

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."

26th January, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Year—C

First Reading—Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of the Law, and gave the meaning.

Responsorial Psalm

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life

Second Reading—Corinthians 12:12-30

You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 1:1-14, 4:14-21

Today this Scripture has been fulfilled.

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: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 23; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40



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: Kathleen Thomson, Alex Brash, Jean Gatfield, William McGoldrick, Sheila Richardson, Margaret Malcolm and Ann Golden; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Agnes Malone, Christine McCrudden, Joselito San Luis, Jill Brogan, Anne McCluskey, Deacon Tom Clark, Trixie Findlay, Lisa Misteri, Pearl Hearn, Tracey Foran, Amedeo Rocco Pietro Soave, Fr John Harty, and George Donnelly. **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: Kasun Srimal, Stuart Clarkson, Tricia Henderson, Wendy Birnie, Frances McKernie, Pat Jordan, Helen Madden, Karl Mercier, Maureen Crighton, Veronica Hart, 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 intercede for them.

Please send any names for these lists to the parish email address or add them to the list in foyer.

Funerals: Sheila Richardson, St Bride's Monifieth, Thurs 30th Jan at 10am Mass (Mgr Aldo will cover 10am Mass in St Mary's); **Margaret Malcolm**, SCD Service Rooms South Rd, Mon 10th Feb at 12.30

Jean Gatfield, St Mary's, 10am Funeral Mass, Thurs 13th Feb; **Kathleen Thomson**, 10am Funeral Mass, Tues 18th Feb

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

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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: £1661 (includes £115 from Day at Kinnoul)

Restoration Fund: £462 (Donations: includes £191 Maureen Murray's 80th Birthday)

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, Melissa San Luis (108).

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.

A running total of **SCIAF** and **Mary's Meals** donations will be provided by Ann Creegan on a regular basis.

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

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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:

On Her Majesty's Service—Friday 7th February 7pm, Church Hall. Alex Garty MVO and Pipe Major Derek Potter RVM provide fascinating insights into their respective careers from their Lochee roots to the British Army leading to their own personal service within the Royal Household. **Tickets £7.** On Sale at the back of the church and online using Eventbrite—<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/on-her-majestys-service-tickets-1151497402729?aff=oddtcreator>

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.

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

HCPT (Group 140) Fundraising Night with Paul Sullivan and Guests—Friday March 21st 7pm; Tx £7 from Lynn Smith

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 16th February

Taizé Holy Hour: (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Taizé Prayer, Thursday, 27th February

Diocesan Events:

Italian Mass—Sunday 26th January, 5pm at St Brides, Brook Street Monifieth.

World Day Celebrating Consecrated Life Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral at 1pm, Monday 3 February. All welcome.

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. Approx. £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.

GRIEF TO GRACE - A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse - 29th April to 4th May 2025 - Perth

Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: **Grief to Grace (Scotland) at**

margaret.clarke@griefftograceuk.org

Pope Francis has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction by President Biden:

"Pope Francis, your humility and your grace are beyond words, and your love for all is unparalleled.

As the People's Pope, you are a light of faith, hope, and love that shines brightly across the world."

Today, it was my honor to award His Holiness Pope Francis the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction."



Conversations in the Spirit Groups Gathering

Thursday 30th 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

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.

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



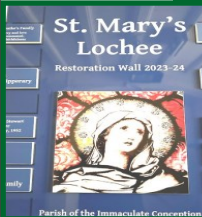
Sat 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build the Catholic community. Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.

Please come along and help with the church cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 31st Jan 2025. Many hands make light work.**

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>



Restoration Bricks still available. Application Forms in the foyer.

RSCM Scottish Voices
Choral Evensong, St Salvador's Episcopal Church, Dundee
Saturday 15th Feb at 4pm.
All welcome



Tea and Coffee
Filled Rolls and Cakes
plus children's play area after Mass every Sunday.
Come along and enjoy the company



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.

What is a Jubilee Year? In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.



How often is a Jubilee Year? A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470, when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years. A Pope can also proclaim an Extraordinary Jubilee, like the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which Pope Francis inaugurated in 2015.

What is the theme of the Jubilee Year in 2025? The theme is Pilgrims of Hope.

Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

When does the Jubilee Year start and finish? The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on 6 January 2026.

What is the Biblical background for the Jubilee Year?

The word Jubilee comes from the Hebrew word *yobel*, which is a ram's horn. This wind instrument is blown to mark the start of a Jubilee Year in the Bible (Leviticus 25:9). In the Bible the Jubilee Year occurred every 50 years and involved the cancelling of debts, a period of rest for people and the earth, and land being restored to the landless.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus makes clear his own mission is to bring Jubilee. In the synagogue at Nazareth he reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favour: The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour." (Luke 4:18-19)

After reading, Jesus announces: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus shows us what God's Kingdom of justice, compassion and freedom looks like. He invites us join him in making it a reality.

What does the Catholic Church say about debt and the Jubilee Year?

We now face the most acute global debt crisis in history with 3.3 billion people living in countries that spend more on debt servicing than on health, education or climate measures. Despite facing significant poverty burdens, countries are having to make huge repayments on high-interest loans to wealthy banks, institutions and governments, leaving them unable to properly fund essential services. An important part of the Jubilee tradition was the cancellation of debts, giving those who had become overwhelmed by unpayable debts a fresh start (Deuteronomy 15). Pope Francis has identified debt cancellation as a vital element of 2025 Jubilee celebrations saying: "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice." CAFOD will be pressing the UK government for [action to address the debt crisis](#) throughout 2025.

What is the Papal Bull of Indiction? The term 'bull' originates from the lead seal, known as bulla in Latin. It refers to a Papal decree which outlines the purpose and spirit of the Holy Year.

What does the Papal Bull for the 2025 Jubilee Year tell us? The Bull is titled "Spes non confundit" (Hope does not disappoint) and urges us to [look for signs of hope in the world around us](#) and work for peace and justice. In the document Pope Francis writes: "If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry." (#16)

What is a Holy Door? A Holy Door is one of the usually sealed entrances that lead into the major basilicas of Rome. The beginning of the Jubilee Year is marked by the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. It is only during a Jubilee Year that these doors are opened.

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope, 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. He asks us all to join in a great "symphony of prayer", "to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him". ***"Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life." Pope Francis***

Symphony of prayer and praise: A prayer for the Year of Prayer

God of blessings,
in this year ahead,
give us a spirit of listening,
of openness to your word
and longing for your kingdom.

As we journey toward the Jubilee,

a time of new beginnings,
we pray for help and strength,
to heal our relationships with each
other and all creation.

Sing your song of love over us,
renewing our faith and courage,
so we may join our voices together,
discovering new harmonies of hope,

new melodies of reconciliation

Attentive to the Spirit,
and awake to the needs of the world,
may we seek your life-giving presence,
as we join as one global family,
in a great symphony of prayer and
praise.

Amen.

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.

