



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."

28th April, 5th Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading—Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey .

Responsorial Psalm

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading—John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel—John 15:1-8

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm 97; John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Renew your faith in Jesus via...The Alpha course...last call for newcomers...

Continuing this Sunday 28th April 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: Joseph Rushforth, Fiona Kieth, Louise McCaskill, Fr Martin Chambers, John McTaggart and Jim Sinclair Gibson; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jean Mortali, Ethel Carroll, Jack Crighton and Margaret 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: Jacqueline Conroy, Lydya (Heavily expectant Mum), Linda Low, 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, Cathie Paterson (Kate Cuthill), Steven Petrie 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: Jim Gibson, Funeral Mass, Monday 29th April @ 10am;
John McTaggart, Funeral Mass, Tuesday 14th May @ 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: £1414 Restoration Fund: £736—(£600 was raised from the collection at Patrick Peoples' funeral). SCIAF Wee Boxes £61

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary raised £656 during their Mission Appeal last week, and expressed their thanks and appreciation for your generosity and hospitality. They were won over by your warmth and friendship.

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: 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, John Mathieson (98). There are spare numbers if anyone is interesting in joining to help support the St Mary's Restoration Fund.

Spring Raffle Winners: Alison Houghton and Margaret Cant were the lucky winners of the two hampers. £127 was raised for the St Mary's Restoration Fund. Many thanks to all who supported.

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: for vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life will be celebrated by Father Gregory Ummuna @ 7pm on Tuesday April 30th, preceded by Holy Hour at 6pm, and followed by talk and refreshments. All are very welcome.

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 to make good decisions for the parish.

Monthly:

Dunkeld Serra Mass: Last Tuesday of the Month **Taizé Holy Hour:** Last Thursday of the Month

St Peregrine O.S.M, Patron Saint of People who suffer from Cancer and Serious illness. **St Peregrine's Feast Day Mass 4th May** at 10am with Novena Prayers in honour of St Peregrine; thereafter first Saturday of each Month.

Diocesan Events

A Month's Mind Memorial Mass will be held for Fr. Martin Chambers on Friday 10th May 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Metropolitan Archbishop Leo Cushley will be the Principal Celebrant and Bishop Frank Dougan will preach. An invitation to all to attend. May Martin rest in peace.

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 Johnney 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.

Considering Priesthood

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@dunkelddiocese.org.uk; or 01382-611282). Transport will be arranged from Dundee.

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/

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

Thanks to all of those who donate food and toiletries for distribution from the Church House Door. A special thanks this week to Jim Gibson's family for a generous donation of foodstuffs.

Please don't be shy to approach a member of **The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP)** or Fr Jim in confidence.

This weekend Sid Grant (the Diocesan President of the SVDP) will make an appeal for new members to St Mary's Conference which has been helping those in need since 1889. A little of your time could make a big difference to someone.



Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill.

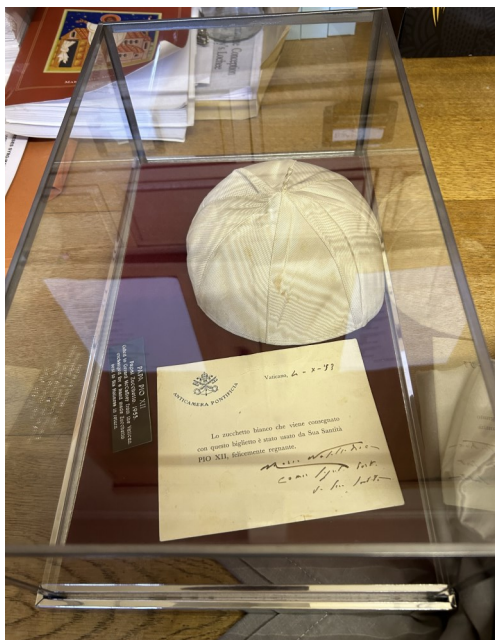
Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland.

Use the QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs.



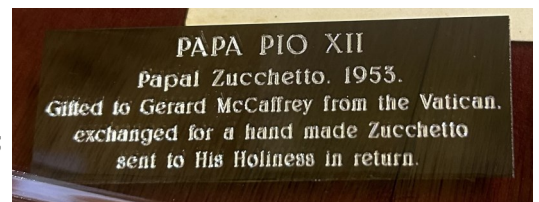
You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

Many thanks to Steve Keenan and his team at Northern Soul for setting up, and providing the music, at the Parish Workers' Social; and to those who helped tidy up. What a wonderful sense of community.



A wonderful story from Lochee's Catholic past came to light recently. A Mr McCaffrey from Flights Lane, Lochee decided to have a zucchetto (the pope's small white cap) made as a gift for the Pope. He arranged for a woman in Lochee to make one based upon his son's Lawside Academy cap. She obliged without realising his intention to send it to the Pope. The zucchetto was duly sent to the Vatican via the Royal Mail with some expressing their scepticism that it would ever arrive. Some months went by and a brown paper parcel arrived in Flights Lane covered in foreign stamps. Inside was the Pope's own zucchetto (as worn by the pope himself) sent in exchange for the one made in Lochee.

The family have carefully preserved the zucchetto and it is now enshrined in a beautiful display case; although I believe it is the family tradition to place the zucchetto carefully on top of every newborn McCaffrey's head. Incidentally the



seamstress, who was not a Catholic, when she learnt of the destiny of her handiwork was overcome with emotion.

It was suggested that St Mary's could make a zucchetto and send to Pope Francis...any creative parishioners see Fr Jim

GLANCING THOUGHTS—BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY

The first command God gave to human beings was “be fruitful and multiply” (Gen.1:28). In the Gospel Reading, there is a kind of reiteration of this command. At any rate, the text describes the bad things that happen to people who are not fruitful.

In Genesis, the fruitfulness has to do with reproduction. It comes from union between a man and a woman, and it multiplies God’s image in the production of children.

The fruitfulness at issue in the Gospel comes from connection too, but connection with Christ. It comes when Christ is in you, and you are in him.

This reciprocal being-in is a funny state of affairs, isn’t it? You can put a bowl in a box, or you can put a box in a bowl. But the box can’t be in the bowl when the bowl is in the box!

Boxes and bowls can’t manage reciprocal being-in. But persons can, because of love. Love unites you and your beloved without either one of you losing your identity. The union of love is not a fusing; it is a mutual indwelling.

In the Gospel Reading, Christ says that he always remains in his own. So if you yield to Christ in love, you have what is needed for the mutual indwelling of love. You are your beloved’s, and he is yours. (Song of Songs 6:3) There is joy in this love, because Christ is so much with you that he is in you. There is peace, too, because there is rest for the heart in having your beloved with you.

Your sins and the storms of life retain their power to afflict you. But you can more easily put up with things, even your own troublesome self, if your beloved is yours and you are his.

In that mutual indwelling, then, there is love, joy, peace, patience and longsuffering. But these very things are fruits of the Holy Spirit. When they grow in you, you are bearing fruit.

Finally, consider: is there a more powerful witness than a life lived in love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering? If you have the fruits of the Holy Spirit in you, you will multiply God’s image in others too.

And so, by remaining in Christ, you are doing what will make you be fruitful and multiply.

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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 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. 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.

Update: This week an article appealing for ‘Locals’ stories’ appeared in The Courier and Telegraph and for anyone who doesn’t use email they can send or hand in a written copy of their story to a volunteer of the History Sub Group. The address if using the postal service is: The Restoration Steering Group, St Mary’s RC Church Lochee, 41-42 High Street, Lochee, Dundee, DD2 3AP

Prayer for Parish Renewal

Father, thank You that You are always doing a new thing. Give us eyes to see Your infinite goodness at work and to 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



PRAYER TO ST PEREGRINE FOR HIS INTERCESSION

ST PEREGRINE
WE COME TO YOU
CONFIDENTLY
TO IMPLORE YOUR AID WITH
GOD IN OUR NECESSITY.
YOU WERE CONVERTED FROM
A WORLDLY LIFE
BY THE GOOD EXAMPLE OF
ONE HOLY PERSON.
YOU WERE CURED,
INSTANTANEOUSLY OF CANCER,
BY GOD’S GRACE
AND YOUR UNCEASING PRAYER.
IN YOUR GRACIOUS KINDNESS,
PLEASE ASK THE LORD TO
HEAL US ALSO IN BODY, MIND
AND SOUL.
MAY WE THEN IMITATE YOU
IN DOING HIS WORK
WITH RENEWED VIGOUR
AND STRENGTH.
AMEN

This coming Saturday we will celebrate the Feast Day Mass of St Peregrine O.S.M. During the Mass we will use the Novena Prayers in honour of St Peregrine, and we’ll also have the Anointing of the Sick.

Patron of Cancer Patients

Saint Peregrine is the patron saint of those afflicted with cancer and other serious illnesses. He is typically shown revealing his bandaged leg. He became afflicted with cancer of the leg and foot. The night before the amputation of his cancerous leg, Saint Peregrine prayed many hours before the cross. The next morning, his leg was cured.

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

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