



# 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."

**18th May, 5th Sunday of Easter—C**

**First Reading—Acts 14:21b-27**

**They declared to the Church all that God had done with them.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**I will bless your name for ever, my God and king .**

**Second Reading—Revelation 21:1-5a**

**God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

**Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia!**

**Gospel—John 13:31-33a, 34-35**

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.**

## 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 10.30am-11am; 3.30pm-4pm**

**Rosary before each weekday Mass.**

**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 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Elda Gonthier, William Garcia, John Lavery & Laurence King and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Angelo 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, Tony Carrol, 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, Liz Thomson, & Graeme Webster. (this list is cleared each calendar month).

**Funerals: Laurence King, 10am Funeral Mass on Thursday 22nd May.**

A great big thank you to Gerry and Clare Fulton and the cast of **Holmes on the Hilltoon** including our very own Gary White (organist) as Holmes. Many people have commented they haven't laughed so much in a long time. I heartily agree. As well as being thoroughly entertained the performance also raised £610 for St Mary's Restoration Fund and £610 for Mary's Meals. This money will appear in next week's Restoration Fund total.

Thanks also to the **Lee Walker's Celtic Supporters Club** who donated £150. This will be split between the Parish Foodbank and the SVDP.

Finally, a big 'thank you' to the parishioners who removed weeds and rubbish from around the church, and for cleaning the sanctuary carpet. Many hands make light work...volunteering sign up sheets will be available next week.

**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; Deacon—Jim Murphie

Scottish Charity Number: SC001810

Hospital Chaplain Mobile number 07821 624124; Safeguarding Coordinator: Emily Murphy

**Finance Matters:** Last week's Collection: £1565

**Restoration Fund:** £8

**Easyfundraising Donation**—St Mary's Lochee Restoration Fund has been paid **£76.20** this week thanks to our community shopping online! A huge thank you to everyone who supports us.

**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, Kathleen Duffy (38).

**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

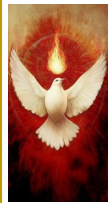
and

St Margaret of Scotland



pray for us.

### Dates for your calendar:



**Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of our children and enkindle in them the fire of Your Love.** 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 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 1st June, 2025

**Dunkeld Serra Mass:** (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm preceded by Holy Hour 6pm) Next, 10th June, 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:

**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.

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

**The Dunkeld Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee** will hold their pre-Lourdes Mass in St Leonard & Fergus Church on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of June at 7pm. There will be refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass and all are welcome.



**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.

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.



## Conversation in the Spirit

### Session 1 Lectio Divina (Spiritual Reading): Acts 2:1-4,12-18

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, "What does this mean?" But others said, scoffing, "They have had too much new wine."

Peter's Speech at Pentecost. Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'It will come to pass in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.

Indeed, upon my servants and my handmaids I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy.'

### Background for the question:

'A synodal spirituality flows from the action of the Holy Spirit and requires listening to the Word of God, contemplation, silence and conversion of heart. ...our first



## 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](mailto: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

task is to learn how to discern his voice, since he speaks through everyone and in all things.' (from paragraph 43 of *Final Document produced by the Synod on Synodality*).

### Question: What is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in our diocese?

Some context for the question:

A diocese is the area over which a Bishop has pastoral care. Our Diocese of Dunkeld is one of eight diocese in Scotland and our Bishop is Andrew McKenzie.

Our Diocese covers as far north as Montrose over to Pitlochry to Callander to High Valleyfield to Alloa to Kinross to Newport and back to Dundee. It's main centres of population are Dundee and Perth.

Presently we have 43 Churches that celebrate Sunday Mass. These are served by 25 priests of which 14 are home grown Diocesan Priests of which 12 are over 50. The remaining 11 are Missionary priests from various Religious Orders and Diocese throughout the world.

### Some auxiliary questions to ponder:

What would you like to see for people in your age group or situation happen in the diocese? ( eg. pensioners, teenagers, families, divorced people, disabled people etc.)

Which ministries are needed in our diocese?

How can we do things at a diocesan level using technology rather than in person meetings?

Are there any groups you think are excluded from the church?

Day	Time	Location	Leader
Mon	10.45am	Parish House	Marian Milne
Tues	11.00am	Parish House	Pauline Johnston
Wed	10.30am	Parish House	Anne Creegan
Wed	2.00pm	Own Home	Cormack Andrews
Sun	12 Noon	Parish House	Wendy Sinclair

**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—Death

When someone we know is diagnosed with serious sickness, we are shocked; and so is the sick person, as we all take in the possibility that he might die. There is something perplexing about this reaction, isn't there? None of us is getting out of this life alive. And it is foolishness to think that we do not know the time of our death. It is sometime between now and the time when you would be 110 years old. (Who lives past 110?)

So death is inevitable, and we know at least roughly when it will come. The closer you get to 110, the closer it is—though, of course, we also know that you could get hit by a bus today. Rats, you might think, this is a truly depressing thought! Why call it to our attention? It is better to be shocked and surprised when it comes.

But listen to the Second Reading. What does it say? When death comes, here is what it brings: Our Lord himself comes to encourage you to weep over all the hardship of your past life, and then he himself wipes those tears away from your eyes. And there is not only a new heaven, but also a new earth. What do you expect from earth? Well, earth isn't disembodied. Earth is earth-dirt, plants, animals, the whole thing that God created when he created earth, as Genesis explains it to us.

Only this time there will be no pain and suffering. So there may be great sea beasts, as Genesis says (Gn 1:21), but they won't hurt anything; and neither will any of the other animals. If you want to play with lions, what's to stop you? In fact, even humans won't hurt anything, in that great and wonderful time. Now *that* is a thought hard to take in, isn't it? But, in that new earth, you can be yourself, open, vulnerable, and still totally safe and at ease, because the people around you won't hurt *anything*—not you either. And all of this is wrapped up in the tender love of the Lord. He himself will welcome you to this new world and to himself by telling you, "come away, beloved. The winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth!" (Song of Songs 2:10-12). That joy begins on the other side of death. What is there to fear about this?

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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.

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

### Catholic Schools' Festival: Our Journey of Hope Saturday 14th June 2025

Venue—Glasgow Caledonian University Cost £95 (inclusive of  
tea, coffee, lunch and drinks reception)

Registration form:

<https://form.jotform.com/250614370775357>

### 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...

The Dunkeld Youth Association  
PRESENTS

## Quiz Night

WITH BISHOP ANDREW MCKENZIE

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

6PM | HOLY MASS | MAIN CATHEDRAL  
7PM - 9.15PM | QUIZ NIGHT | CATHEDRAL HALL

**YOUNG ADULTS 18-30 YEARS**  
**ST ANDREW'S RC CATHEDRAL & HALL**  
150 NETHERGATE, DUNDEE DD1 4EA

DRINKS & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

SIGN UP HERE!

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### St Mary's Restoration Fundraising Event

Saturday 7th June  
7.30pm

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



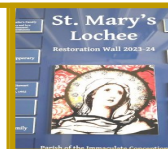
**Statue Flowers:** it has been suggested that people/  
families might like to join a rota to adorn their  
favourite saint's statue with flowers. If you would be  
willing to join this rota please contact Ann Creegan  
or Marian Milne.

**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.

