



# 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."

## 29th Dec, The Holy Family—Year C

**First Reading—1 Samuel 1:20-28**

**'Samuel, as long as he lives, is lent to the Lord.'**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

**Second Reading—Colossians 3:12-21**

**Behold, I have come to do your will.**

**Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our hearts' O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

**Gospel—Luke 2:41-52**

**Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers.**

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**Vigil (New Year's Eve) 11pm Mass preceded by Taize Prayers for Peace at 10.30pm; preceded by refreshments. New Years Day 10.30am Mass (World Day of Prayer for Peace).**

## 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**

**Tues, New Years Eve Vigil 11pm for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.**

**Wed 10.30am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**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: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Billy Barry, Janice Copeland, , Bobby Gardiner, Kirsty Gilmartin, Ann Kelly, Wilma Nelson, Robert Pankhurst, and Ann Reilly; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: , Mary Warden, Joseph Convery, James Gilchrist, Betty Gilchrist, Graham Gilchrist, Kerry McFadyen, Ricardo Bareja, Adoracion Eljamel, May Rorke, Maud Hearn, Mark Hearn, Harry Grieve Snr, Betty Feeney, Tom Naughton, Mary Bryon, Emily Heston, Ged Mulholland, Nora & Henry Mulholland, and Nessie Blyth. **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: Alex Findlay, Karl Mercier, Ann Fyfe, Betty Baily, Marion Brannan, Bobby Gardiner, Anne Reilly, Maureen Crighton, Jan Sturrock, Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Marlene Kelly, Harry Hill, Wendy Birnie, Janice Copeland, Frances McKernie, Andrew Lynch, Margaret Turner, Susan Ramsay, Agnes Milne, Jim Murray, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock, Kate Cuthill, Hannah Rayo, 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: Wilma Nelson, 12 Noon Funeral Service, Fri 3rd January, 2025; Kirsty Gilmartin, 2.15pm Funeral Mass Friday 10th January conducted by Canon Kevin Golden; Ann Reilly, 10am Funeral Mass Mon 13th January;**

**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: £1623 (plus £500 Chq Donation) **Restoration Fund: £526** (including £260 from 100 Club). **Christmas Hampers Raffle** total raised £203 (Many thanks to the lady who donated both these beautiful hampers). **Christmas Collections Totals** in next week's newsletter.

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.

**SCIAF mini sales** during Advent raised £1560. Many thanks to Ann Creegan and her team for this remarkable effort.

**St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club:** Congratulations to this week's winner, John Matheson (98).

**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**



On behalf of Benito and myself, many thanks to all those who kindly handed in cards and gifts, as well as the many good wishes and prayers that we have received. It's always humbling at this time of the year to experience your generosity and thoughtfulness. May God bless your generosity, and keep you safe this New Year.

### **Dates for your calendar:**

**Burns Afternoon Tea** Saturday 25th January 2-4pm

**In her Majesty's Service**—a talk by former Royal Security Officer Alex Garty accompanied by Derek Potter former Royal Piper—Friday 7th February

**St Mary's Strictly Come Dancing** Friday 28th February

**Holmes on the Hilltoon**—another comedy play 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 preceded by Holy Hour). Next Serra Mass, Tues 14th Jan.

**Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass** (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, Sunday 19th January, 2025

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

### **Diocesan Events:**

**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** 2025 pilgrimage to Lourdes from 7th to 14th July 2025. For further information please email dunkeld@pobox.com or phone 07801 227 443

**Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**, 5th to 12th September 2025, 4 nights in Rome & 3 in Assisi. The cost of the trip will be approximately £1,600 per person, with a single-room supplement of £168. If you would like further information, or to register your interest, please contact Jim McKelvie by email [j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk](mailto:j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk) or by phone [07957 847290](tel:07957847290).

Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to [stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.**



\*\*\*\*\*Seasons Greetings\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Fr Jim and all the parishioners of St Mary's, Lochee. Wishing you all a holy and happy Christmas and every blessing for a peaceful new year. I am remembering you all in prayer here in the city of the tombs of the apostles, Peter and Paul, that the Lord may bless you and keep you. Fr Mark

**This Christmas St Mary's witnessed a remarkable outpouring of charity/Christ's Love.**

As well as the bags of toiletries and thermals from the Knights of St Malta, the Fire Brigade handed in 6 electric blankets and 20 boxes of food; the Salvation Army donated 53 bags of toys, and St John's High School donated 100 bags of shopping. As well as a good number of individually wrapped Selection Boxes, Gift Bags and Hampers donated by parishioners. We have also had a £300 donation from Lochee Harp towards food for the poor. Other cash donations have been exchanged for food vouchers for families. Thanks to all those who have contributed to this outpouring of care.

The Saint Vincent De Paul Society have done a wonderful job in getting the majority of these donations out to people so that they can have the basics (and a little bit of joy) at Christmas.

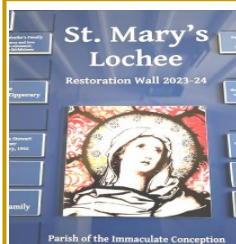
We have also had a phone call of thanks from the Salvation Army for the winter socks.



St Marys Lochee Restoration Fund—registered with Easy Fundraising. Raise Free donations with your shop. Sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-marys-lochee-restoration-fund/7a4r01/c2s/FZ9Up2Ac/CE957/> [facebook/](#)

**Thanks to all those who have used their loaf to bring a loaf for the school children.**

Given the school holidays no further bread is required at this time.



**Restoration Bricks** still available. Application Forms in the foyer.

**Conversations in the Spirit**

**Small Groups**

Thanks to all those who hosted and/or led these groups. These small groups have proven very useful throughout the world, and feedback from our own groups has been positive.



Through rooting the discussions in prayer, respectful listening and concise speaking the Holy Spirit directly influences the topic under consideration. Thus helping us to discern where God's calling us individually and as a parish.

Small Groups also deepen the bond of Christian friendship between participants. More to come throughout Lent...

**BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND STATEMENT ON SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ENDING THE TWO-CHILD BENEFIT CAP, 9TH DECEMBER, 2024**

The Catholic Bishops of Scotland have welcomed the Scottish Government's vow to lift the two-child benefit cap, which could potentially result in benefits being paid out to families of 15,000 children. The bishops look forward to seeing more detail on how the Scottish Government intends to lift the cap and hope that it will be lifted as quickly as possible to allow more children and families to receive support they so badly need.

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

**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

**Whole School Mass led by P6's**

—Monday 6th January at 10am. Please come along and show your prayerful support of the pupils and teachers at the beginning of the Holy Year of Hope.

**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.



## Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



Pope Francis pauses in prayer on the threshold of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Dec. 24, 2024, after he opened it and inaugurated the Holy Year 2025. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

Bishop Andrew will celebrate Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year, at St Andrew's Cathedral on **Sunday 29 December 2024** at 11am.

The Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee presents each one of us with an opportunity to reignite the flame of our faith in our own hearts and in our parishes and to share the light of faith with those who do not know Christ. The Year of Jubilee invites us to embrace the hope we find in the resurrection of Jesus. With that hope we take up our calling to renew and rebuild our sense of faith, and our mission to love and serve one another. For more information, please see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

## Restoration Update

The preparatory work for the Start Date of January 6th has begun. In the process the outside of the church has been brushed removing loose debris and

stone, as well as scaffolding erected around the tower which has allowed a major Perspex window guard to be reinstated. Please keep this whole project in prayer.



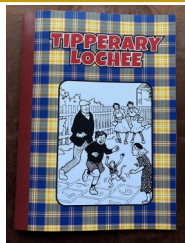
## ON SALE HERE

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Real Characters from the Day  
True Stories

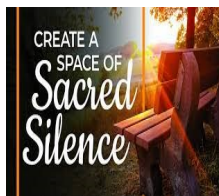
(As seen on YouTube -  
Konglomerate games)

Perfect as a Stocking Filler or a First Foot  
Only 40/-  
(or £2 to the young ones)

**All proceeds to the Restoration Fund**



**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.



**Don't miss 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.