



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.

27th Oct, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading—Jeremiah 31:7-9

I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.

Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord for us. Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading—Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel—Mark 10:46-52
Master, let me see again.

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

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

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat Mass 10am

Fri 10am & 6pm All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wed 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: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 17; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Rose Scott, Francis Martin, John Thomson, Norman Hadden, John Flood, Grazyna Gozdziaska, Derek Gordon, Wilma Taylor and Valerie Tait; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alex Markie Jnr, Lorna Small, Jim McCord, Joe Russell, Colin Russell, Sr Aurelie SP, Harry Grieve Snr, Ella & John Jordan and Catherine Turnbull. **R.I.P.**



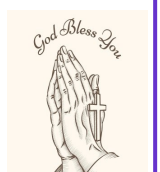
Prayers for the sick: Please continue to remember the sick and the terminally ill in your prayers, especially those mentioned on our sick lists: William McClone, Paul Markie, Eddie Nicol, Susan Guthrie, George Charles Milne, Ann Reilly, Ann Fyfe, Harry Hill, Frances McKernie, Wendy Birnie, Margaret Turner, Susan Ramsay, Andrew Lynch, Jim Murray, Grieg Taylor, Sister Mary Timmons, Jean Ferguson, Bobby Gardiner, Martin Conroy, Jacqueline Conroy, Kathleen McDonald, Pat Trapnell, Agnes Milne, Veronica Cornock, Agnes Mulligan 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: Derek Gordon, Reception 5.30pm Weds 30th Oct, Funeral Mass 10am Thurs 31st October.

This Friday is the **Solemnity of All Saints** and Saturday is the **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**.

As All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation Mass will be at 10am and 6pm. As Saturday is also the first Saturday of the Month we will also have the blessing of the sick with the relic of St Peregrine and the Sacrament of the Sick for those in need of God's healing. All souls need prayers for healing and Holy-ness.



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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: £1523 **Restoration Fund:** £603 (includes donations and £490 raised from John Quinn's— Dundee Jute and Song fundraising event).

Last week's second collection total for **Mission Sunday** £282

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, Teresa Soutar (58).

Mini Fete—Cake & Candy and Toy Sale this Sunday after mass. The proceeds of which will go to the Restoration Fund. Our **Christmas Fayre** will be held on **Sat 2nd Nov from 11am-4pm**. The proceeds of which will go to SCIAF during Nov/Dec.

Mary's Meals, Foreign Currency collection—There will be a box at the back of the church for collecting any foreign currency for Mary's Meals. Thanks for your support.

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:

St John's RC High School, Primary 6/7, Information Evening— Wednesday 6th November, 6.30pm-9.00pm

Serra Vocations Mass on November 12th Holy Hour at 6 pm followed by Mass at 7pm celebrated by Fr Greg Murphy

Staffin Island Ceilidh band - St Andrew's Night—30th November. Tickets now available.

Regular Events—Weekly:

The Parish Leadership Team —meets every Monday during term time to help me make good decisions. It's members are Jim Murphie (Trainee Deacon), Marian Milne (Sacristan), Moira Leck (Schools Liaison), & Anne Hampton (Finance).

Novena to St Anthony of Padua - every Tuesday after Mass—concludes with blessing with relic.

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.

Monthly:

St Peregrine's Mass (1st Saturday of the Month at 10am). We now have a relics of St Peregrine, St Anthony of Padua and St Martin de Porres. If anybody wishes a blessing please just ask. Thanks to Sid Grant (SVDP Diocesan President) for acquiring a suitable cabinet, and to George Creegan for adapting. Each Saturday Mass is offered for the sick.

Filipino Mass (1st Sunday of the Month at 1pm) Next, Sunday 3rd November.

Dunkeld Serra Mass: (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm). Please keep praying for priests, deacons, and religious.

Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, Sunday 17th November

Taizé Holy Hour: (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Taizé Prayer, Thursday, 28th November

St Mary's Pilgrimage to Knock, I regret to announce that, due to significant increases in prices, we have had to take the difficult decision to cancel our proposed pilgrimage to Knock, at least for the time being. There has been a delay waiting for the Ryanair flight schedule (Edinburgh to Knock, April 2025) to be published but, now that it has, there is large rise in the group fares from last year. As a result of the delay, there has also been a price rise in the cost of the hotel and other costs, all of which make it uneconomic and unattractive at present as a parish pilgrimage project. Sincere thanks to all who expressed interest in this project - we are actively researching other pilgrimage destinations closer to home which would be more affordable, so please watch out for further notices on this in the near future. Jim Murphie

Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to stmaryslochee@dunkellddiocese.org.uk



Baptism Preparation.....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.

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.

The Alpha course starts this Sunday 27th October after Mass in the Upper Church Hall.

Alpha has a proven track record of helping people experience God in a very personal way.

It is an ideal place for those who are searching for meaning in their lives.

It is also a great way for those of us who profess faith to come alive in that faith and to live it in an even more profound manner.

In essence Alpha helps evangelise. It helps create a longing to know Jesus more intimately and to help others come into a life giving relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Please come along and bring your friends. As we've heard from numerous testimonies over the year you won't be sorry.

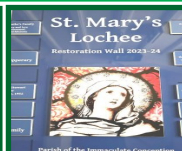


On Sunday 10th November at 10.30am Mass Bishop Andrew McKenzie will preside at the Rite of Candidacy for Jim Murphie. This is an important step on Jim's path to the Diaconate. Please come along and support Jim with your love and prayers. It is also Bishop Andrew's first visit to St Mary's and I'm sure he'd be delighted to meet you.

Thanks to Jim Quinn and his companions (below) for hosting an evening exploring the history of Dundee Jute via Song, Story and Drama. It was a fascinating and entertaining look at Dundee's recent industrial history through some of it's more notable historical characters. Thanks to all those who supported this event which has raised £670 towards St Mary's Restoration.



Restoration Bricks still available. Application Forms in the foyer.



A LOAF A WEEK?

Can you donate one loaf of bread per week in order that the Parish can support the staff provide every child, of St Mary's, with a piece of toast before lessons start?

Lookout for the bread basket and drop your loaf off...



"My name is Benson Okolo (Benito) and I'm from Nigeria, but reside in Dundee, United Kingdom. I'm interested and have applied for the priesthood in the diocese of Dunkeld in order to continue my ongoing formation to the priesthood, so to serve God and his people. "By the time Christ left

earth to return to the father in heaven, he had called followers (the Apostles) to continue his mission of establishing the kingdom of God on earth until that final day when he returns to us and he will be all in all" (1cor 15:28). The priesthood is an extension of that work and is therefore a continuation of the work of Christ in the world. This has been my prayer, as I pray for God's will to be done."

Bishop Andrew has agreed that Benito will reside at St Mary's whilst he settles into the Diocese and continues to discern his vocation to the priesthood, at the same time allowing the Church to assess his suitability for the priesthood. Please welcome Benito in your usual warm friendly manner.

November lists are available at the back of the church

During the month of November we pray especially for the dead. Every Mass during the Month will be offered for the repose of the souls mentioned on our November lists. Please fill out a list with the names of your family and friends that have went before us and please don't forget those priests and religious who have served in this parish.

Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 1st November.** Thanks to those who look after the exterior of St Mary's church by picking up the litter and removing weeds.



HOPE POINT, DUNDEE WELLBEING SUPPORT WE ARE HERE ALL WEEKEND; NO MATTER WHAT TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT.

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

Freephone: 0800 955 0008; Text: 01382 604123; In Person: 4 South Ward Road.

Glancing Thoughts—What Do You Want?

In the Gospel blind Bartimaeus will not stop yelling for Jesus to have pity on him, until Jesus finally calls for him.

At this point the funny parts of the story start. Why doesn't Jesus go over to Bartimaeus? Why wait for the blind man to find his way to Jesus? And when Bartimaeus does find his way to him, Jesus asks him what seems like the dumbest question: "What do you want me to do for you?" What on earth would anybody suppose Bartimaeus wants? He's blind!

And when Jesus heals him and Bartimaeus can see, Jesus says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. But why? What does Bartimaeus's receiving his sight have to do with his being saved?

Here we need to notice what Bartimaeus actually says to Jesus in answer to Jesus' question to him. Bartimaeus does not say to Jesus, "I want my sight." He says, "I want to see." To want sight is to want a capacity which can be used for all kinds of purposes—raising sheep, making money. But to want to see is to want the connection with reality that the exercise of sight makes possible. Wanting to see is wanting to know the true nature of reality, hidden in one way from a person when he is blind.

Once we see what Bartimaeus asks for, the funny parts of the story make more sense. When Jesus calls Bartimaeus to himself, he gives Bartimaeus a small period of time to consider what he really wants before Jesus asks him. Then the presence of the Lord and that question serve as a call to Bartimaeus to commit himself to just one heart's-desire—and Bartimaeus finds it: I want to see.

Seeing isn't limited to seeing the blue of the sky or the road to home. It is also a matter of seeing the truth about things, or even of seeing the Truth himself.

So Jesus gives Bartimaeus all that he asks for. Bartimaeus sees not only the world around him but also his Lord. And in seeing Jesus, Bartimaeus accepts the Giver together with the gift of sight. Although Jesus gives Bartimaeus the option of going away, Bartimaeus stays by Jesus and follows him.

Bartimaeus came to Jesus and he saw the Lord, because seeing was what he really wanted. And that's why Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him.

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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 cooperate 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

One month to stop assisted suicide!

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. **Take action now - it only takes 30 seconds to contact your MP using the tool here**

www.righttolife.org.uk/mpcontactnow

SPUC's Petition—SPUC are calling on the British Government to end the two-child benefit cap. Please use the link noted if you would like to sign and support.

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/end-benefit-cap>

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.



The first site visit of prospective contractors George Martin Builders Ltd with Architects (Benjamin Tindall Architects), Maria Ogden (Grants Consultant), & John O'Meara (Diocesan Property Manager). We are now only waiting for the final say of Historic Environment Scotland.



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.

