

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.

9th March, 1st Sunday of Lent—C

First Reading—Deuteronomy 26:4-10—The confession of faith of the chosen people.

Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress

Second Reading—Deuteronomy 26:4-10—

The confession of faith of believers in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation—Praise to you, O Christ. King of Eternal Glory...rpt. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ. King of Eternal Glory...rpt.

Gospel—Luke 4:1-13—Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 26; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Alex Findlay, Arthur McEwan, Alex Forrester, Sr Hildegard Walls, Noel Villena, and Nova Villena; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: W. Bird, Richard Hauadg, Mike Thompson, Alan Timmons, James Timmons, Helen Timmons, Andrew Bourke, Gerard Cabrelli, Gordon Geeves, Mary & Frank McCabe, Scott Brady, Dorothy & Arnold Brady, Mark Brady, Helen & George Scroggie. **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: Kevin & Catherine Hannigan, Tricia Henderson, Stephen (Jean), Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Wendy Birnie, Harry Hill, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock, Kate Cuthill, Gerry Rooney, Tony Carroll, Evelyn Pacione, Angela Rae, Liam Markie, Maureen Gibson, Ina Shanks and Christopher Pryce (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: Sr Hildegard Walls OSM, Mar 27th, St Catherine's, A&B;

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

Weds 10am Eucharistic Service

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11am

Saturday 3.30pm-4pm

9.15am Stations of the Cross each weekday.

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

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.
Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.
Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in
ex-cél-sis.

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AGNUS DEI

A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

The above 2 Mass parts will be used during Lent.

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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: £1647

Restoration Fund: £292

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, Emily Murphy (65).

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

St Margaret of Scotland

pray for us.



Dates for your calendar:

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

Holy Week—Dates for Diary: Holy Thursday 17th April; Good Friday 18th April; Easter Vigil 19th April and Easter Sun 20th April.

Holmes on the Hilltoon—another comedy by Gerry Fulton—Friday May 9th, 2025

Johnny Mack -Vocalist/Entertainer—Saturday 7th June

St Mary's Pilgrimages—Jim Murphie is kindly looking into pilgrimages to St Andrew's Cathedral, St Margaret's Dunfermline, Balmerino Abbey, and Carfin during this Holy Year. Please watch this space for more details...

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 March, 2025

Dunkeld Serra Mass: (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm preceded by Holy Hour) Next, 11th March, 2025

Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, 16th March, 2025

Taizé Holy Hour: (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Taizé Prayer, Thursday, 27th March, 2025

Diocesan Events:

Our Lady of Good Council, Broughty Ferry—Monday 10th March at 6.30pm. If you missed the parish Lenten retreat on Sat 8th, Alex Homes is speaking on Monday evening and leading the Lenten reflections, highlighting some of his experiences with the Calais migrants, followed by refreshments and chance to speak to Alex and ask questions. 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 runs from 7th to 14th July 2025. For further information please email dunkeld@pobox.com or phone 07801 227 443

St Clements/St Ninian's - There will be an information meeting on Monday 24th March at 7pm in St Clements Hall for anyone interested in joining us. **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sunday 24th—Thursday 28th August 2025. 4 nights/5 days ex Edinburgh to Croatia. Cost based on two sharing. £690. Single supplement £225. If you would like more details please contact Fr Johnney 07831 580361, or Bernadette Dailly 07919106129 Bdailly@btinternet.com or Therese Devlin 07813 051689 email: therese@devlinproperties.com



Baptism Preparation.....the start of a life giving process... Continues this Sunday 9th March.

Final session on 16th March.

The sessions will be held after the 10.30 Mass in the parish church house.

If you would like to know more about having your child baptised please contact Stella Andrews on andrews24@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 07817160513.

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.

Also, if you are in need please don't hesitate to be in touch with any member of the SVDP or Fr Jim.



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.



This sounds like a very worthwhile event it would be good to go through as a group. Please consider this...

Justice and Peace Scotland, March-May 2025 newsletter.

Catch up with all the latest activities, campaigning and events across the J&P network. The latest edition includes a report from the recent Holy Land Coordination trip, and details of petitions to support over debt justice in this Jubilee Year and the need for the Scottish Government to revitalise their actions on climate commitments. Available at <https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/#1037>



Tea and Coffee

Filled Rolls and Cakes



plus children's play area after Mass every Sunday.

Refreshments also after Mass Mondays and Fridays.

Come along and enjoy the company.

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**

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The Parish of St. Mary's Lochee would like to formally thank the National Churches Trust for its grants towards the Church's urgent and essential repairs.

We're funding repairs to your church.

The most important dates in a Christian's Year.

Lent is our preparation for Holy Week which runs from 13th April (Palm Sunday) to 20th April (Easter Sunday). Please move mountains to celebrate this with your Christian Family here in St Mary's.

Holy Week Timeline



Palm SUNDAY



Maundy THURSDAY



Good FRIDAY



Holy SATURDAY



Easter SUNDAY

Dunkeld Lourdes Service

Fundraising Ball

Sat 26th April 2025, Apex Hotel, Dundee

For further details please contact Ruth Anne on 07801227443

Many thanks to Arnold, Dan and Cecilia Mendosa who spent several hours during the week getting to grips with and sorting the computer/projector power point system. The parish relies on good people to volunteer their skills and time.



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—Bread and Stones

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus has not eaten for forty days in the desert, and he feels the whole forty days' worth of hunger. That's a lot of hunger! At that point, Satan comes to him in the desert and urges him to turn stones into bread so that Jesus has something to eat.

Now there's nothing good about hunger, and there's nothing bad about bread. On the contrary, Jesus himself commands us to pray for bread daily.

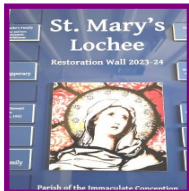
And there is no question about the fact that Jesus has the power to provide bread for himself. He can turn water into wine, and he can stop being hungry by turning stones into bread. As far as that goes, Jesus himself tells us that if a son asks his father for bread, no good father will give him a stone. (Lk.11:11) So Jesus could get bread from stones just by asking his father, who is God and good, to give him bread.

Why doesn't Jesus do so? And what are we to make of the line with which Jesus refuses Satan's suggestion: people do not live by bread alone? If I suggest that you might like some ham, what sense does it make for you to tell me that people do not live by ham alone?

Notice, though, that that line does make sense if what you are telling me is that you are full. In another Gospel, Jesus says, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Jesus himself is the Word of God, and he came into the desert filled with the Spirit of God (Lk. 4:1). Even though he is hungry after so long a fast, then, there is another sense in which he really is full.

Jesus' rejection of Satan's urging gives us a pattern for our lives too. In our suffering, when those things we think we need in order to live are denied us, we do not have to be desperate. When we are hungry for what we do not have because our Father God has not given it, we still have the Word of God, which comes into us and can fill us. Jesus, who is the stone—the cornerstone—of the Church, is our bread at the same time. And so we can be like him: full, even when, in the stony parts of our lives, we are hungry, too.

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Restoration Bricks
Application Forms available in the foyer.

SVDP Request

We need a bunk bed and a dark coloured suite for living room. We can pick it up. Please contact Steve Smith on 07533839137

Church Cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 14th March 2025. Many hands make light work!**



2025 WEE BOX Appeal

This year's WEE BOX Appeal shines a light on how SCIAF's partners are supporting the people of Colombia through Church networks.

As we continue in this Jubilee Year, with the call to be **Pilgrims of Hope**, we thank you for your support and that of your parishioners as we continue to bring hope through SCIAF.

A LOAF A WEEK?

Can you donate a loaf of bread to help provide every child in St Mary's Primary School with a piece of toast before lessons start? Bread basket and food for those in need in Church foyer.



*Join us for
A Diocesan
Lenten Retreat Day*

St Mary's, Forebank, Church Hall,
Forebank Road, DD1 2PB
Saturday 15 March 10.15am until 2.15pm
All are welcome: Register for a place at
StAndrew@dunkelldiocese.org.uk

Day	Time	Location	Leader	Contact No.
Mon	10.45am	Church	Marian Milne	07806777157
Mon	6.45pm	Parish House	Moira Leck	07814540800
Tue	11.00am	Parish House	Pauline Johnston	07484297945
Wed	10.30am	Parish House	Anne Creegan	01382 221792
Wed	2.00pm	Own Home	Cormack Andrews	07817160513
Wed	4.45pm	Own Home	Donna Brown	07727806682
Fri	7.00pm	Parish House	Malachi Okpala	07485516480
Sat	11.00am	Parish House	Jim Murphie	07517867928
Sat	5.00pm	Own Home	Francine	07767933367
Sun	11.45am	Parish House	Wendy Sinclair	

School staff on Tuesday 3.30pm

Facilitators please collect your folder from the back of the Church.

Conversations in the Spirit

The Conversation in the Spirit small groups begin this **Monday 10th March** and will continue on various days of the week (see table). These will run for four weeks during Lent finishing up on week beginning 31st March. Please think about joining one of these groups. Just go along at the allocated time on a day/evening that suits you as everyone is invited. This is a great opportunity to fulfil our Lenten promise by listening to the word of God through the Holy Spirit and each other.



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.

