



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 July, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading—Jeremiah 23:1-6

The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.

Responsorial Psalm

His Goodness shall follow me always, to the end of my days

Second Reading—Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one..

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel—Mark 6:30-34

They were like sheep without a shepherd.

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 - Cancelled

Next Sunday's Readings: Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Scott Brown, Wendy Cobb, Deacon Charles Hendry, Catherine Collins; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rita Tyrrell, Alex Markie Snr, Gerard Noonan, Archie Finney, Brian (Steve) Stephens, James & Elizabeth McHale, Abbi & Rose Lee, Ted Trunt. 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: Norma Giulianotti, Andy Madoc Jones, Wendy Birnie, David Duthie, Susan Ramsay, Betty Baily, Jim Murray, Marion Brannan, Kathleen McDonald, Margaret Turner, Billy Higgins, Andrew Lynch, Ann Reilly, Jean Dailly, Bobby Gardiner, Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Ivan Garcia Pacheco, George Charles Milne, Kate Cuthill, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock and Kathleen Wilson. (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.

Prayer at time of death: Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you, go forth, faithful Christian, may you live in peace this day, may your home be with God in Zion, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints. Amen.



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Serving Priest - Fr Jim Walls; Trainee Deacon—Jim Murphie

Scottish Charity Number: SC001810

Hospital Chaplain Mobile number 07821 624124; Safeguarding Coordinator: Emily Murphy

Finance Matters: Last week's collection: £1378

Restoration Fund: £980 (includes donations and from 'buy a brick')

Special Collection at the Masses this week for The Apostleship of the Sea.

The next Special Collection will be for the **Bishops' Mensal Fund** on the **4th August**.

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, Maureen Crichton (34). 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:

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

Children's Magic Show—Harry Mudini—Sunday 25th August from 12 Noon—Free entry

Pre-loved Goods Fashion Show—Friday 30th August at 7pm

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.

Staffin Island Ceilidh band - St Andrew's Night—30th November

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 now has its summer break. Resumes Monday 12th August

Monthly:

Dunkeld Serra Mass: Second Tuesday of the Month; 7pm Mass preceded by Adoration and Holy Hour at 6pm, and proceeded by refreshments & talk. Please keep praying for priests, deacons, and religious.

Taizé Holy Hour: Please note that there will be no Taizé Prayer on Thursday 25th July due to holidays. Next Taizé Prayer in St Mary's will be Thursday, 29th August @ 6.30pm.

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. Every Saturday Mass is offered for those struggling with illness.

The Syro-Malabar Mass and Catechism Classes will move to the 3rd Sunday of each Month, however, it will now stop for the holidays and recommence in August. Also, **Filipino Mass** starting 1st Sunday of each Month on 1st September.

Diocesan Events:

Episcopal Ordination of Canon Andrew McKenzie, Saturday 10th August, St Andrew's Cathedral. Ticket allocation TBA

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@dunkelddioocese.org.uk



Baptism Preparation... continues this Sunday 21st 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 baptised 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 MARY'S KILTWALKERS

The A-Team: Fr Jim, John O'Meara (Property Manager for the Diocese) & Elizabeth Davie (whose family formerly owned Davie's Café) are taking part in the **Mighty Stride Kiltwalk from St**

Andrews to Dundee (20 miles) to raise funds for St Mary's Restoration.

If you would like to sponsor them please sign the Sponsor Form at the back of the church, scan the QR code, or go to



justgiving.com/team/stmaryswalkers

The B-Team: The Wee walkers will take part in the **Wee Wander (4 miles)** to raise funds for Mary's Meals. For more info see Moira Leck or Anne Hampton. To donate scan QR code to the left



It is important that we remember that we are restoring St Mary's Church buildings so that the Kingdom of God may become present to those in need. This has been at the forefront of every charitable organization and collection associated with St Mary's over its 158 year history. We exist to give praise to God, and to serve others in love.

Finally, thanks to those parishioners who have donated walking shoes and a kilt...generosity's at the heart of St Mary's.

Some of St Mary's Kiltwalkers pose for a photo in an effort to highlight the fundraising efforts required to restore the church, hall and house.



Parish Pilgrimage to Knock April 2025. Many thanks to all who have added their names to the list for the proposed pilgrimage to Knock in April next year. I'm delighted that we have 25 names already for the 25 places available, however, if anyone is interested but hasn't yet added their name to the list, I would encourage you to do so as soon as possible and we will keep a reserve list which will be used should anyone of the 25 decide not to proceed. We are awaiting confirmation of the flight schedule and prices from Ryanair and as soon as these are available an email will be sent to everyone on the list with full details of the pilgrimage and inviting people to pay a deposit to secure their places. Thanks. Jim Murphie

St. Mary's Lochee Church, History Subgroup

Members of this group are currently in the process of producing:

- an UpToDate factual history of the parish (along the lines of the previous 100 and 125 Anniversary Booklets)
- a visitor leaflet
- Visitor boards displaying the History of the Parish akin to the Roche family boards.
- Collecting Oral Histories of the Parish. Please contact: g.burton11@hotmail.co.uk.
- Working on a novel based on St Mary's history.

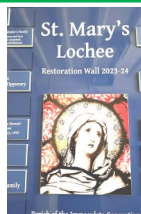
Papal Zucchetto

A faithful parishioner has created a papal zucchetto and it is now enroute to the Vatican.



Restoration Bricks still available.

Application Forms in foyer.
Brick £50 /
Half brick £25



Assisted Suicide Short Survey

The Scottish Parliament Health Committee is asking for your views on proposals to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. It is vital that as many people as possible complete the short survey, which should take just a few minutes to do, before it closes on 16th August. Full guidance, including a link to the survey, can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by entering the following address in your web browser: <https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide-committee-call-for-views/>
Anthony Horan, Director,
Catholic Parliamentary Office



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.



A big **THANK YOU** on behalf of the parish to Robert Law for conducting the tour of St Mary's for the Festival of Archaeology. Thanks also to Nick Marra for helping with the script and the ladies of the parish for providing refreshments. A Visitor's leaflet is in production.

Glancing Thoughts—Shepherding

The Lord is my Shepherd, Psalm 23 says, but there are human shepherds, too. In the First Reading God thunders against the human shepherds who are failures at shepherding. Who are these miserable shepherds, these failures, with whom God is so indignant? Well, you can tell who they are by what God is angry at in them. They are the human beings who have not cared for the sheep, and those sheep are God's people.

Well, what did the shepherds fail to do when they failed to care for the sheep? They didn't help the sheep get nurture; they drove the sheep away. They led the sheep in wrong directions. They scattered the sheep, so that instead of being one flock, the sheep were divided against each other into diverse small groups.

So think about it this way. Do you lust for someone who is not your spouse? Do you think you are caring for one of God's children when you do? Do you smoke and overeat? What impact do your bad habits have on God's children? Is there no one of God's people who will grieve over you when you get sick? Do you laze around and waste your gifts by doing nothing? Do you spend your time on foolish, frivolous things that help nobody? Do you think you are caring for God's people when you do? Do you gossip and undermine the reputation of others? Do you sow discord in your neighborhood, in your church, in your family? Are you a divisive presence in your community? Do you think you are caring for God's children when you are?

Surely no one of us is so benighted as to suppose that God's thundering against miserable shepherds is meant only for priests who aren't good enough. That thundering is a warning for each one of us.

Every person has many of God's children in his care. The woman who empties your trash at work, the child in the row behind you who kicks your seat on the plane, the annoying non-stop talker at your dinner table, your old and highly inadequate mother, your very imperfect spouse—each of these is one of God's children, and each of them is in your care—a little or maybe even a lot.

All these are people that we ourselves shepherd—always with our Shepherd, whose grace we need to do it well.

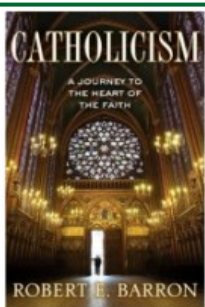
Let us be careful not to be miserable shepherds for him.

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'Catholicism' by Bishop Barron will start after the summer holidays—**Sunday 18th August.**

This course is for anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith. It is ideal for those exploring becoming a Catholic or for anyone wishing to deepen their knowledge of the faith.

All are welcome.



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life will celebrate this day on **Sunday 28th July 2024** at the Marian Shrine, Carfin, with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by Bishop John Keenan.

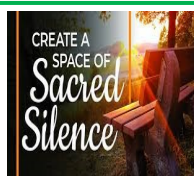
Café will be open for refreshments. Please come along and celebrate this intergenerational event.

SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024

The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling.

The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

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

Heal my wounds my strength renew

Bestow healing, Lord God, upon me,
your beloved child,
wounded by the pain and fear
inflicted on me by others.

Cast light on the darkness of my heart
and draw near to me to restore what is lost.

Shelter me safely in your love
and make me confident in the knowledge
that I have been powerfully redeemed.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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**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