



# 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."

## 30th March, 4th Sunday of Lent—C (SCIAF Sunday)

**First Reading—Joshua 5:9a, 10-12—The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.**

**Responsorial Psalm—Taste and see that the Lord is good**

**Second Reading—Corinthians 5:17-21—God who through Christ reconciled us to himself.**

**Gospel Acclamation—Praise to you, O Christ. King of Eternal Glory...rpt. I will arise and go to my father and say to him: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you". Praise to you, O Christ. King of Eternal Glory...rpt.**

**Gospel—Luke 15:1-3, 11-32—Your brother was dead, and is alive.**

**Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: John Allan, Mary Fitzmaurice, Doris Donnelly, Eugenia (Jenny) Schiavetta and Nancy Dawson; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Willian Tait, Patrick Peoples, Alison Hogg, Ross Mackie, Bob Sharp, Betty Inglis, Susan Ogilvie, Dennis Sandeman, Francis Rice, Barbara Rogan, George Fleming, James Goodman and David Keir. **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: Jean Kirkwood, Alison Connelly, Michael MacKinnon, Andrew Lynch, Susan Ramsay, Frances McKernie, Granny G.G., Gerry Mulrooney, Helen McLuskey, Kevin & Catherine Hannigan, Tricia Henderson, Stephen (Jean), Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, Wendy Birnie, Harry Hill, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock, Kate Cuthill, Gerry Rooney, Evelyn Pacione, Angela Rae, Liam Markie, Ina Shanks and Christopher Pryce (this list is cleared each calendar month).

**Funerals: John Allan,** Thursday April 3rd, 10am Funeral Mass.

**Eugenia Schiavetta,** Mon 7th April, 6pm Reception of Remains; Tues 8th April, 10am Funeral Mass; 11.15 at Balgay Cemetery. **RIP**

## 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](mailto: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: £1730

**Restoration Fund:** £182

Thanks to the person who donated a coin counter/balance this will be invaluable for counting the WEE BOXES.

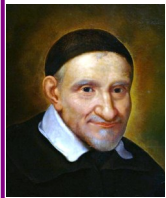
This weekend they'll be a second collection at both masses for **Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF)**

**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, Willie Grant (116).

**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:**

**SCIAF Sunday—this weekend**—please say a prayer for the work of SCIAF as they celebrate their 60th Birthday Year.

**Holy Week—Dates for Diary:** Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday - **17th - 20th April.**

**Holmes on the Hilltoon**—another comedy by Gerry Fulton—Friday May 9th, 2025—tickets on sale in foyer and from 07496 539968

**Johnny Mack -Vocalist/Entertainer**—Saturday 7th June—Songs from the 50's to the 00's—Tickets on sale soon.

**St Mary's Pilgrimages**—Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June - St Margaret's Pilgrimage, Dunfermline; Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June - pilgrimage to the old Cathedral in St Andrews, Fife; Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September - National Pilgrimage to Carfin; The costs will depend upon numbers of people attending. If you wish to participate in any or all of these pilgrimages, please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the Church porch. Thank you.

### **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 6th April, 2025

**Dunkeld Serra Mass:** (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm preceded by Holy Hour 6pm) Next, 8th April, 2025

**Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass** (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, 20th April, 2025

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

### **Diocesan Events:**

**Cathedral Dinner**—Sunday 30th March, for those aged 18-30, in the Cathedral Hall just after the 6 pm Mass. If you would like to come, please sign up to help us prepare enough food! Sign up online here: [tinyurl.com/dundeedinner](https://tinyurl.com/dundeedinner)

**Jim Murphie's Diaconate Ordination** will be on Saturday 3rd May 2025 at 12 noon in St Andrew's Cathedral.

**Vocations Overnight in Kinnoull Monastery** for anyone (over 18) interested in priesthood Fri 16th/Sat 17th May.

**The Dunkeld Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee** runs from 7th to 14th July 2025. For further information please email [dunkeld@pobox.com](mailto:dunkeld@pobox.com) or phone 07801 227 443

**St Clements/St Ninian's—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 Johny 07831 580361, or Bernadette Dailly 07919106129 [Bdailly@btinternet.com](mailto:Bdailly@btinternet.com) or Therese Devlin 07813 051689 email: [therese@devlinproperties.com](mailto:therese@devlinproperties.com)



**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 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.



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.

**Job Vacancy: Office Administrator – Diocesan Curial Office, Dundee**

The Diocese of Dunkeld is seeking to appoint an Office Administrator to assist in the day to day running of the Diocesan Curial Offices. Part of this role will be PA to the Bishop. Salary: £28-£30k (dependent on experience) Hours: 37.5 hours per week (five days). The post requires someone who is competent and skilled in administrative duties, confident in using IT systems, well organised, flexible and self-motivated with excellent interpersonal and communication skills whilst understanding the need for confidentiality. For further information, please contact the Diocese at: [chancellor@dunkelldioocese.org.uk](mailto:chancellor@dunkelldioocese.org.uk) Applications for this post will close on Monday 14th April 2025.

**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.

**The Columba Trust** provides funding to organisations and individuals for projects which support the practice of the Roman Catholic faith, its ministry and values.

**The deadline for applications this year is 30 June 2025.** Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at: [the Columba Trust \(https://columbatrust.org.uk\)](https://columbatrust.org.uk)

**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**



**Macalpine Road Community Fire Station Open Day**

Saturday 19th April 2025, 11am—3pm  
A day full of fun activities, Free lunch included  
All are welcome to attend this open day. For queries or more information contact—Watch commander Hay [james.hay@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:james.hay@firescotland.gov.uk)

**Dunkeld Lourdes Service Fundraising Ball**

Sat 26th April 2025, Apex Hotel, Dundee  
For further details please contact Ruth Anne on 07801227443 or e-mail: [dunkeld@pobox.com](mailto:dunkeld@pobox.com)

**Celebrating the Jubilee Year and the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'**

**Looking for parish rep, can you assist?**

We invite you to join a zoom meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 3rd April that will share some plans for 2025 but above all listen to how individuals and parishes can be supported in this essential work.



If you are interested in attending this meeting or just finding out more about what is being proposed, please fill in the Registration Form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqyBEZ4aVmvXkkJ5v2y2Wkqa3J7UhGnVYBAeX96Jyhwb-a2Q/viewform>

**Church Cleaning** every fortnight after Friday Mass.  
**The next cleaning is Friday 11th April 2025.**  
**Many hands make light work!**



**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—Trading Parched Grain for Manna

In the First Reading, the Israelites are finally at the promised land. The Exodus is over and the Israelites eat parched grain from the produce of the land. The Exodus was a tough time for the Israelites. But, almost from the start, there was one peril in the desert from which the Israelites did not suffer: lack of food. That is because God himself fed them.

A funny kind of food appeared on the ground, and the Israelites gathered it in. When that food first showed up on the ground, the Israelites said, “WHAT is THAT?”—“MAH NA” in their language. (And ‘manna’ is what it came to be called by them, and by us.)

The Israelites learned fast what the answer to their question was. That stuff on the ground, the manna, was like Tolkien’s lembas or Elven bread. It was unbelievably nourishing. You could go a very long time on just a little of it. And it was delicious. It was light; it had something of the taste of coriander about it; and there was a suspicion of honey in it, too. It was magically good, and it came from the hand of God, who hand-fed his people in the wilderness.

Who would ever want to give up manna? But when the Exodus ended, the manna did too. One night the Israelites ate the parched grain of the promised land, and the next day there was no more manna.

I don’t know what parched grain is, but it doesn’t sound worth having by comparison with manna, does it? It doesn’t sound delicious. It doesn’t come from the hand of God; you have to get it for yourself. And you have to work to grow it. It doesn’t just magically appear on the ground in the morning.

Who would ever want to trade manna for parched grain? But the parched grain was the beginning of life in the promised land, where the Israelites found a home. The consoling sweetness of manna came out of the harshness of the conditions of the Exodus. Out of the sorrow of trading manna for parched grain there came the consolation of home.

And here is the lesson for us. The Lord’s goodness never fails. It changes in character, but it is always there for us.

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### Prayer that we may bear witness to Christ’s Love

Grant us also the grace to persevere when disappointed or distressed and never to claim that our work springs from ourselves alone, so that, united in prayer and action, we may be a visible sign of Christ and bear witness to His boundless Love which reaches out to all and draws them to love one another in Him.

*Prayer used during St Vincent de Paul meeting*

**Thanks to those who attended the ACN Conference in Glasgow this Saturday. A report on the Conference will follow next week.**

### School News

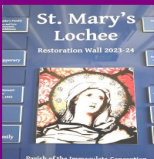
The Feast of the Annunciation commemorates the visit of the archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary. It was lovely to have Primary 2/3 pupils prepare the Mass and participate in the readings, bidding prayers and offertory procession. Well done p2/3.

Just a reminder that we come off on holiday for the Easter break on the 28th March at 3.15pm. We reopen on the 14th April—Holy Week. This is then followed by school being closed for Good Friday.



### Sacramental Dates

- **15th April**—Penitential Service & 2nd Reconciliation—6pm in the Church
- **20th May**—Sacrament of Confirmation—6pm in the Church
- **21st June**—First Holy Communion



### Restoration Bricks

Application Forms available in the foyer.

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	07723806682
Fri	7.00pm	Parish House	Malachi Okpala	07485516480
Fri	7.00pm	Home	Cecilia Mendosa	07847620872
Sat	11.00am	Parish House	Jim Murphie	07517867928
Sat	5.00pm	Own Home	Francine	07767933367
Sun	11.45am	Parish House	Wendy Sinclair	

### Conversations in the Spirit

The Conversation in the Spirit small groups continue this Monday 31st March and will continue on various days of the week (see table).

This will be the final session.

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.



School staff on Tuesday 3.30pm

**Facilitators please collect week 4 sheets from the back of the Church.**

**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.

