



# 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."

## 6th April, 5th Sunday of Lent—C

**First Reading—Isaiah 43:16-21—Behold, I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my chosen people.**

**Responsorial Psalm—What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

**Second Reading—Philippians 3:8-14—For the sake of Christ I have suffered the loss of all things, becoming like him in his death.**

**Gospel Acclamation—Praise to you, O Christ. King of Eternal Glory (echo). Even now says the Lord, return to me with all your heart. For I am gracious and merciful. Praise to you, O Christ. King of Eternal Glory (echo).**

**Gospel—John 8:1-11—Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.**

**Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23, 56**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Jack Taylor, Elizabeth McAuley, Sr Fay Williams, Pauline Sweeney and Eugenia Schiavetta; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Lynch Jnr, Stella Stewart, Betty Reilly, Jim & Cathie Gibson and Martin Bryan. **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: Gerry Mulrooney, Angela Rae, Liam Markie, Helen McCluskey, Martin Conroy, Andrew Lynch, Susan Ramsay, Harry Hill, Wendy Birnie, Frances McKernie, Ann Jordan (Granny GG), Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock and Kate Cuthill. (this list is cleared each calendar month).

**Funerals: Eugenia (Jenny) Schiavetta,** Mon 7th April, 6pm Reception of Remains; Tues 8th April, 10am Funeral Mass; 11.15 at Balgay Cemetery. **May her soul rest in peace.** Jenny celebrated her 101 birthday on Epiphany, and as such was St Mary's oldest parishioner. Please come and pay your respects.

## 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**

**Don't be a party pooper come to**

## THE GREATEST 3 Day Celebration

**that the world has ever seen...**

**Holy Thursday—7pm Mass of the Last Supper**

**2pm St Mary's Pupils' Way of the Cross**

**Good Friday—3pm Kissing of the Cross**

**7pm Stations of the Cross**

**Holy Saturday—8.30pm The Easter**

## Holy Week Timeline



**Palm  
SUNDAY**



**Maundy  
THURSDAY**



**Good  
FRIDAY**



**Holy  
SATURDAY**



**Easter  
SUNDAY**

Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to [stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)

St Mary's - 41, High Street, Lochee, Dundee. DD2 3AP

Tel: 01382 611282 | Email: [stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk) | [facebook.com/stmaryslochee](https://facebook.com/stmaryslochee)  
[www.youtube.com/@StMarysLochee](https://www.youtube.com/@StMarysLochee) Parish Website - [www.stmaryslochee.org.uk](http://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: £1710

**Restoration Fund:** £2.50

Last week's second collection for the Papal & Episcopal charities including SCIAF: £419

Many thanks to everyone who supported the **Sale of Work for SCIAF**. The sum of £450 was raised.

**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, Maureen Crichton (34).

**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.  
and  
pray for us.



### Dates for your calendar:

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

**Bingo**—Fundraising event for the restoration fund — Friday 25th April, 7pm. Tickets on sale after the weekend masses.

**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:

**Jim Murphie's Diaconate Ordination** will be on Saturday 3rd May 2025 at 12 noon in St Andrew's Cathedral. Sunday 4th May there will be a celebration in St Mary's Church Hall after Sunday Mass to which all are welcome.

**Vocations Overnight in Kinnoull Monastery** for anyone (over 18) interested in priesthood Fri 16th/Sat 17th May. For more information please contact Fr Jim on stmaryslochee@dunkelldioocese.org.uk

**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—Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**, 24th—28th August 2025. 4 nights/5 days: two sharing £690. Single supplement £225. More details from Bernadette Dailly 07919106129 Bdailly@btinternet.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.

St Mary's Lochee  
**Lent Penitential Service**

Tuesday 15th April at 6pm

Please come along and have your pot scrubbed for Easter.  
There is no better feeling than to be forgiven...  
There will be several priest's available for individual confessions

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@dunkelldiocese.org.uk](mailto:chancellor@dunkelldiocese.org.uk)  
Applications for this post will close on Monday 14th April 2025.

**Prayer after Communion**  
(handed in by a parishioner)

I adore the wounds of your sacred feet with sorrow deep and true.  
Let every step I take this week be an act of love for you.  
I adore the wounds of your sacred hands with sorrow deep and true.  
Let every work of my hands this week be an act of love for you.  
I adored the wounds of your sacred head with sorrow deep and true.  
Let every thought of mine this week be an act of love for you.  
I adore the wounds of your sacred heart with sorrow deep and true.  
Let every beat of my heart this week be an act of love for you.  
Thank you Jesus for so much love.



**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.

**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)

**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)



A certificate of appreciation from the Ukrainian Community to Margaret Malcolm who wanted to share it with all those in the parish who have knitted stump socks for those who have lost feet in this atrocious war. Please hold all those injured in the war in prayer.

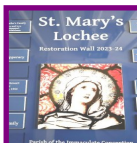


BLESS ALL peopie that have LIPS frome the bolto OF HEART GOD BLESS!

A card from a grateful recipient of food that parishioners have donated and funded.

**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)



**Restoration Bricks**

Application Forms available in the foyer. Many thanks to all those who have already donated one.

**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—Caught and Shamed

In the Gospel Reading, the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They make her stand in the middle of the crowd, and they announce that she was caught in the very act of adultery.

The law of Moses prescribes stoning as the punishment for adultery. But it does not permit your doing anything you want to a person caught in adultery. It is clear, however, that the scribes and Pharisees are using this woman just as bait to catch Jesus, and they have no hesitation about shaming her terribly in the process.

Maybe that is one of the reasons Jesus looks down at the ground to write in the dirt. If he is looking down and she is standing up, then he isn't looking at her. And so he is protecting her in her shame by helping her be hidden from him, alone of all those men staring at her. In caring for her in this way, Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors.

And here's another thing to see. If this woman was caught in the very act of adultery, as her captors say, then there had to have been a man with her when she was caught. Where is he? Why isn't he here with her? Did the scribes and Pharisees just let him go? The law of Moses prescribes stoning him too. The scribes and Pharisees are hypocritical, then; and Jesus catches them in it. He makes clear that they don't care enough about the law of Moses to keep it themselves. They melt away when Jesus tells them to let the ones without sin be the first to cast stones.

By that move, Jesus diminishes the woman's shame considerably, doesn't he? Only when it is clear that her accusers have been caught in their hypocrisy and shamed by it, does Jesus lift up his eyes and look at her. And so, by his justice for her, and his mercy, Jesus catches her for the Lord. Of all those who came to Jesus because of her, she is the only one left standing by him at the end of the story. And she is the only one who calls him "Kyrie" ("Lord," "Sir").

*Copyright © 2025, Eleonore Stump. All Rights Reserved. Permission is hereby granted to reproduce for personal or parish use.*

'May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within.  
May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire,  
so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.  
And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,  
like a candle set in the window of a house,  
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.  
And may the blessing of the rain be on you,  
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean,  
and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines,  
and sometimes a star.  
And may the blessing of the earth be on you,  
soft under your feet as you pass along the roads,  
soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day;  
and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it.  
May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from  
under it quickly; up and off and on its way to God.  
And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen.'

Scottish Blessing

### Priesthood Vocations Events

Bishop Andrew will be meeting with men enquiring about the priesthood in St Mary's Kinnoull for an overnight on 16/17 May.

If you would like to attend please contact Vocations Director Fr Jim Walls on stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk or phone 01382-611282.

Also, for those under 18's considering the priesthood Bishop Andrew will meet in St Andrew's Cathedral Hall on Friday June 20th at 7pm for a chat about the priesthood and pizza."

### School News

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

We've had 5 donations in the last 30 days, thanks to our supporters using #easyfundraising when they make online purchases! Please keep up the good work, your donations are very appreciated. It's never too late to sign up and help us if you haven't already:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-marys-lochee-restoration-fund/7a4r01/c2s/mQ7oHj9a/POTAM/facebook/121.38>

**We think churches are brilliant.**

Become a **Friend** of the National Churches Trust today to help keep churches open and in use.

**NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST**

[nationalchurchestrust.org/friends](https://nationalchurchestrust.org/friends)

**We're funding repairs to your 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.

