

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.

12th January, The Baptism of the Lord—Year C

First Reading—Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading—Acts 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, Alleluia! The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: ‘This is my beloved Son; listen to him’. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.

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: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; Corinthians 12:4-11; John: 2:1-12

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Alyson Kane, Morag Ross, Ann Fyffe, Gilbert McFadyen, and Ann Reilly; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Susan Cassidy, Clare Nichol, Grace Keenan, Gary Strachan, Alexander Lowden, Catherine Lowden, Rena Mulreany, Joseph Reilly, Mary Reilly, William Logan, George Donnelly, and Agnes Donnachie. **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: Karl Mercier, Maureen Crighton, Jan Sturrock, Gerry Mulrooney, Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Marlene Kenny, Margaret Turner, 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:

Ann Reilly, 10am Funeral Mass Mon 13th January

Anniversary Mass—Tuesday 14th January at 1pm in St Andrews Cathedral will be offered for Bishop Vincent Logan to mark the anniversary of his death. All are welcome to attend.

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 £1967 (including donation of £350) **Restoration Fund** £220

Last weeks second collection for the work of Justice and Peace Scotland £239

Special Collections for the year list available shortly.

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, Peter Smith (44). Many thanks to everyone who supports the 100 Club to help the Restoration Fund. In 2024 the sum of £3,275 was raised.

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:

Dunkeld Serra Mass—This Tuesday 14th January, Mass at 7pm preceded by the holy hour at 6pm. All most welcome.

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—Date to be rearranged.

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).

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.



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

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.

[End the British Government's cruel two-child benefit cap – SPUC](#)

Extracts from letter from +Archbishop Nolan (President J&P Scotland)

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

If the Church cannot offer people hope then the Church has nothing to offer. We live in a world where injustice is common place and peace is sadly lacking. As we look at the many trouble spots around the globe, where there is war and conflict, death and destruction, misery inflicted on so many people, it is easy to lose hope. Some conflicts never seem to go away, they may die down for a while but then they flare up again: some enemies never seem capable of making peace. It is in this world that we have to offer people hope: hope that comes from Christ. For God alone is our hope and the hope of the world. That hope comes through forgiveness. God's forgiveness of us and our forgiveness of others.

We live in an imperfect world full of imperfect people. The failings of nations and of individuals mean we come constantly face to face with injustice. Only if we forgive their failings can there be any hope of being at peace with others. To bring the hope of Christ into the world is quite a challenge, for what we are seeking is a change of heart: a change of our own heart not just a change of other people's hearts. It means bearing the pain of injustice with the same compassion with which Christ endured his own pain. "Father forgive them" was his prayer from the cross. May we, the Church, bring hope to the world by bringing it the forgiveness for which Christ prayed. May I wish you God's blessing and every peace in the year ahead,

+William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow, President of Justice & Peace Scotland

Full letter can be read using this link—[Justice & Peace Scotland > Home](#)

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 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

There is a mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with Holy Mass at **7pm on Tuesday 11th of February** in St Mary's Lochee. All are most welcome to come along.

The Alpha course concludes with a Holy Spirit Day in Kinnoull Monastery on Saturday 18th January, 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.

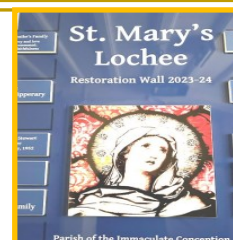


Come along and enjoy the company

Thanks to the family who donated the ballet tickets for the Edinburgh Playhouse. The sale of the tickets raised £112 for St Mary's Restoration Fund.

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—Here and Now

When the Lord was baptized, a voice came from heaven saying “This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there?

But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are *there then*. What about everybody else? Surely it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God’s beloved Son.

And the same sort of puzzle arises from the First Reading. It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were *there then*. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn’t Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed?

And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ, *God shows that he is committed to the good of particularity*.

God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all humankind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there.

So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But where the Lord is concerned, you stand out as the particular person you are. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him.

But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but *you*—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you. Come as yourself, as you are, *here and now*.

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Thank you to everyone who is supporting us for free on #easyfundraising. Your continued support means the world to us! If you’ve not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations for St Mary’s Lochee Restoration Fund every time you shop online this year! Over 8,000 retailers like eBay, Argos, Marks and Spencer, John Lewis & Partners, Etsy, Tesco and Just Eat will donate at no extra cost to you. Plus, sign up today and we could win a £250 donation: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-marys-lochee-restoration-fund/7a4r01/c2s/72uMeock/CE947/facebook/>

Explore - Discernment Group for Young Women 2025

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh.

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.

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

Conversations in the Spirit Small Groups

Thanks to all those who hosted and/or led these groups.

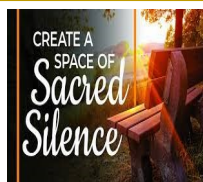
These small groups have proven very useful throughout the world, and feedback from our own groups has been positive.

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.



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.



THE MADILA CATHEDRAL

MEANING OF THE LOGO of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION
SECTION FOR FUNDAMENTAL
QUESTIONS REGARDING
EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

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