



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."

1st Dec, 1st Sunday in Advent—Year C

First Reading—Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Second Reading—Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Your redemption is drawing near.

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

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: Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 125; Philippians 1:3-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Ann Gunning, Marlene Walker and Steven Gallacher; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Marilou Busalpa, Ian Irons, Peter Donnelly, Margaret Kane, Helen Archibald, Elizabeth H Bruce, Anne Robertson, Frances McKernie and Mary Tinney. **RIP**



Prayers for the sick: Please continue to remember the sick and the terminally ill in your prayers, especially those mentioned on our sick lists: Bobby Gardiner, Anne Reilly, George Charles Milne, Maureen Crighton, Jan Sturrock, Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Marlene Kenny, Harry Hill, Wendy Birnie, Janice Copeland, Frances McKernie, Andrew Lynch, Margaret Turner, Susan Ramsay, Agnes Milne, Jim Murray, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock, Kate Cuthill and Sister Mary Timmons. (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:

Margery Robson (Bishop Stephen's mum), St Andrew's Cathedral, Months Mind Mass Wednesday 4th Dec at 1pm

Marlene Walker, Funeral Mass, Thurs 5th Dec at 10am.

Ann Gunning, Reception of Remains, Thurs 12th at 6pm; Funeral Mass, Fri 13th Dec at 10am.

May our beloved dead be enjoying the heavenly banquet where Jesus serves them His Father's Love.

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www.youtube.com/@StMarysLochee Parish Website - www.stmaryslochee.org.uk

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: £1281 from Maureen McKay's Funeral £164.50).

Restoration Fund: £212.50 (Donations £48 and Collection

Second Collection at the Vigil and Sunday Mass for the Poor Mission Fund (a fund available for the less well-off parishes in the diocese).

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, Moira Green (57).

Mini Fete—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:

Penitential Service (with individual confessions) - Tuesday 10th at 6pm. Several priests will be available.

Parish Christmas Lunch—Sunday 8th December, 1-4pm, Tickets £10. All menus to be returned by Sunday 24th November. Menus available in the Church Foyer .

Holmes on the Hilltoon—another comedy by Gerry Fulton—Friday May 9th, 2025

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). St Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer and offer incurable diseases. We now have a relic of St Peregrine, St Anthony of Padua and St Martin de Porres. If anybody wishes a blessing please just ask. Each Saturday Mass is offered for the sick.

Filipino Mass (1st Sunday of the Month at 1pm) Next, Sunday 1st Dec.

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 15th Dec

Taizé Holy Hour: (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Taizé Prayer, Thursday, 23rd January, 2025

Diocesan Events:

Vocations Evening with Bishop Andrew—this Sunday 1st December after 6pm Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral Hall.

The Next Cathedral Dinner for those 18-35 will be a Christmas Cathedral Ceilidh! It will take place on **Sunday 8th December, at 7 pm**, just after the 6 pm Mass. There will be food and some refreshments available – come dressed for the occasion, and to help us prepare please let us know if you're coming by signing up here: <https://tinyurl.com/cathedralceilidh>

Jim Murphie's Diaconate Ordination will be on Saturday 3rd May 2025 at 12 noon in St Andrew's Cathedral.

The Dunkeld Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee are delighted to announce that Bishop Andrew McKenzie will lead our 2025 pilgrimage to Lourdes from 7th to 14th July 2025. For further information please email dunkeld@pobox.com or phone 07801 227 443

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



A bleak day for humanity and especially for our English and Welsh friends, most particularly for the sick, elderly, poor and disabled. I thank everyone who contacted their local MP, which certainly had a positive effect, since the majority of Scottish MPs voted against assisted suicide. We cannot give up but, inspired by the Gospel, continue to build a compassionate and loving society where every human being is cherished.

Bishop Brian McGhee (Diocese of Argyll and the Isles).

The Alpha course continues this Sunday after Mass in the Church House Meeting Room. Please hold participants in your prayers.



This Sunday we move into the Season of Advent. This will be marked by a change of colour from green to purple to represent a more penitential season whereby we prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus, and his Nativity. Also, the music changes as we do not have the Gloria and use more simple Mass Parts.

Finally, I would encourage everybody to stay until the end of Mass, leaving Mass early (unless for an important reason) is disrespectful and misses the 'missa'...a word that means 'sending out', from which we get the word 'Mass' and 'Mission'. The final blessing and the final hymn send us out with a Mission to spread the good news. Please don't miss the missa.

The 2024 annual Dunkeld Lourdes Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 15th December at 3pm

St Peter and Paul's, 29 Byron Street, DD3 6QN

Retiring collection for the Dunkeld Lourdes Service.

Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday**

Diocesan Advent Retreat Day Saturday 7 December 2024

St Mary's Forebank, Church Hall, Forebank Road, Dundee, DD1 2PB on Saturday 7 December from 10am until 3pm. Come and enjoy an Advent treat. Sign up for a place at StAndrew@dunkelldiocese.org.uk or leave a message on 01382 275539. Please bring a packed lunch.

Lochee Harp FC Christmas Toy Appeal

Donations can be handed to club officials on Tuesday & Thursday evenings (6.00-8.00pm) at New Beechwood Park, Lundie Avenue or alternatively, they can be contacted on locheeharpjfc@gmail.com or through their social media accounts to arrange a convenient pick-up.

The handover of all donated toys and gifts to St Mary's PS will take place w/c 16th December.

St Mary's, Lochee Penitential Service

(incorporating First Reconciliation)
on Tuesday 10th Dec at 6pm.

Multiple Priest and the opportunity for Individual Confession.

Conversations on the Priesthood

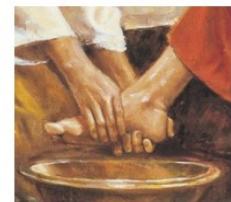
with **Bishop Andrew McKenzie**

Vocations Director Fr Jim Walls

and the newest priest in the

Diocese Fr Malcolm Hutchison

(pizza will be served).



When? Sunday 1st December 7pm

Where? St Andrew's Cathedral Hall, Nethergate, Dundee, DD1 4EA

Who? Anyone considering the priesthood.



Day by Day—readings for the Advent Season. Available in Foyer... £1



SCIAF Real Gifts available from repository or online <https://shop.sciaf.org.uk/collections/all>

Free New Seated Exercise Tasters—For ages 55+ Starting in the lounge at Mulligan Court in central Lochee on Thursdays between 10.30—11.15am from 28th November 2024. You don't need to be a resident of Mulligan court to attend, Contact Catriona 07788361130

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.

CONVERSATION IN THE SPIRIT

Pope Francis invited everyone to be involved in these groups in order that we can listen to each other and the Holy Spirit. The following groups will run over the next 4 weeks and YOU are invited to join in the hope that each of us responds to Gods call. The groups will run for about an hour with short prayer and reading then listening and sharing.



Tuesday	2.30pm	leader Ged Fitzpatrick location meeting room in Parish house.
Tuesday	7pm	Leader Gary Blyth location meeting room in Parish house
Wednesday	10.30am	leader Anne Creegan location meeting room in Parish house
Wednesday	2.30 pm	leader Cormac Andrews location at home phone 07817160513
Thursday	11.00 am	leader Moira Leck location meeting room in Parish house
Saturday	10.30 am	leader Jim and Irene Murphie location meeting room in Parish house.
Sun 1st Dec	12.00	leader Wendy Sinclair location Church hall/ Parish House.
Mon. 2nd Dec	6.30pm	leader Donna Brown phone 07723806682 location at home.

EVERYONE is invited . Please respond .
Fr Jim and Leadership team.

St Johns RC High School would like to invite you to their Annual Christmas Concert
Wednesday 18th December 2024
At 7pm, Main Hall
Entry by Donation
(on Parent pay or Evening at door)

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...

From this Sunday (1st December) the Church will start using a new lectionary. This means that the readings in the old Missals will be slightly different, although the prayers of the Mass will remain the same. I would not advise buying new ones, however, if you feel that you must have one please speak with Ann Creegan in the Repository.

It has been suggested that a wall mounted TV would be beneficial for the Church House Meeting Room for showing Catechetical videos but also for the minutes and agendas of the many meetings that take place in this room regarding the running of the parish (Parish Council, Leadership Team, SVDP etc) and the Restoration Project. The TV needs to be large (about 50 inches) and with HMDI connectivity. If you happen to be replacing your TV and your old one is still in reasonable condition please contact us.

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.



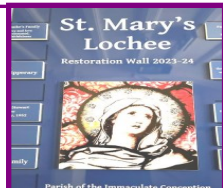
St Mary's stable for Lochee Christmas Light Night

George Martin Builders, Ben Tindall Architects, John O'Meara (Diocese), Maria Ogden (Consultant) plan for 6th Jan start date.



St Mary's Christmas Socks Appeal for the homeless men—Box at the rear of the church.

Restoration Bricks still available. Application Forms in the foyer.



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>

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.

