



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."

20th April, Easter Sunday—C

First Reading—Acts 10:34, 37-43

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second Reading—Colossians 3:1-4

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Sequence—Victimae Paschali Laudes

Gospel Acclamation—**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel—John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 117; Revelations 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Elizabeth McAuley and Valerie Malone; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Hynd, Edward Lowden, George Traynor, Evelyn Pendry, Efen Reyes, Elizabeth Lynch, Kim Horne, Dougie Neave, Margaret & Billy Braid and William Noonan. **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: Linda Izzard, Lucimar Reis Da Silva, Evelyn Pacione, 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).

He is Risen...Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!!

A hearty Paschal Blessing on all those who have helped make Holy Week (and the Triduum in particular) a sincere 'walking with the Lord' in His suffering and death to the glory of His Resurrection.

This includes the Sacristy Team, the Liturgy Planning Group, our organist, cantors and choir, the cleaners, the florists, the Power Point creators and operators, the MC and servers, the refreshment providers, as well as those who prepare the Paschal Fire.

May Easter Joy fill you and your loved ones.

Funerals: Ryan Harrington, SSLF, Thursday 1st May 1pm Funeral Mass; Alice Smith, Tuesday 6th May, 10am Funeral Mass

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: £1541

Restoration Fund: £1300

St Mary's Restoration Project recently received a £1,000 donation from a family in the parish. May the Lord bless their generosity.

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, Therese Farrell (42).

Mary's Meals, Foreign Currency collection—£486 has been the sum raised from the Foreign Currency handed in to date and another box is ready to be sent away. Sincere thanks to everyone who has donated.

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:

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— Sold Out.

Johnny Mack -Vocalist/Entertainer—Saturday 7th June—Songs from the 50's to the 00's—Tickets on sale at church and available to buy online through Eventbrite. Please see QR Code advertised in the separate notice in newsletter.

St Mary's Pilgrimages—Sunday 8th June - St Margaret's Pilgrimage, Dunfermline; Saturday 28th June - pilgrimage to the old Cathedral in St Andrews, Fife; Sunday 7th 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.

'O Halflins an Hecklers an Weavers an Weemin' in aid of the Restoration Fund. More info to follow....

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 4th May, 2025

Dunkeld Serra Mass: (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm preceded by Holy Hour 6pm) Next, 13 May, 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, 24th April, 2025

Diocesan Events:

All are warmly invited to the **diaconal ordination of Jim Murphie, St Andrew's Cathedral, Saturday 3rd May at 12 noon**. Refreshments in cathedral hall afterwards. No tickets or special invitation required. 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@dunkelldiocese.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 or phone 07817160513.

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)

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.

Dunkeld Lourdes Service, Fundraising Ball, 26th April 2025, Apex Hotel, Dundee, For further details please contact Ruth Anne on 07801227443 or e-mail: dunkeld@pobox.com

Conversation in the Spirit

Bishop Andrew has asked the whole diocese to take part in a *Conversation in the Spirit* around the question: 'What is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in the Diocese of Dunkeld?' This will take place during 3 sessions in Eastertide (between Easter and Pentecost). St Mary's is now familiar with this process and we shall meet after Easter to review our Lenten Conversations and to launch our Easter-tide Sessions. This will also involve completing Parish Sign Up sheets to help more people get involved in the parish and for us to grow as a community of faith. The Holy Spirit is moving through Conversations in the Spirit both in our own



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.

parish, the world-wide Church, and soon to be in our Diocese. Please don't miss out on this wonderful new initiative of the Holy Spirit.



St Mary's Restoration Fundraising Event

Saturday 7th June
7.30pm

Tickets on sale at church or Online though Eventbrite Scan QR Code



Deacon Neil Galloway O.B.E., Forces Chaplain, will give the Easter Sunday Mass homily. Deacon Neil is a Dundonian and is back home visiting family.



Mary Magdalene and Christ the Gardner by Kelly Latimore icons. Let the Risen Jesus gently nurture your growth: breathe in His divine breath and glow with His goodness.

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—Easter Joy

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Above all days, Easter is a day of joy. But what is joy?

The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, “When we come to St. Mary of the Angels [our house], soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: ‘Who are you?’ And we say: ‘We are two of your brothers.’ And ... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!” *

Whatever we may think of St. Francis’s explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis’s kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, SJ, at Easter there is only “the cross and passion past; dark night is done, bright morning come at last!”** When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear him say, “come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth” (Song of Songs 2:10-12). In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. That will be perfect joy. If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* From Franciscan Joy, available online.

** “All Shall Be Well,” words by Timothy Dudley Smith, music by John Foley, S. J

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Brian Cairns from the Campaign Against

Assisted Dying will give a short talk at the end of next Saturday’s Vigil Mass; and will be available after Mass to answer questions in the hall. This is to inform us about the Bill passing through Westminster and soon to follow in Holyrood, and what we can do to express our concerns.’

Assisted Suicide Postcards

Please take away a postcard from the disability campaign group called *Not Dead Yet* UK and ask your MPs to vote against the legalisation of assisted suicide in the Westminster **parliamentary vote at Third Reading, likely on 16 May.**

The Second Reading vote passed by a narrower margin than expected due to churches mobilising against the Bill. Now only 28 MPs need to change their vote at Third Reading to defeat the Bill, and your continued opposition will make a crucial difference.

The UK Parliament will soon be voting on assisted suicide. Please scan the QR code on the poster or visit: <https://carenotkilling.uk/petition> to sign the petition and email your MP in a few easy clicks!

Please email your MP, Chris Law - SNP (chris.law.mp@parliament.uk), asking them to attend one or both of the following events. (Please note, these are for MPs ONLY, to allow for free discussion.)

Tuesday 22 April—Cross-Party MP Drop-In Discussion with Liz Carr, Alicia Duncan & Christopher Lyon

Wednesday 23 April—“Is Anorexia Ever Terminal?”

Thank You. Gordon MacDonald, CEO Care Not Killing

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

Sacramental Dates

- **20th May**—Sacrament of Confirmation—6pm in the Church
- **21st June**—First Holy Communion

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 25th April 2025.**



A small group of pilgrims leave for Lourdes directly after Easter Sunday Mass. If you would like a petition placed in the Grotto please just leave it in the basket in the foyer.

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.

