



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."

5th May, 6th Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading—Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too .

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading—John 4:7-10

God is love

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him". Alleluia!

Gospel—John 15:9-17

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

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

Mon, Tues, Thurs (10 & 6.30), 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 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 102; John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19



Thursday is the Solemnity of

The Ascension of the Lord into Heaven

It is a Holy Day of Obligation

10am Mass led by the School Children

6.30pm Mass

It can also be considered the *Feast of Missionary Disciples* as Jesus tells his disciples: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation...and they, going out, preached everywhere.'

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Louise McCaskill, Brian Nolan, Billy Stephens, Brian Davie, John McDonald, John Taggart, Fr Martin Chambers, Danielle Lockhart; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ann & Francis Duffy, Jean Mclaughlin, Annie Fyffe, Bernard Gallacher, William Black, Ron Pankhurst and Sean Hearn. 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, Bobby Gardiner, John Gardiner, Kate Cuthil, Andy Madoc Jones, Wendy Birnie, Marion Brannan, Betty Bailey, Veronica Cormack, Margaret Turner, Billy Higgins and Scott Brown (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: 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: £1316

Restoration Fund: £313

There will be a Special Collection on 12th May for The Apostolate of Communications.

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 Restoration Fund: 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Karen Scott (13). There are spare numbers if anyone is interesting in joining to help support the St Mary's Restoration Fund.

The Daffodil Tea raised £305 for the Restoration Fund this week, whilst at the same time providing company, enjoyment and cheery service. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

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:

Ceilidh in aid of Restoration Fund—Friday 17th May

Aiming High, the radio play —Friday 24th May at 7pm—St Mary's Lochee Upper Hall. Thanks to all those who are supporting this venture. The tickets are now sold out.

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

Parish Gathering (Friday September 27th at 7pm) reigniting Divine Renovation; presentation of Parish Accounts; update on Restoration Project; what is a Leadership Team; concluded by Cheese and Wine Social.

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; 7pm Mass preceded by Holy Hour, preceded by refreshments & talk.

Taizé Holy Hour: Last Thursday of the Month; 6.30pm Adoration, Scripture, chant, and silence.

St Peregrine O.S.M, Mass for the healing of the sick including Novena Prayers of St Peregrine, and Anointing of the Sick; first Saturday of each Month. Saint Peregrine is the patron saint of those afflicted with cancer and other serious illnesses. St Peregrine pray for all those afflicted by serious illness.

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 Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee will hold the pre-pilgrimage mass in St Leonard & Fergus' on Thursday 20th of June at 6.30pm. There will be refreshments in the hall after mass. All welcome.

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.





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 or phone 07817160513. 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/

Bring flowers of the rarest...

during the Month of May why not bring flowers for Our Lady. Simply leave them in the Sacristy after Mass and they'll be added to Our Lady's altar.

Also, why not join us praying the Rosary before Daily Mass. A beautiful way to celebrate Our Lady.

Finally, a Musical Evening in Honour of Our Lady, date to be arranged.

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.

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.

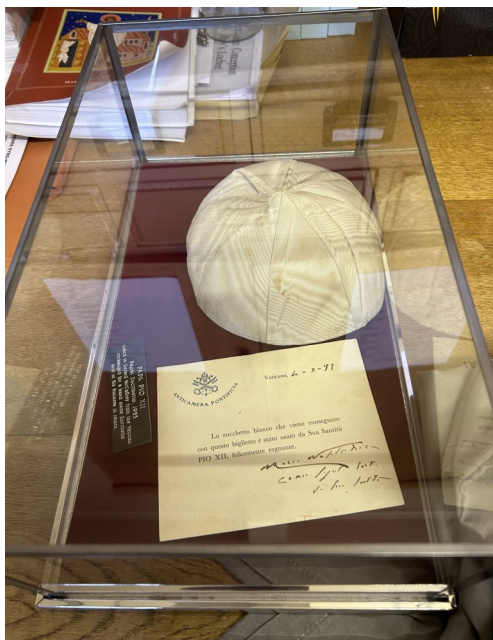


You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

For the Glory of God March Speakers and Hymns

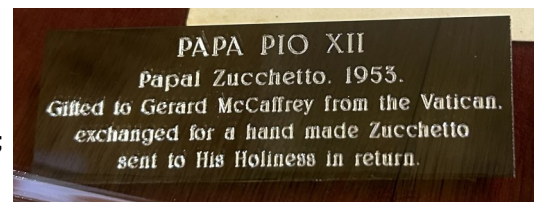
Saturday 15th June

Meeting at Glasgow Green 2pm (at the Nelson Monument). If unable to walk, meet inside the main gated entrance to Kelvingrove Park at 3pm. Please bring a cross with you.



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—ASK IN MY NAME

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Christ suggests a remedy for any problem we have. The Father will give you anything you ask for, he says, if you will just ask for it in Christ's name.

But what is it to ask for something in Christ's name? It can't be a matter of simply tacking the name of Christ on to any prayer. "I would like a Porsche, please, in the name of Christ." Prayer isn't magic. It isn't a matter of using the right magical formulas in order to make God do what you want him to do.

It helps here to consider the homely cases in which one person asks something in the name of another. A secretary can ask for the mail in her boss's name: "I'm just here to pick up the mail for my boss!" A child can ask a neighbor for a cup of sugar in his mother's name: "Mrs. Murphy, my mother wants to know if you could lend her a cup of sugar."

In these cases, the person asking can ask in the name of another because he somehow identifies himself as in relationship with that other: *my boss, my mother*. Something—a connection of shared work, a family relation —binds the two of them together.

To ask in Christ's name is like this, too.

You ask in the name of Christ when you are in the kind of relation to him that lets you say "*my*" with respect to him. And what would bind the two of you together in this way? What should follow that "*my*"? It shouldn't be "*my servant*," as the magician in effect says in his heart of hearts. No, not "*my servant*," but "*my Lord*."

Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own. He knows what to give to those who are *his* in answer to their prayers. So if you ask the Father for something in the name of Christ, then you are doing the opposite of what the magician does: you ask being prepared to accept what *your Lord* wants to give you. What you are given will be a good gift if it is in accord with his will, even if it isn't in accord with yours.

To ask the Father in Christ's name, then, is to trust Christ with your life as you ask.

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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.

Update: Last 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

The Feast of Pentecost is coming soon...

...Sunday 19th May

Pentecost is considered the Birthday of the Church.

Birthday BBQ after Sunday Mass in Church Hall/Grounds. All welcome.

Then, Tuesday 21st May at 6pm Confirmations.

Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

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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