



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."

1st June, 7th Sunday of Easter—C

First reading

Acts 7:55-60

'I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second Reading—Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20

Come, Lord Jesus

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel—John 17:20-26 May they be completely one.

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 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 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7. 12-13; Sequence; Jn 20: 19-23

New Bank Details: TRUSTEES ROMAN CATHOLIC ST MARYS' 80-22-60; 28017060; Bank of Scotland, PO Box 17235, EH11 1YH

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

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Bennet McCash, Linda Butler, Peter Bryay and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michelle St Clair, Colleen O'Neil, Elizabeth Rooney, Frances Abernethy, Lesley Ann Brown, Joseph Russell, Scott Prankhurst, Liz & Gary Lee, Margaret & Steve Petrie. **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 Bailly, Moira Green, Stephen Kennedy, Veronica Cornock, Agnes Milne, Agnes Mulligan, Kate Cuthill, Andrew Lynch, Susan Ramsay, Marion Robertson, Margaret A Young, Liz Thomson, & Graeme Webster. (this list is cleared each calendar month).

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



Baptism Preparation Course starts next Sunday...

Session 1 Sunday 8th June; Session 2 Sunday 15th June; Session 3 Sunday 29th June; Presentation Sunday 6th July. Sessions after Sunday Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.

If you would like to know more about having your child baptised please contact Stella Andrews on camroc498@gmail.com or phone 07817160513.

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: £1627

Restoration Fund: £371

This week a special collection will be taken for **The Apostolate of Communications**.

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. May update SCIAF £80 and Mary's Meals £50

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, Margaret Duncan (35).

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:

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.

Pilgrimage to St Margaret's Pilgrimage (Dunfermline) has had to be cancelled due to the bus company folding, however our pilgrimage to the old Cathedral in St Andrews, Fife on Saturday 28th June will go ahead as planned as will the National Pilgrimage to Carfin on Sunday 7th September. The costs will depend upon numbers of people attending. If you wish to participate in these pilgrimages, please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the Church porch. Thank you.

The Margaret Sinclair Story performed by Rachel Callaghan (nee Murray) courtesy of AGAP (Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project) coming soon...

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....

Gary White's Organ Concert/Sing-along—Sunday October 5th at 3pm in St Mary's Upper Hall.

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 (Parish 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)

Diocesan Events:

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 3

Lectio Divina: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-13

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Quote to be pondered:

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... humility, patience and a willingness to forgive and be forgiven. No one can progress along the path of authentic spirituality alone; we need support, including formation and spiritual accompaniment (support), both as individuals and as a community.' #43 Final Document

Question:

As we journey together in communion towards a synodal spirituality what changes does it require and who might provide accompaniment/support for us?



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 dioceses 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. Its 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.

Thanks to all those who have taken part in the Conversations of the Spirit as requested by the Bishop in order for him to discern the way forward for the Diocese.

The Leadership Team will now compile a report based upon the feedback from the groups. This will then be submitted to the Bishop and the Diocesan Synod Group. We will await to hear the findings of this Diocesan process once they've had a chance to reflect and ponder the reports

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 through Eventbrite
Scan QR Code



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.

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



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.

ADORATION OF JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Dear Parishioners, for some time now we have had Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays, after Mass, until 11am. We would now like to extend this during Thursdays - every Thursday - concluding with Benediction at 4.30pm.

"What we need in every parish is to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament frequently in holy hours of prayer" **Mother Teresa**



Eucharistic
Adoration

It is really necessary for people to commit to a specific time each week. When people make a commitment to specific times, we ensure that a number of people will be present before the Blessed Sacrament every hour it is exposed. Your commitment also means that the Church will remain open on Thursdays, and it allows other people to pay a visit, if only for a limited period.

For Health, Safety and security reasons, we need to have a minimum of two people in the Church throughout the day, from the end of Mass to Benediction. There is a sign-up sheet in the Church porch, with the period from 11am to 4.30pm divided into time slots of 30 minutes. As you know, the usual period of Adoration is one hour so, if you wish to pray for the full hour, please sign up for two consecutive time slots. Please also include your contact details in the space provided.

Jesus is important enough to us in our life that we set aside at least one hour each week to be in His presence, and to keep Him company. *"In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success".* **Proverbs 3:6**

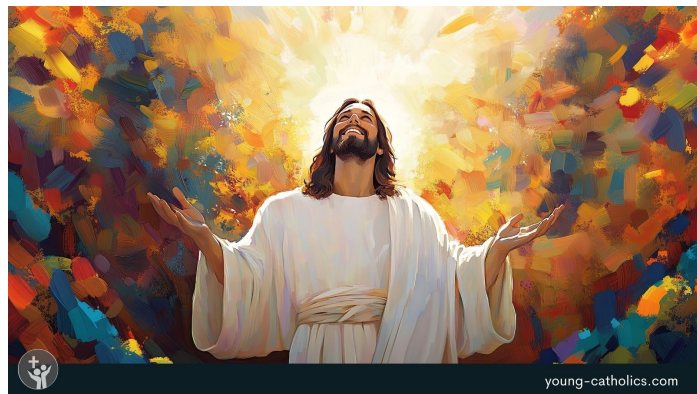
"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and contemplation that is full of faith.....May our adoration never cease". **Pope St John Paul II**

For further information, please see Deacon Jim Murphie after Mass, or email him at james.murphie@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

7th Sunday of Easter Reflection by Anne M. Osdieck

In this Gospel Jesus says, "I wish that where I am they also may be with me." What do you find most reassuring about Jesus' wish?

...Jesus says to his friends: "I send the promise of my Father upon you" ([v. 49](#)). He is talking about the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, he who will accompany them, guide them, support them in their mission, defend them in spiritual battles. We thus understand something important: Jesus is not abandoning the disciples. He ascends to Heaven, but he does not leave them alone. Rather, precisely by ascending towards the Father, he ensures the *effusion of the Holy Spirit, of his Spirit*.



On another occasion he had said: "It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counsellor will not come to you"—that is, the Spirit—([Jn 16:7](#)). ... Thus, ascending to Heaven, instead of remaining beside a few people with his body, Jesus becomes close to all with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus present in us, beyond the barriers of time and space, to make us his witnesses in the world.

Straight afterwards—it is the second action—Christ raises his hands and *blesses the apostles* ([cf. v. 50](#)). ... Jesus ascends to the Father to *intercede* on our behalf, to present our humanity to him. Thus, before the eyes of the Father, with the humanity of Jesus, there are and always will be our lives, our hopes, our wounds. So, as he makes his "exodus" to Heaven, Christ "makes way" for us. He goes to prepare a place for us and, from this time forth, he intercedes for us, so that we may always be accompanied and blessed by the Father. [Pope Francis Angelus for Ascension](#) May 29, 2022

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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.

