



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."

21st April, 4th Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading—Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second Reading—John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel—John 10:11-18

The Good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

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

Weds 10am Eucharistic Service

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11am

Saturday 3.30pm-4pm

9.20am 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 9:26-31; Psalm 21; John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Renew your faith in Jesus via...**The Alpha course**

Continuing this Sunday 21st April in St Mary's Upper Church Hall at Noon. New comers welcome.

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: David Rae, Fiona Kieth, Fr Martin Chambers, Rosemary McCaffrey, Sarah Glen Reid, Catherine Grant, Jim McCafferty and Jim Sinclair Gibson; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Baird, Billy Baird, Efen Reyes, David and Bella Cowan, Evelyn Pendry, George Traynor, David Hynd, and Roy Petrie. 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: Jesus Ivan Garcia Pacheco, Scott Brown, George Charles Milne, Bobby Gardiner, Ann Reilly, Martin Conroy, Andy Madoc Jones, Agnes Mulligan, Margaret Turner, Billy Higgins, 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; **Jim Gibson**, Funeral Mass, Monday 29th April @ 10am; **Funeral Elsewhere: Sarah Glen Reid**, Thursday 25th April @ 12.30pm in Dundee Crem.

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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: £1318

Restoration Fund: £111

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

This Weekend is the Annual Mission Appeal by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. More info at fmmuk.org

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, Margaret Duncan (35).

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:

Please note that as the Episcopal Ordination of Fr Martin Chambers would have been next Saturday (27th April), the 4.30pm Vigil Mass will be offered for the Repose of his soul.

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.

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

Ceilidh in aid of Restoration Fund—Friday 17th May

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.

Prize Bingo—Friday 31st May

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 make better decisions.

Monthly:

Dunkeld Serra Mass: for vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life will be celebrated by Father Gregory Ummuna @ 7pm on April 30th, preceded by Holy Hour, and followed by talk and refreshments.

Taizé Holy Hour (an hour of prayer, chant, and scripture) : Thurs 25th April starting at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

The Restoration Core Group will meet on Friday 26th April at 3pm followed by **Restoration Whole Group** at 4pm.

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 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 Johnny or Therese Devlin 07813051689 email.therese@devlinproperties.co.uk



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. 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.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Have you every thought about a life of loving service to others in God's name?

If so, 'Come and See' at the National Enquirer's Event for anyone considering the Priesthood on Saturday 25 May in Turnbull Hall, Glasgow.

Please be in touch with Fr Jim Walls (stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk; or 01382-611282). Transport will be arranged from Dundee.

Today—Sunday 21st April—is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, "Good Shepherd Sunday". Pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life.

Is that you? Speak to your Vocations Director - Father Jim Walls, or the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary who are doing their Mission Appeal.

Visit Priests for Scotland website: <https://priestsforScotland.org.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 or phone 07801 227 443.

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. Find out more at Charity events | Mary's Meals UK (marysmeals.org.uk).



Please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk to access our Pray in May resources and find out more about our Crisis in Ethiopia appeal.

Dundee Audio News

If anybody would like to receive a free sample to Dundee Audio News please contact Graeme Tarbet on: graemetarbet@hotmail.com.

Postage free for CD or USB

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children (SPUC) recently launched a new prayer initiative in collaboration with the Knights of St Columba. **Let Life Flourish: A Spiritual Bouquet** is a rallying call to Catholics, the wider pro-life community and all people of good will to pray with renewed faith and trust for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. Please go to the following webpage to let SPUC know what prayers you can commit to as part of this initiative: www.spuc.org.uk/

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.

The Companions of the Knights of Malta have handed in some toiletries and smalls. These are also available to anyone in need.

Forebank, however, after 4 years his health broke and he retired to the Isle of Wight to recuperate. Having recovered he was appointed as Spiritual Director of the National College of Blairs where he remained for 19 years until his peaceful death on 25th November, 1932, aged 85. (50th Anniversary Booklet St Pat's).



Rt. Rev. Mgr. Provost Butti

Fr Peter Luigi Butti served as Parish Priest in St Mary's Lochee between 1880 & 1888; making him St Mary's 4th Parish Priest.

He was ordained in the Latern Basilica, Rome in 1873 and then spent 7 years as a curate in St Joseph's, Dundee, before being promoted to St Mary's, Lochee.

He was born in Edinburgh on 21st February, 1847, of Italian origin. He then studied for the priesthood in Blairs, Douai, Issy, St. Sulpice (Paris) and finally Rome, making him fluent in both French and Italian.

From St Mary's he went to St Fillan's in Crieff, before coming back to Dundee for the founding and building of St Patrick's in 1890. In 1909 he was moved to St Mary's,

GLANCING THOUGHTS—DOCTOR WITHOUT BORDERS

The international aid organization Doctors Without Borders has 27,000 medical personnel in 60 countries, and they bring essential medicines and medical care to very many people who otherwise would go without.

The medical science they use comes from the Western industrialized countries. But no one supposes that there is something exclusivist or arrogant or intolerant about Doctors Without Borders for bringing this medical care from the West to the poor and sick in third-world countries. On the contrary, in 1999 Doctors Without Borders won the Nobel Peace Prize for its work with the world's needy.

There is an objective truth about what will heal people, and the fact that modern medicine comes from the industrialized West doesn't alter this truth. Western medicine is prized around the world because it has a power to heal which nothing else does.

What Peter says about Christ in the First Reading is a little like this. There is a sickness of the spirit as well as of the body, and it can lead to death too, a death of the spirit rather than the body. There is healing for this spiritual sickness. But, Peter says, it comes only from Christ. Christ has a power to heal that nothing else does.

That is a lesson that the First Reading teaches. To some people, this lesson is worrisome, or worth rejecting. They think it is disrespectful to other cultures and religions.

But notice what Christ adds to this lesson in the Gospel. He has more than one fold of sheep, he says. In their varying countries, cultures, and ethnicities, all those who hear his voice and are glad of it form the different folds of sheep for whom Christ is the good Shepherd. All these differing folds together make up the one truly world-wide flock of the Lord.

And so there is one objective truth about what heals, whether the healing is medical or spiritual; and there is only one source for this healing. But, unlike modern medicine, the healing of Christ is not another monopoly of the Western industrialized nations. Whatever his social or ethnic group, whatever the way in which Christ's voice comes to him and moves him, each person whose heart is stirred by the voice of the Lord is included in Christ's one flock.

The ultimate doctor without borders is Christ.

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History Sub Group of St Mary's Restoration Committee. This group has been formed as the parish is required to investigate, preserve, and present its 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.

Prayer for Parish Renewal

Father, thank You that You are always doing a new thing. Give us eyes to see Your infinite goodness and work and co-operate with You as You renew the church.

Jesus, we thank You for creating paths in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Accompany us on this journey of renewing our own parish.

Holy Spirit, ignite in us a passion for making disciples and help us to bear fruit that will last.

Amen

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@dunkelddiocese.org.uk