

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.

9th June, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading—Genesis 3:9-15
I will make enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring.

Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading—Corinthians 4:13-5:1 We believe and therefore we also speak.

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

Gospel—Mark 3:20-35 It is the end of Satan.

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: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 91; Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

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

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: John Girkins, Scott Gearie, Stephen Petrie, John Gardiner and Teresa Cushnie; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barbara Hammond, Romano Reyes, Annie Bird, Rose Ann Wright, Annie Sharp Snr, Agnes Kennedy, Michelle St Clare, May Burns and Helen Duncan. 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: Andy Madoc Jones, Kathleen McDonald, John Gardiner, Micheal Hamilton, Phyllis Hastie, Scott Brown, Bobby Gardiner, Susan Ramsay, Margaret Turner, Billy Higgins, Ann Reilly, Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Wendy Birnie, Harry Hill, George Charles Milne, M.A. Young, Agnes Milne, Veronica Cornock and Kate Cuthill (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: Teresa Cushnie (Mulholland), Tues 11th June @ 12.30pm Dundee Crem; **David Edwards,** Tues 25th June @ 10am Funeral Mass; **Stephen Petrie**, Thurs 27th Reception 5pm, Fri 10am Funeral Mass. May they rest in peace.

Finance Matters: Last week's collection: £1349 Restoration Fund: £964 (including £760 from the Bingo)

The BIG CELTIC raffle in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund: including a recently (donated) signed Celtic Strip, a Jim Craig signed photo, Steve Murray paintings, Henrik Larsson prints; and many other items of Celtic memorabilia (including a retro-replica strip). Tickets £5. On sale soon.

The next Special Collection is for The Day of Life and will be taken up on Sunday 16th June.

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 Simpson (83). 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 pray for us.

St Margaret of Scotland



Dates for your calendar:

Parish Council meeting—this Thursday at 7pm in the Parish House; this meeting brings together many of the various bodies working within the parish. It is an opportunity for them to report their activities and help me to keep abreast of what's going on in the parish.

Meet and Greet including Q&A with Jim Craig (Lisbon Lion) - Fri 21st June 7pm—Tickets now available

Church Open Evening—part of the Festival of Archaeology—Weds 17th July at 7pm—St Mary's history, guided tour, refreshments.

Kiltwalk—Sunday 11th August, In aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund and Mary's Meals: helping at home and abroad.

Pre-loved Goods Fashion Show—Friday 30th August

Talk on the Stars by Robert Law (Visitor Assistant Balgay Observatory) - Friday 13th September @ 7pm

Parish Gathering (Sun Sept 29th after Mass) reigniting Divine Renovation; presentation of Parish Accounts; update on Restoration Project; what is a Leadership Team; Charitable Activities; 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: Second Tuesday of the Month; 7pm Mass preceded by Holy Hour, proceeded by refreshments & talk. Next Serra Mass will be Tuesday 9th July allowing for a month's holiday. Please keep praying for priests.

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

St Peregrine's Mass will be on the First Saturday of the Month. As we now have a relic of St Peregrine anybody who wishes a blessing with it should simply approach Fr Jim or Trainee Deacon Jim Murphie after Mass. Hopefully we can build a shrine so that it is permanently on display.

Diocesan Events

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.

Please beware of Scam Emails: please check the email address very carefully. If you have any concerns please phone the parish land number to confirm or send an email to stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk



Baptism Preparation...starting Sunday 7th July...the start of a life giving process

If you would like to know more about having your child baptised please contact Stella Andrews on andrews24@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 07817160513.

Due to demand the next course has been brought forward and will run for the 4 Sundays of July. Anyone interested in having their child baptized should register their interest with Stella as well as attending Mass.

In baptism the parents and godparents promise to bring their child up in the practice of the faith. For Catholic Christians this means regular attendance at Sunday Mass where we grow in love for God and neighbour. This is a promise to God and therefore should not be undertaken lightly.

Please pray for all those contemplating having their child baptised.

St Anthony's Novena: continues until St Anthony's Feast Day on Thurs 13th June

We are very fortunate in St Mary's to have a relic of St Anthony of Padua that has been venerated in Dundee for many years; first in the friary and then St Mary's.

St Anthony's Feast Day is on Thursday June 13th. To lead up to this wonderful feast we will have nine days where we'll incorporate St Anthony's novena prayers at the end of Mass. There will also be a short instruction on his life and teaching.



St Anthony's statue is on the Sanctuary and flowers can be placed in his honour.

Proposed Pilgrimage to Knock, week before Holy Week, April 2025. The likely cost is around £600 per person sharing, on the basis of 5 nights' DBB in a Hotel, return flights from Edinburgh to Knock and coach travel within Ireland. In addition to religious activities at the Shrine, there will be various excursions included, such as to Galway City, Ballintubber Abbey and the National Famine Memorial at Strokestown House, County Roscommon. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage and wish to be kept informed of more details, please add your name and email address to the list in the Church porch.

Thanks to all who supported St Mary's Prize Bingo. The grand total of £760 was raised for St Mary's Restoration Project. Thanks to all those who helped especially our new caller Alison Houghton who filled by shoes admirably.

Restoration Wall Update

The Restoration Group are pleased to inform everyone that the Signmaker attended at the church on Friday 31st May 2024 at which time he took measurements in preparation for the extension to the existing wall. It is hoped that the new extension will be in place over the next few weeks, at which time we will recommence taking orders for both full and half bricks.

The group acknowledge that some of you have already submitted orders and payment a number of weeks ago. We apologise for the delay and any inconvenience that this may have caused and thank you for your continued patience.

Mgr Aldo recently attended a meeting of 200 Parish Priests in Rome. This meeting was to help Parish Priests engage with the Synodal Process. The Process where we listen to each other in order to better discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit. From this meeting Pope Francis sent out these priests as Missionaries of Synodality to spread the good news of synodality, and to explain the Synodal process to others.

To further this aim Mgr Aldo has generously agreed to a pulpit swap on 15/16 June whereby he will celebrate the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Mass, and I'll cover his Masses in Monifieth and Carnoustie.



St. Mary's Lochee Church, History Subgroup Appeal

Members of this group are currently in the process of obtaining oral histories from a variety of people aged 75 and over who are, or have been, members of St. Mary's Parish.

The process simply consists of a meeting and a conversation between a member of the group and the interviewee whereby the interviewee shares their memories of the church over the years. This can include events, characters, personal experiences or any other relevant stories. The conversations will be recorded and will be archived for future generations. The content of these recordings may also be used by the History Subgroup in the preparation of a variety of material or publications which will thereafter be used to share the heritage and history of St. Mary's Lochee Church. It is important to note that interviewees will have complete editorial power over what is published and can refuse to allow anything they want from being used further.

The group are very keen to encourage as many people as possible to come forward and contribute to this extremely valuable part of our church's heritage. If anyone would like to take part in our Oral Histories Project or would like more information regarding becoming involved, please send your contact details to St. Mary's Lochee History Subgroup at g.burton11@hotmail.co.uk.



2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee – an event that happens every 25 years.

The theme for the upcoming Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope".

The 2025 Jubilee will begin in Advent 2024 and will run until the Feast of the Epiphany in 2026.

Taking place every 25 years, a Jubilee year is a tradition that is recognised and respected throughout the world as being a significant part of the history of our faith.

Excluding the Extraordinary Year of Mercy in 2015, the last Jubilee year took place in 2000, marking an historic moment as the Church entered into her third millennium.

A Jubilee is a special year of grace, in which the Catholic Church offers the faithful the possibility of asking for a plenary indulgence – a remission of sins for themselves or deceased loved ones.

The year begins with the well-known custom of the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, following the other three papal basilicas in Rome. The Pope grants permission for Holy Doors to be situated throughout the world for Catholics everywhere to take part in this most special rite.

Year of Prayer

In preparation for the 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee, Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer.

During this year, we are encouraged to deepen our commitment to prayer and to accompany others in their own prayer life, as well as going back to basics to reflect on how and why we pray.

The year will have a special focus on the Our Father.

Pilgrims of Hope

In preparation for the Jubilee Year a group of pilgrims have been walking from Motherwell Cathedral to St Andrews, and the last day of their journey will be Tuesday $18^{\rm th}$ June. We have been invited to join them and walk the last 10

miles from Ceres to St Andrew's (stopping at Craigtoun Park for Packed Lunch). The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass in St James' RC Church (St Andrew's). If you would like to be part of this pilgrimage please call or text Jim McKelvie on 07957 847290.

For more info on the Jubilee Year check out Holy Year Scotland 2025 on Facebook, and or holyyear 2025.org.uk or download the app jubilaeum 25.

The Jubilee Prayer
Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

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

on: 4 South Ward Road.



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.

May God bless your generosity and ministry.



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

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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