

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."

19th January, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Year—C

First Reading—Isaiah 62:1-5

The Lord delights in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Second Reading—Corinthians 12:4-11

The one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel—John: 2:1-11

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.

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: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 18; Corinthians 12:12-30; Like 1:1-14, 4:14-18



After Monday Mass, a cup of tea will be served in the church foyer. All are welcome for some company.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Margaret Turner, Andre Prea and Tom McCarthy; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Inglis, Andrew Cord, Dorothy Gardiner, Annie Crowe, Rod Johnston, Ken Brannan, Mary Donnelly, Vicenta Bareja, Jane Murray, Martin Lamond, Jim Traynor, Kathleen Traynor, Clem Forbes and Kathleen Murray. **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: Pat Jordan, Helen Madden, Karl Mercier, Maureen Crighton, Jan Sturrock, Gerry Mulrooney, Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Marlene Kenny, Susan Ramsay, Andrew Lynch, James Murray, Agnes Milne, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock 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: Joyce Galloway, Dundee Crematorium, Thurs 23rd Jan at 3.30pm.

Sheila Robertson, St Bride's Monifieth, Thurs 30th Jan at 10am Mass (Mgr Aldo will cover 10am Mass in St Mary's).

May their souls rest in the peace of Christ.

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

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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: £1,556 Restoration Fund: £192 (including £167 from Ann Reilly's Funeral)

5th January's Collection: £1967 (including £350 donation) **Restoration Fund: £220 Justice & Peace: £239.**

Special Collections for the year list available at the back of the Church.

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, Cath Naughton (79).

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

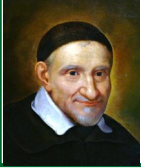
Dear Lord, thank you for providing for the needs of the parish,
please keep us focused on your real treasure living amongst us: the poor.

St Vincent De Paul

and

St Margaret of Scotland

pray for us.



Dates for your calendar:

Taize Evening—this Thursday 23th January at 6.30pm

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

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes—Mass on Tuesday 11th February at 7pm celebrating The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. All most welcome.

St Mary's Strictly Come Dancing—Date to be arranged.

Parish Lenten Retreat Day—Saturday 8th March led by Alex Holmes (Christian Meditation and Calais Volunteer).

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 2nd February, 2025

Dunkeld Serra Mass: (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm preceded by Holy Hour). Note date 18th February (3rd Tue).

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 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

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 or by phone 07957 847290.



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.

St Mary's Primary School Minnie Vinnie's Group are organising a non-uniform day to raise money for shopping to be distributed at the Church Door. Thanks to Mrs Gauld for coordinating this.



If you would like to donate food for distribution at the Church door please consider dropping any of these items in the baskets in the Church foyer: UHT milk, Cereals, Biscuits, Coffee, Tea, Tinned Milk Puddings, tinned fruit, tinned curries, tinned ham.
May God bless your generosity and ministry.

In a homily given in 1978, Archbishop Romero urged communities and individuals to recognize how their actions had the power to convert and transform the world:

A Christian community is evangelized in order to evangelize. A light is turned on in order to give light. "People do not light a candle and put it under a basket," said Christ. "They light it and put it up high so that it gives light" (Matthew 5:15). That is true community. A community is a group of women and men who have found the truth in Christ and in his Gospel and join together to follow the way of truth more resolutely. It is not just a matter of individual conversion but of community conversion. A community is a family that believes; it is a group where each member accepts God and feels strengthened by the others. In their moments of weakness, they help one another and love one another; they shed the light of their faith as an example for others. When that happens, the preachers no longer need to preach because there are Christians whose very lives have become a form of preaching.

Aid to the Church in Need: Scottish Conference 'Courage to be Catholic

Sat 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm



Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build the Catholic community.

Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.

Vocations Evening with Bishop Andrew McKenzie, Fr Jim Walls (Vocations Director) and Fr Malcolm Hutchison (newest priest of the Diocese) on Sunday (2nd February) in St Andrew's Cathedral Hall at 7pm. Anyone interested in the priesthood is welcome to attend.

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

The Alpha course concludes with a Holy Spirit Day in Kinnoull Monastery this Saturday followed by the final session on Sunday 19th January after Mass in the Church House Meeting Room.



Tea and Coffee

Filled Rolls and Cakes

plus children's play area after Mass every Sunday.

Come along and enjoy the company



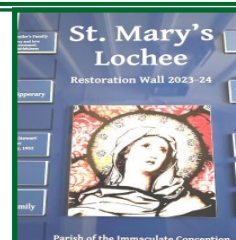
Please act now! Respond to UK Parliament Committee call for evidence on dangerous assisted suicide. As Christians we must do all we can to save lives.

Whilst this Bill applies to England & Wales, its outcome will undoubtedly have an impact on whether Scotland decides to go down the same road, especially with a similar Bill currently making its way through the Scottish Parliament. It is important, therefore, that Scottish voices are heard in this debate and that Scottish MPs engage with the Bill.

More information from this website: <https://mailchi.mp/carenokilling/act-fast-call-for-evidence-on-leadbeater-bill?e=04916914cb>

Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 24th Jan 2025**

Restoration Bricks still available. Application Forms in the 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.

Glancing Thoughts—Gifts for Everybody

The Second Reading is about gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is itself a gift of the Lord's; and when the Holy Spirit fills a person, then the Spirit brings with it other gifts as well. Some of these gifts are given only to some people. The gifts mentioned in the Second Reading are special gifts of this sort. But there are other gifts of the Holy Spirit that are not like this. They are given to everyone who lives in grace, and they are always present in every one of God's people. You already have all that is most precious to you.

The list of these gifts can be found in Isaiah 11:2-3. Traditionally, the Church has identified seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in this list. Four of them are gifts for the mind: wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge. And three of them are gifts for the heart or will: piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord.

These ordinary gifts are like the roots of a great tree in the soul of a person. They nourish the soul, and they result in a person's flourishing, in his bearing fruit for the Lord.

Because the gifts are in each of God's people always, so are the fruits of the Holy Spirit that arise from gifts. Traditionally, the Church has taken there to be twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit, a list developed from a slightly shorter list in Galatians 5:22-23.

The list of the fruits of the Holy Spirit begins with these five: love, joy, peace, patience, and long-suffering.

A person who has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him has intimately united with him his beloved Lord. And that is why love is the first fruit of the Holy Spirit. Joy follows, because of the presence of the beloved. And peace comes next. If you are your beloved's and he is yours (Song of Songs 2:16), then you can be at peace. You already have all that is most precious to you. And that is why you can have patience and long-suffering too. The hard things of the world are easier to endure if your love loves you and is with you.

So some people have the gift of prophecy, and others don't. But no one of the Lord's people lacks love, joy, and peace. That is why the Lord says about his people, "by their fruits you will know them. (Mt 7:20)

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Conversations in the Spirit Groups Gathering

Thursday 31st January at 6.30pm in Church Hall, for all those who were involved in our Advent Conversation in the Spirit Groups, and anyone who would like to be involved.

This evening will reflect on our experience of the groups and where we go from here in the Spirit. All are called and welcome. Fr Jim



Explore - Discernment Group for Young Women 2025

To register or find out more about exploring religious life, please email Sr Mirjam on: religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

The First one takes place on 26 January, 4-7pm, at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh. The series continues on the last Sunday of each month, same time and venue.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"An astonishing book...about suffering and dignity, death and resurrection, one of my favorite books in years. It is lovely and tough and tender beyond my ability to describe and left me in tears of both sorrow and laughter." —Anne Lamott, author of *Grace (Eventually)*

Tattoos on the Heart

THE POWER OF
BOUNDLESS COMPASSION



Gregory Boyle
Founder of Homeboy Industries

Winner of the 2011 PEN Center USA Literary Award for Creative Nonfiction

Book of the Week -
Fr Greg Boyle
S.J.'s
Tattoos on the Heart—The Power of Boundless Compassion.

For anyone who wants to read about the Kingdom of God blossoming in the heart of LA.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18 - 25 JANUARY 2025



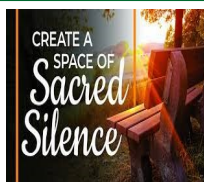
Taize Evening and Prayer Around the Cross

Thursday 23th January

Starts 6.30pm

Come along and Worship

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