mary’s or indeed are interested in joining the group please contact Mary or George Burton via the parish email address.



Congratulations to Paul Laverty, Aidan Matheson, and Christopher Frumage who were ordained to the Diaconate this Saturday in St Paul Outside the Walls.

Aidan’s grandparent’s are faithful parishioners of St Mary’s, Lochee. Aidan is studying for Aberdeen Diocese however lets hope he can visit us over the summer.

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)**