



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."

8th Dec, 2nd Sunday in Advent—Year C

First Reading—Baruch 5:1-9
God will show your splendour

Responsorial Psalm

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad

Second Reading—Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 3:1-6

All flesh shall see the salvation of God

Advanced notice: Christmas Eve Mass 7pm preceded by Carols at 6.30pm; Christmas Day Mass 10.30am.

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

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

Mon - Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception 10am Mass (with School), 5pm Mass followed by refreshments and Carols in Hall

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Becky Davidson, Chris Fairweather, Barbara Simpson, Albert Buchanan and Ann Gunning; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gillian Ballard, Frank Joyce and James Low. **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: Ann Fyfe, Betty Baily, Marion Brannan, 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.

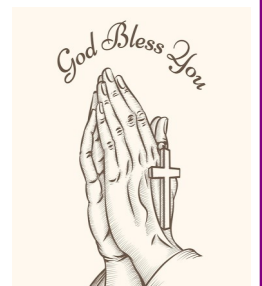
Funerals:

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

Barbara Simpson, Dundee Crematorium, Mon 16th at 12.30pm

Albert Buchanan, Funeral Mass, Thurs 19th at 10am, Dundee Crematorium, 11.30am.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
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: £1598

Restoration Fund: £1024

Last weeks Second Collection for the **Poor Mission Fund £258**

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, Patricia Stevenson (105).

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



St Vincent De Paul

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.

and
pray for us.

St Margaret of Scotland



Dates for your calendar:

Patronal Feast—Feast of the Immaculate Conception—this Monday 9th—Masses at 10am and 5pm.

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

Dunkeld Serra Vocations Mass and Holy Hour— Tuesday 17th December. Holy Hour at 6pm followed by Holy Mass at 7pm. All most welcome to either or both.

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 5th January, 2025

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:

Cathedral Dinner for those 18-35 will be a Christmas Cathedral Ceilidh! It will take place this **Sunday 8th December, at 7pm**, just after the 6pm 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@dunkelldiocese.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.

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



Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 13th December.**

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.

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.



We've had some great fundraising thanks to our supporters on #easyfundraising! Because of you we raised £32.79 in the last 30 days! If you're not signed up yet, please join today and raise free donations every time you shop online for Christmas. Every donation counts!

Sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-marys-lochee-restoration-fund/7a4r01/c2s/FZ9Up2Ac/CE957/facebook/>

The Season of Advent...

...is 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. We will also use the Apostles Creed.

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.

St Mary's, Lochee Penitential Service

(incorporating First Reconciliation)

on Tuesday 10th Dec at 6pm.

Multiple Priests providing opportunity for Individual Confession.

Thanks to those who have donated money to help those less fortunate over the Christmas period. This will be used to supply food at St Mary's Church Door, and to provide families with a little comfort (through the SVDP) over Christmas.

Thanks also to the Knights of Malta (in conjunction with Primark) who, once again, have provided thermal underwear and toiletries. If you are in need please don't be embarrassed just speak with Fr Jim or any member of the SVDP.

Thanks also to all those who are donating socks for the homeless.

Thanks also to Mary Brannan for donating two TV's, an urn, glasses, mugs, jugs, etc. This will all be put to good use in the hall and church house.

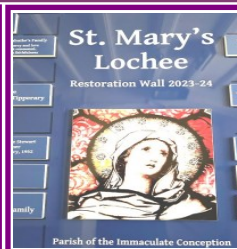
May St Margaret of Scotland intercede for benefactors and recipients alike.



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>



Restoration Bricks still available. Application Forms in the foyer.

St Mary's Christmas Socks Appeal for homeless men—Box in Church Foyer.

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 Advent 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	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	12.00	leader Wendy Sinclair location Church hall/ Parish House.
Mon	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)

From the First Sunday of Advent the Church we have been using the 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 a new Missal, however, if you feel that you must have one please speak with Ann Creegan in the Repository.

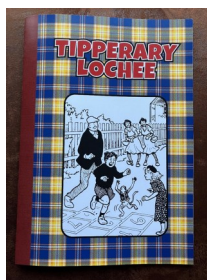


A LOAF A WEEK?

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...

ON SALE HERE



Step Back in Time into Lochee of Old
Real Characters from the Day
True Stories
(As seen on YouTube - Konglomerate games)
Perfect as a Stocking Filler or a First Foot
Only 40/-
(or £2 to the young ones)

All proceeds to the Restoration Fund

The Parish of St Mary the Immaculate Conception, Dundee

Don't carry cash but want to make a donation?

Scan this QR code with your phone to make a donation. If you are a UK taxpayer you can also Gift Aid your donation and we will be able to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate.



This parish is a Parish of the Diocese of Dunkeld, a Designated Religious Charity, Number SC001810

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.

