



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."

3rd August, 18th Sunday—Year C

First reading Ecclesiastes 1:2,21-23

What has a man from all his toil?

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

The things you have prepared, whose will they be?

Next Sunday's Readings:

Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Luke 12:32-48

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

Please note all weekday services will be held in the hall until further notice to allow Restoration Work to be carried out on the Stained Glass Windows in the Sanctuary.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Gary Kelly and June Stephens and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jennifer Downie, Peter Heston and Marlyn McLaggan. **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: Lilian Culshaw, Sarah McNally, Gerry Mulrooney, Martin Conroy, Tony Carroll, Grannie GG (Ann Jordan), Stephen Kennedy, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock and Kate Cuthill.

(this list is cleared each calendar month).

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Baptism Preparation Course...

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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www.youtube.com/@StMarysLochee Parish Website - www.stmaryslochee.org.uk

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: £1487

This month via Contactless: General Collection £160; Restoration £190; Dr Gomo £520

The next second collection will be for the **Bishops' Mensal Fund** taken on the 19th Sunday (9/10th August) of the year.

Parish's new Bank of Scotland details: TRUSTEES ROMAN CATHOLIC ST MARYS' 80-22-60; 28017060;
Contactless payment available in foyer and via this QR Code. Enables those viewing online to contribute.



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.

June & July donations total for SCIAF £160 and for Mary's Meals £50, many thanks.

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:

In the Footsteps of St Columba—a short History of the Diocese of Dunkeld—by Father Michael Carrie on Friday 8th August at 7pm. Entrance Free although Donations to the Restoration Fund would be appreciated.

Quiz Night—Friday 29th August at 7pm in Lower Hall. £5/ticket (includes refreshments) are available after Mass or on 07552920740 .

National Pilgrimage to Carfin on Sunday 7th September bus will be leaving St Mary's. Please sign up.

'O Halflins an Hecklers an Weavers an Weemin' an historical play in aid of the Restoration Fund. Friday 12th September at 7pm.

Doors Open Day—Saturday 27th September—11.30am until 4pm; tours and refreshments available.

Gary White's Organ Concert/Sing-along—Sunday October 5th at 3pm in St Mary's Upper Hall. Tickets £7 available shortly.

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 3rd August, 2025

Dunkeld Serra Mass: Praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life (2nd Tuesday of the month; Holy Hour 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm). All are welcome.

Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, Sunday 17th August, 2025

Taizé Holy Hour: (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm)

Please hand back your **Ministry Sign Up Sheets**.

I would encourage you to be generous with your time and your talents asking yourself what is God calling me to do in St Mary's, how can I support the ongoing running of St Mary's, and how can I help her become an ever more welcoming and evangelising community?

The Leadership Team has decided to extend the deadline for handing back the Sign Up Sheets until the holidays are over and everybody has a chance to fill one in. If you haven't please do so, as your parish needs you.

St John's RC High School have launched the Nanette Hanson Memorial Appeal to raise £3000 for a new stained glass window in memory of Mrs Hanson who laid down her life in a heroic manner on All Saints' Day, 1967. If you can support, please use the details below or hand in a cheque to the school office. Parents of the school can contribute via ParentPay. Name: St John's High School, Sort Code: 80-73-31, Account: 00620628. Please use the reference 'Memorial'. Please see school website for more info.

A big 'thank you' to all those who kept the parish running so smoothly whilst I was on my holidays. May God bless you all.

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.

Many thanks to Prof Graeme Morton of Dundee University History Department for leading a series of 4 workshops throughout the summer exploring the history of Loche and St Mary's. Thanks also to those who attended and contributed to these sessions. Dundee University is a partner in our Restoration Project entitled 'Under One Roof'.

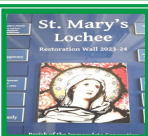


Fr Malcolm update: Malcolm continues to make steady progress. His grace under suffering has been remarkable. This says a lot for him but also for the prayers being offered for him. I asked him about visitors and although he's delighted that parishioners would like to visit he feels that he can only accommodate family and clergy at the moment. Please continue to hold Malcolm in your prayers as this will be a long haul. Many thanks & God bless

Into your strong and gentle hand O Lord,
we commend our future and our fears,
our life and our death, for you have told us there is
no need to be afraid.
We believe in your word, we believe in your love.
We place all our trust in you. Amen.



St Mary's donated a total of £920 to Dr Gomo's gofundme page. Many thanks to all in the parish and further afield who supported the Gomo Family. Please continue to support them in prayer. May she rest in peace & they be comforted.



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

Flowers—Many thanks to all those who have adopted a Saint's statue and are now bedecking it with flowers. A great idea taken up with relish.

The parish was treated to an absolute Spiritual treat last Sunday when a daughter of the parish Rachel Callaghan (nee Murray) performed her one woman play The Margaret Sinclair Story. The play raised £634 which will be split between the Restoration project and AGAP. Many thanks to all who supported this magnificent venture. Below

is Rachel with her old St Mary's Youth Leader Carol Irons who remembers Rachel fondly from attending the Youth Club.



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—Who cares?

Everything is vanity, the First Reading, from Ecclesiastes, says. You toil in the day; you're anxious in the night. And it's all just vanity. Who cares? No wonder many people think Ecclesiastes is a depressing book!

But notice that Jesus says something similar in the Gospel reading. The rich man was thinking about building bigger barns. But, in the parable, God says to him, "You fool! This night your soul will be required of you, and somebody else will get all your stuff." What will the rich man care about his barns then?

And that's the problem with many of the things we care about in this life, barns or material goods of any kind: you lose them when you die.

The same thing is true of a lot of what we spend our lives on. Those things don't amount to anything in the long run; and, like the rich man, we waste the part of our lives used up on them. There is time spent struggling for the next honor or the next accomplishment. There is time consumed on sorrowing over not getting the next honor or accomplishment. For that matter, there is time frittered away watching TV or doing nothing in any other way. Picture yourself as you come before God at your death, returning to God the talents he entrusted to you. Will you care about any of those things then?

That's why Ecclesiastes says they are vanity. Whatever good is in them is transient; they die when you do.

In the long run, then, who cares about them? You can't take any of them with you when you die, any more than the rich man could take his barns with him. When you come before the face of God, you won't care about them then either.

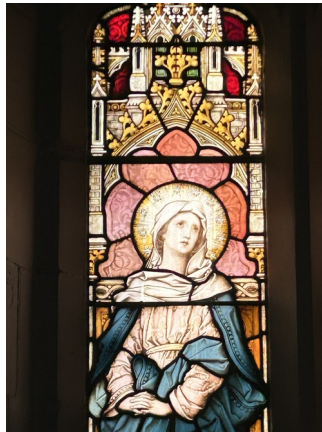
So Ecclesiastes is a consoling book, not a depressing one. The transience of earthly goods should be comforting to us. Barns may be good; but, in the long run, getting them—or losing them—is not of overwhelming importance. We can do our work in quiet, and we can suffer our reverses in quiet too, because none of these things last.

Love lasts. Work done in love for love of the Lord lasts. And the Lord is ever-lasting.

What is worth caring about is what lasts.

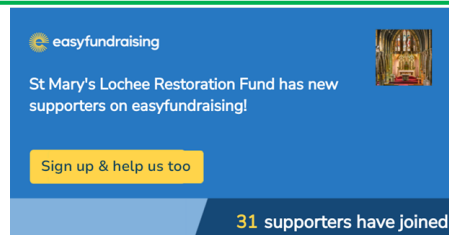
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Restoration Update: Had a fascinating conversation with one of the conservators for Rainbow Glass. They have removed the majority of our Stained Glass Windows from the sanctuary in sections. They will now be taken to their studio in Edinburgh where they will be painstakingly cleaned, repaired, restored and re-lead where necessary. Then toughened glass will be inserted where the Stained Glass Windows came out and the SG Windows will be inserted inside this to provide insulation and protection from the elements. They are talking about a 12 week time frame for the overall operation although this will depend on the builders as unfortunately the stonework around the windows is in rather poor condition. Please continue to hold St Mary's Restoration in your prayers.



The Church Cleaning has had to be increased in frequency due to the Restoration Work creating dust. If you can spare some time after Friday Mass please come along and help keep St Mary's clean for our weekend Services. **More hands means less time.** Thanks to those cleaners who are already doing a great job.

Welcome and thank you to our new supporters for signing up to support us by shopping online through easyfundraising, it really makes a difference.



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This coming Friday at 7pm Fr Michael Carrie will give a talk entitled ***In the Footsteps of St Columba—a short History of the Diocese of Dunkeld*** Entrance Free



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.

