



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."

12th May, 7th Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading—Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Let someone else take his office.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Second Reading—John 4:11-16

Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel—John 17:11-19

Father, keep those you have given me true to your name

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 2:1-11; Psalm 103; Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

"Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest..."

Tuesday @ 7pm...an hour devoted to Our Lady.

Marian Hymns, prayers, poems, presentation of flowers...
come spend an hour with your Mother.

Staffin Island Ceilidh band

playing in St Mary's this Friday at 7pm.

Dancing, stovies and good fun
in aid of

St Mary's Restoration Fund

Tickets £10 available in foyer before and after Mass.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: John McTaggart, Brian Davie, James Flood and John McDonald; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Charles McCluskey, Agnes Taylor, Dr Hyacinth Eze, Henry Brogan, James Regan, Robert Sandeman, Peter Kane, Wendy Thompson, Christine Thomson, William Kane, Mary Grieve, Margaret Kenny, Kathleen Jordan, and Geoff Smith. 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, Agnes Mulligan, Ann Reilly, Martin Conroy, Jacqueline Conroy, Bobby Gardiner, John Gardiner, Kate Cuthil, Andy Madoc Jones, Wendy Birnie, Marion Brannan, Betty Bailey, Veronica Cornock, Margaret Turner, Billy Higgins and Scott Brown (this list is cleared each calendar month).

May Our Lady of Lourdes (The Immaculate Conception) intercede for them.

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;

James Flood, Reception 6pm Thursday 16th May, Funeral Mass, Friday 17th @ 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: £1276 Restoration Fund: £649 SCIAF: £151

Thanks to the Italian Association for donating £1300 this week to St Mary's Restoration Fund. A generous gift.

Thanks to the Celtic Foundation for donating a signed strip. This will be raffled/auctioned in the near future in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund.

This weekend a Special Collection will be taken up 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, Margaret Keir (68). There are spare numbers if anyone is interesting in joining to help support the St Mary's Restoration Fund.

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.

Scam Emails—several parishes in the Diocese including St Mary's have been targeted by fake emails purporting to come from the Parish Priest asking for Amazon Vouchers. These emails are convincing and cleverly done. Please take every care and only respond to emails bearing stmaryslochee@dunkelddioocese.org.uk. If you are unsure please contact me via the aforementioned email address.

Dates for your calendar:

Ceilidh in aid of Restoration Fund—Friday 17th May—tickets available in foyer and hall after Mass.

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 Balgoy 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.

Dundee's Jute Industry a talk by John Quinn (Visitor Guide Verdant Works) - Friday 18th October @ 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.

Monthly:

Dunkeld Serra Mass: Last Tuesday of the Month; 7pm Mass preceded by Holy Hour, proceeded 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

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/

This week Structural Engineers did an invasive investigation into the buttresses that bedeck our beautiful church of St Mary's. These buttresses are constructed around a metal bar that have corroded over the last 158 years and as a result the stonework cracks and crumbles around them. Restoring these will be a major part of St Mary's Restoration, and will be a considerable factor in the final cost. Please keep this in your prayers as the grant providers consider the engineers' report.



Mgr Aldo Angelosanto represented Scotland at a recent meeting of more than 200 Parish Priests from all over the world. They met to discuss the Synodal Journey that the Church is on: a journey instigated by Pope Francis that aims to make the Church more sensitive to the needs of the People of God through listening to their cares and concerns.

During this meeting the delegates met with Pope Francis. The photograph captures the moment that Mgr Aldo met the Holy Father.

What did Mgr Aldo say to the Pope that made him laugh so heartily ... (from Mgr Aldo himself)...when the Pope realised that he was from Scotland he asked: "Where's the whisky?" To which Mgr replied, "Holy Father, I brought a bottle of whisky but we've drunk it!"

Aldo had brought a bottle of whisky and shortbread to share with his confreres during a social evening celebrating their different cultures...by the time he'd met the Pope the social evening had come and gone...as had the whisky! Thank God for Aldo and the Pope's sense of humours...May God bless them both.

Mgr Aldo has agreed to come and Confirm our young people on Tuesday 21st May at 6pm. Please come along and prayerfully support the children.

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.

Thanks to those who have responded to Sid Grants' appeal for new members to St Mary's conference.

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.

Hope Point, Dundee Wellbeing Support

If you are in distress and feeling like you can't go on, please do reach out.

Freephone: 0800 955 0008

Text: 01382 604123

In person: 4 South Ward Road.

GLANCING THOUGHTS—TRAVELLING MERCIES

In the Gospel Reading, before his ascension Christ gives his disciples a last command. Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. And he adds a list of things that will characterize those of his followers who obey this command: they will drive out demons, speak new languages, handle snakes safely, drink deadly things without harm, and heal the sick by the laying on of hands.

Why *this* list? Isn't it supposed to be just *love* that characterizes Christ's followers? Well, think of it this way.

Once when one of my children was traveling to Bangladesh, I made a list of dos and don'ts for him. It was a list intended to help keep him safe.

Finding housing with English speakers was on the list, so that there wouldn't be language problems. "Don't drink the water!" was definitely on the list, and so was "Stay away from people who are obviously sick!" The list finished with this prohibition: "Whatever you do, don't come into contact with the ground!" I know it sounds ridiculous; but hookworm is endemic in that part of the world, and you can get full of worms if you let a body part with an open wound come into contact with infected ground.

You can see that what was on my list of things to worry about are on Christ's list of things not to worry about: language problems, deadly drinks, sicknesses, even snakes—well, hookworms, anyway. (Demons weren't on my list, but maybe they would have been if I could have thought of anything to say about them.)

So the things on Christ's list are the things that you (or your mother) might worry about if you were travelling in dangerous places. Since Christ is commanding his followers to head out to all the world, maybe it is only fair of him to tell those who obey him that they don't need to worry about any of these things. Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his travelling people, and in his mercy he has made provision for them all.

So here is one way to understand Christ's list of the things that characterize those who believe in Christ and obey him. Whatever roads the journey of their lives takes them on, the care of the Lord encompasses those who travel in his name.

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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!

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: An article appealing for 'Locals' stories' appeared in The Courier and Evening Telegraph. 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

Reformed **Fundraising and Social Committee** meets this Wednesday in the Church Hall at 7pm. Would you have the time and skills to help in this valuable activity? Please come along.

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.



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

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