



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."

25th May, 6th Sunday of Easter—C

First Reading—Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.

Responsorial Psalm

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you..

Second Reading—Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel—John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

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

Thurs for the Ascension—10am & 6.45pm

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30am-11am; 3.30pm-4pm

Rosary before each weekday Mass.

Tues: Novena to St Anthony after Mass

**Thurs: Adoration & prayers for the renewal of
St Mary's Parish after Mass**

Sat: Adoration - 10.30-11am

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 96; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26

Fire Drill: There will be a Fire Drill for 10 minutes after the St Anthony's Novena on Tuesday 3rd June.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: May Gautier, Bennet McCash, Alan Douglas and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Strachan Berry, May Stanton, Maria Macalainao and Len Hearn. **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: May Gautier, Reception of Remains, Thursday 29th May at 6pm, Funeral Mass on Friday 30th May at 10am.

Bennet McCash, Funeral service, Thursday 3rd June at 12 Noon

The Ascension of the Lord is this Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 10am led by the school and 6.45pm.



This week Allan Blyth and John Bourke met with John O'Meara (Diocesan Property Manager) to go over a recent Risk Assessment of St Mary's. Thanks to Allan and John for taking on the implementation of the recommendations.

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; Deacon—Jim Murphie

Scottish Charity Number: SC001810

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

Finance Matters: Last week's Collection: £1462 **Restoration Fund:** £661 (including £610 from the 'Holmes on the Hilltoon' play). **St Anthony's Bread + SVDP** both received £75 from 'Lee Walker Celtic Supporters Club'.

The next special collection for **The Apostolate of Communications** will be on the 7th Sunday of Easter (1st June).

SCIAF collections: The total amount collected for SCIAF (including wee boxes) for the year 2024 came to **£4534**. Many thanks to all for your kind 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, Melissa San Luis (108).

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:

Screwtape Letters Play - leaving St Mary's Car Park 6.30pm Friday May 30th for St Matthew's Church, Perth. PH1 5LQ

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.

History of Dunkeld Diocese Talk—By Father Michael Carrie on Friday 8th August at 7pm.

'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 1st June, 2025

Dunkeld Serra Mass: (Holy Hour 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm) **Please note the date, Tuesday 3rd June, 2025**

Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, 15th June, 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—will take place this Sunday at the Cathedral 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 24th of June at 7pm. There will be refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass and all are welcome.

Conversation in the Spirit

Session 2 Lectio Divina (Spiritual Reading): Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.



Background for the question:

'Synodality involves gathering at all levels of the Church for mutual listening, dialogue, and communal discernment. It also involves reaching consensus as an expression of Christ rendering Himself present, He who is alive in the Spirit. Furthermore, it consists in reaching decisions according to differentiated co-responsibilities.' # 28 Final Document

Questions: What word or phrase stands out for you in this quote?

What possibilities does it open up for 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, and 7 over 70. 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?

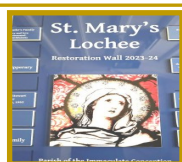
How can we do things at a diocesan level using technology rather than in person meetings?

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

Day	Time	Location	Leader
Mon	10.45am	Parish House	Marian Milne
Mon	7.00pm	Church	Moirra Leck
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

Restoration Bricks

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



School News—Sacramental Dates

• **21st June**—First Holy Communion

Church Cleaning every fortnight after Friday Mass. **The next cleaning is Friday 6th June 2025.**



St Mary's Restoration Fundraising Event

Saturday 7th June
7.30pm

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



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 camroc498@gmail.com 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.



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—Mindless Meddlesome Official Busybodies for the Lord

The First Reading reports that some Judaeen people came to the Christians at Antioch to tell them they could not be saved unless they were circumcised. The Judaeans were worried that the traditional practices were being altered by the church at Antioch, and they were exercising themselves in behalf of the tradition.

But who are these people? Who empowered them to speak for the Lord? How do they know what the Lord requires for salvation? And what business is it of theirs what the Christians in Antioch are doing? They themselves live and worship in Judea.

To be officious is to push your services on people who neither want nor need them. To be a busybody is to pry into the affairs of other people and try to meddle in them. These people are officious busybodies for the Lord, aren't they?

And they do seem to be mindless in their meddling, don't they? Here is their idea of God. God is the kind of Deity who will not let anybody into heaven who does not have a certain amount of flesh cut off his penis. Spell their thought out this way, and it looks blasphemous, doesn't it? What kind of goodness or love would there be in such a God? What kind of God cares that much about foreskins? And, of course, I am being careful not to say anything about the issue of women, who don't have foreskins to lose.

In fact, these officious busybody defenders of the Mosaic tradition are not being true to the Mosaic tradition either. That tradition mandated circumcision for males as a ritual of initiation into the Jewish people. It said nothing about criteria of salvation.

The apostles rebuke those Judaeans by telling them what the decision of the Holy Spirit is: circumcision is not required for salvation. And this response is perfect. The decision about what is required for salvation is the Lord's. And the mindless meddlers were actually opposed to the mind of the Lord.

So people who push their way forward to rebuke the Christian practices of others need to be careful how they speak for God and what kind of God they are witnessing to by what they say. Who wants to be a mindless meddlesome officious busybody for the Lord?

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Leo P.P. XIV

Extracts from Pope Leo XIV inauguration homily 18/5/2025

Brothers and Sisters, I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. St. Augustine wrote: "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you" (Confessions, I: 1,1).

I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family.

Love and unity: These are the two dimensions of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus.

Peter is thus entrusted with the task of "loving more" and giving his life for the flock. The ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda, or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did.

In the words of St. Augustine: "The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbour" (Serm. 359,9).

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk toward God and love one another.



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.

Many thanks to all those who came along to **Confirmations** on Tuesday evening to support the young people being confirmed. Please keep them in your prayers that they may live out in their lives the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and become active members of the Church.



Laudato Si' Week 2025 Raising Hope
Celebrating the Jubilee Year and the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si' - with Bishop John Arnold.

Friday 30th May, Online 7.00—8.30pm [UK Time]

Use the link below to register and receive access:

[Laudato Si Week with Bishop John Arnold - Online Meeting Friday 30th May 7.00pm](#)

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.

