



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."

11th May, 4th Sunday of Easter—C

First Reading—Acts 13:14, 43-52

Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock .

Second Reading—Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel—John 10:27-30

I give eternal life to my sheep

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

**Sunday Mass 10.30am (livestreamed)
(refreshments after Mass in hall...all welcome)**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Mass 10am

Weds & Sat 10am Eucharistic Service

Confessions:

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 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Maureen Tinney, Charlie Doig and John Lavery and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Charles McCluskey, Jean McLaughlin, Sean Hearn, Annie Fyffe, Agnes Taylor, Kathleen Jordan, Margaret Petrie (nee Weir) and Helen Kelly. **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, Martin Conroy, Harry Hill, Wendy Birnie, Frances McKernie, Ann Jordan (Granny GG), Marion Brannan, Betty Bailey, Moira Green, Veronica Cornock, Agnes Mulligan, Kate Cuthill, Andrew Lynch, Susan Ramsay, Margaret A Young and Liz Thomson. (this list is cleared each calendar month).

Funerals: Maureen Tinney, Thursday 15th May, 10am Funeral Mass

This is **Good Shepherd Sunday** during which we pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the Religious Life.



"The Good Shepherd," a painting by the German Renaissance artist Lucas Cranach der Ältere (CNS photo/courtesy Holy See Press Office)

Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. You know each of us and call us by name. Help us to respond generously to your voice by opening our hearts to discern your holy will. We pray especially for those whom you are calling to serve the church as priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Give courage and guidance to all, so that we may respond to your call and serve you devoutly. Amen.

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: £1713

Restoration Fund: £250

Gift Aid: Please consider Gift Aiding your collection and/or paying by Standing Order (forms available in the foyer).

The recent **Prize Bingo** raised £444. Many thanks to all who ran the Bingo, and those who supported by their presence.

St Mary's Restoration Fund: 100 Club: Congratulations to this week's winner, Graham Leck (71).

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 13th May, Holy Hour at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm. All very welcome.

Children's Confirmation—Bishop Andrew will preside over the Confirmation of our Children on **Tuesday 20th May at 6pm**. Please come along and support our young people through your prayers.

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. 12th Sept...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 1st June, 2025

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

Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, 18th May, 2025

Taizé Holy Hour: (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) **Note: May's Taizé cancelled.** June date TBC.

Diocesan Events:

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@dunkellddiocese.org.uk 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

Launch of a new Diocesan Youth Initiative with Bishop Andrew and Fr Michael Ngobili will take place at the Cathedral on **Sunday 25 May**, beginning with the 6pm Mass and thereafter at a social event in the Cathedral Hall. The age group is 18-30 years and young people are invited to attend.

Dunkeld Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: We unexpectedly have an opening for such a pilgrim to join us from 7th to 14th of July 2025. If you or someone you know would like to make this pilgrimage and would benefit from our help please contact dunkeld@pobox.com or call Ruth Anne on 07801 227 443.



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.

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.



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.

World Culture Day

On **Wednesday 21st May** the community of **St Mary's RC Primary School** are going to be celebrating World Culture Day. If this is something you would like to help with, please contact Miss Mulholland by email (bmulholland652@dundeeschools.scot) while also detailing which culture you would be representing. Miss Mulholland will then contact you to discuss the finer details of the event.

School News—Sacramental Dates

• 20th May at 6pm in St Mary's Church

—Sacrament of Confirmation

Please come along and support the young people with your prayers and presence. Please pray that the Holy Spirit inspires our young people to become loving members of St Mary's parish keeping it alive and active for future generations. May the Holy Spirit inspire all of us in generous service of the Church and the world.

• 21st June—First Holy Communion

Church Cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 23th May 2025.**

Catholic House of Prayer Iona

The Catholic House of Prayer on Iona is looking to recruit a general assistant to help run the house from July this year for 2 or more months. Accommodation & good rate of pay provided. The role involves changeovers and cooking. More information from Jane Kindlen mail@catholic-iona.com or 01681 700369.

Conversation in the Spirit

Bishop Andrew has asked that we have 3 Conversations in the Spirit sessions to discern the way forward for Dunkeld Diocese.

These sessions will follow a similar format to the one we've used over Advent and Lent.

The Conversations will start with a gathering of anyone who wants to be involved on Thursday 15th May at 7pm.

This session will take place in the Church Hall and last no more than an hour. It will review our Lenten Conversation in the Spirits and plan for the Bishop's Sessions.

This will be followed by 3 Conversations in the Spirit leading up to Pentecost using material provided by the Diocese.



The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis

St Mary's are going to the theatre to see one of the greatest Christian books ever written performed on stage: The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis

Leaving St Mary's Car Park at 6.30pm on **Friday 30th May**

Cost £17 or Concessions £15 (students, disabled, unemployed) or Under 18's £5

Sign up sheet at the back of the Church...names required by the beginning of next week...it should be a jolly outing...

Dear Parishioners, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all the cards, gifts, messages of support and prayers that I received from many parishioners on the occasion of my Ordination to the Diaconate last Saturday. I felt truly blessed by your generosity as well as your generosity of spirit. Thanks also to all those of you who made the trip down to the Cathedral for the Mass – it was very moving and humbling to see so many of you coming forward to receive Holy Communion from me. Thanks also to those who prepared the buffet in the Hall last Sunday after Mass – it was a true feast for the occasion. Thanks to Karen and the choir for the music; to James, Benito and Robert for their support and great humour during my training. Thanks also to Fr Jim for the support, encouragement and excellent training he has given me over the final two years of my diaconate formation. Thanks also to my lovely wife, Irene, whose untiring support and encouragement have helped me to get over the line. But, above all, I think it's the warm welcome and sincere encouragement that St Mary's parishioners have provided to me over the last two years that has touched me the most. I can finally disclose that the Bishop has appointed me as Parish Deacon at St Mary's for the foreseeable future. It is a real privilege to serve you all in this capacity and I promise to do my very best to serve the Lord and the parish through the ministry of the Diaconate for as long as possible.

Jim Murphie.



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—Love your enemies

In the First Reading, Paul is preaching in Antioch, and things are not going well for him. His audience contradicts him and shouts violent abuse at him. They find Paul's Christianity an affront to their own religion, which they do not want to give up. What would we expect Paul's response to be to these angry people in his audience?

How about this: *Paul*: "Oh, gosh! I see that I have offended you! I am so sorry! I want you to know that I do validate your point of view too. No doubt, we all believe in the same God! I wasn't for a moment trying to suggest that there is anything wrong about your religion! I do wish that you wouldn't call me names and shout at me when I am trying to talk to you, but it's OK if you feel you need to do so. I appreciate that I upset you, though I really didn't mean to do so."

But, of course, this is not what Paul says at all. *By rejecting my preaching*, he tells the angry people, *you condemn yourselves and show yourselves unworthy of eternal life*. This is a stern condemnation both of their religious views and of their rejection of Paul's preaching. What happened to meekness, to turning the other cheek, to love of your enemies?

Well, if your enemy is determined to walk off a cliff, what would you do? Validate his point of view and tell him that all paths near the cliffs are equally good? The only way to love your enemy in this case is to tell him vehemently that he will kill himself if he doesn't alter his path. There is no love for him in being meek or gentle when he is about to go over the edge.

In fact, all of us are headed for that cliff because of our post-Fall human nature. We are all unworthy of eternal life. But Christ suffered and died to save us—not from a wrathful God, but from ourselves. Our path to God lies through Christ and his cross.

And so, Paul's line to his audience is as stern as it is because, in their abusive rejection of him, they are racing towards destruction. Telling them that they are doing so is the best loving thing Paul can do for them.

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4th Sunday of Easter is Vocations Sunday...

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.

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"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

"Come and See"



St Mary's Restoration Fundraising Event

Saturday 7th June
7.30pm

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



Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

The Scottish Parliament is expected to vote on assisted suicide in the coming weeks.

Please scan the QR code

or visit <https://carenotkilling.scot/>

to email your MSPs in a few easy clicks!



Statue Flowers: it has been suggested that people/families might like to join a rota to adorn their favourite saint's statue with flowers. If you would be willing to join this rota please contact Ann Creegan or Marian Milne.

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.

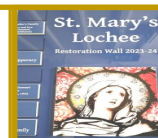
Jim Gibson's Memorial Library will be open from this Sunday after Mass.

Many thanks to Lynn McLaren and Norah Sloan for organising the Library, and thanks again to Jim's family for donating a wealth of Catholic spiritual books.



Restoration Bricks

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



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.

