



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."

24th Nov, Solemnity of Christ the Universal King Year B

First Reading—Daniel 7:13-14

I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading—Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!. Alleluia!

Gospel—John 18:33-37

Yes, I am a king.

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: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24; Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Margaret O'Neill, Margery Robson, John Paconie, Kevin McIntosh, John Feeney, Ann Gunning & Pat Trapnell; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Purves Blyth, Nan Mulligan, Ian Irons, John Lynch and Peter Timmons. **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: Maureen McKenzie, Jan Sturrock, Janice Copland, Wendy Birnie, Vi Brady, Marion Cabrelli, Jim Murray, Anne Fyfe, Agnes Milne, George Charles Milne, Alison Connelly, Bobby Gardiner, Flora Brugnoli, Agnes Milne, Margaret Turner, Susan Ramsay, Andrew Lynch, Greg Taylor, Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Marlene Kenny, Harry Hill, Frances McKernie, Alex Findlay, Kate Cuthill, Veronica Cornock, Agnes Mulligan 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:

Margaret O'Neill, St Mary's Funeral Mass Monday 25th at 10am.

John Pacione, Funeral Mass Thursday 28th at 10am.

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

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



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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: £1437

Restoration Fund: £245

Last weeks second collection for the **Catholic Education Service** £286

Second Collection on 30 Nov/1st Dec 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, Jim Low (53).

Mini Fete—After the Sunday Masses; 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 St Margaret of Scotland
pray for us.



Dates for your calendar:

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

Parish Christmas Lunch—Sunday 8th Dec, 1-4pm; Tickets £10; All menus to be returned by Sunday 24th November

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, 28th November

Diocesan Events: **SCIAF Meeting—Thursday 28th November**, 12 Noon, St Joseph's Church, Wilkies Lane. SCIAF's new Chief Exec and Head of Engagement will be visiting to give an update of projects. Refreshments & parking available at the church.

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

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

Catholic Education Week 2024 (16th -30th Nov) - Representatives from St Mary's P.S and St John's H.S. will speak at the Vigil and Sunday Mass over the weekend 23/24th November, and will be available to talk individually after Mass. Please pray for all those involved in Catholic Education.

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

From the First Sunday of Advent (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 Cregan in the Repository.

The Alpha course continues this Sunday after Mass in the Church House.

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.



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.

A thank you to St Andrews PS pupils and staff for raising £500 for St Mary's restoration Fund.

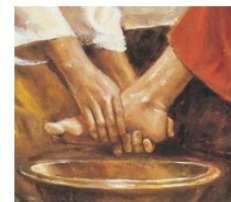
A thank you to those who anonymously gifted £150 worth of vouchers for the Rep. These will be raffled over the next couple of weeks.

Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 29th Nov.**

**Diocesan Advent Retreat Day
Saturday 7 December 2024**

There will be a Diocesan Advent Retreat Day at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, St Mary's Forebank, Church Hall, Forebank Road, Dundee, DD1 2PB on Saturday 7 December from 10am until 3pm. The keynote address will be given by Bishop Andrew McKenzie. Come and enjoy an Advent day with us. Sign up for a place at StAndrew@dunkelldiocese.org.uk or leave a message on 01382 275539. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.

Lochee Harp FC Christmas Toy Appeal

Lochee Harp are once again appealing for the donation of suitable toys and gifts for their annual Christmas Toy Appeal in aid St Mary's PS.

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.

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



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>

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.



Tues 26th Nov	2.30pm	leader Ged Fitzpatrick location meeting room in Parish house.
Wed 27th Nov	10.30am	leader Anne Creegan location meeting room in Parish house
Wed 27th Nov	2.30 pm	leader Cormac Andrews location at home phone 07817160513
Thurs 28th Nov	11.00 am	leader Moira Leck location meeting room in Parish house
Sat 30 th Nov	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.
Date / location tbc leader Gary Blyth		

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

One week left 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

The next fundraiser for St Mary's Restoration Fund is the Ceilidh on Friday 30th November starting at 7pm. Tickets are now available at the back of the church priced £10 or via 07552 920740

The Staffin Island Ceilidh band will once again keep us entertained with wonderful music and dancing.

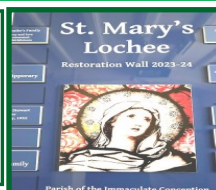


Thanks to all of those who donate food and toiletries for distribution from the Church House Door. Please don't be shy to approach a member of **The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP)** or Fr Jim in confidence. May God bless your generosity and ministry.



St Mary's 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.



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..

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)

Lochee Community Christmas Celebrations

Wednesday 27th Nov starting at 6pm
in Lochee Parish Church
with switching on of the Lights at 7pm
followed by refreshments in St Mary's Church Hall.

All are very welcome.

Last weekend Benito and myself attended a Seminary Applicants Weekend in Shoentatt Retreat Centre, Milton of Campsie. This is the 3rd (and last) SAW that Benito has attended, they are designed to help those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Benito will now have an extended pastoral experience period in the diocese. Please continue to keep him and anyone else thinking about the priesthood in your prayers.