

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.

10 August, 19th Sunday—Year C

First reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

By the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

He was looking forward to the city whose designer and builder is God.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

You also must be ready.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10;Psalm 40; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

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 6pm Vigil for The Assumption

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 that we have moved back into the Church for weekday services whilst the Stained Glassed Windows are being restored

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Gary Kelly and Ron Anderson and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jennifer Downie, Margaret Burke, Janet Sweeney, Dave Squire, Larry Reyes, Margaret and Philip Mulholland and Jean Cullerton. **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: Andrew Lynch, Agnes Milne, Susan Ramsay, Raymond Taylor, Ged Toshney, Mitch Landriault, Lilian Culshaw, Sarah McInally, 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).

Funerals: Gary Kelly's Reception of Remains Mon 18th at 6pm, Funeral Mass Tues 19th at 10am, Birkhill 11.30am. May his soul rest in peace, and may the Holy Spirit comfort his family and friends.

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.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation and occurs this Friday. To accommodate workers there will be a 6pm Vigil Mass on Thursday and the usual 10am Mass on Friday.



Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

Finance Matters: Last week's Collection: £1386

There'll be a second collection at the Vigil and Sunday Mass for the Bishops' Mensal Fund.

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.



Restoration Fund: £46

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, Yvonne St Clair (24).

Many thanks to the **Lothian Family Charitable Trust** who have donated £70,000 to St Mary's Restoration Fund. May the Lord bless their generosity, and please hold them in prayer.

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:

Quiz Night—Friday 29th August at 7pm in Lower Hall. £5/ticket (includes refreshments) are available after Mass or on 07552920740 . Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund.

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 and SCIAF. Friday 12th September at 7pm.

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

More Musical Magic with Maestro Gary White –Sunday 5th October at 3pm in St Mary's Upper Hall. Tickets £7 and are on <u>sale at the church or call 07496 539968</u>. A feast of entertainment, come along, sing along and listen to songs from The Sound of Music, ABBA, My Fair Lady, Showboat and Oliver as well as the White Cliffs of Dover and A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square. With 2 special guests displaying their musical talent too this will be an afternoon to remember. **All proceeds for St Mary's Restoration Fund.** We look forward to seeing you there.

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 7th Sept, 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). Next, Tuesday 12th Adoration 6pm, Mass 7pm, celebrant Fr Alex Obiorah.

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) Next, Thursday 28th 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'. More information is on the school website.

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.



Fr Malcolm update: Fr Malcolm was in remarkably good spirits this week. He continues to show great patience given his protracted stay in hospital. Although, as yet, he can't weight bear on his left leg he manages limited distances with the aid of a walking frame. He hopes to head home in the coming weeks whilst attending the

Rehabilitation Gym at Ninewells. Please continue to cradle him in your prayers as he still has a long road ahead of him, but by God's grace, and your prayers, he's getting there.

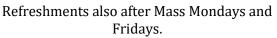
Into your strong and gentle hand O Lord,
we commend our future and our fears,
our life and our death, for you have told us there is
no need to be afraid.

We believe in your word, we believe in your love.
We place all our trust in you. Amen.





Tea and Coffee Filled Rolls and Cakes plus children's play area after Mass every Sunday.



Come along and enjoy the company.



ST MARY'S, LOCHEE KILTWALKERS

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF ST MARY'S LOCHEE.

(THE DIOCESE'S ONLY GRADE A LISTED BUILDING)

St Mary's **Wee Wanderers** (Wendy, Debbie, Logan, Adam, Rebecca, Raphael, Ethan and Eva) are taking part in the Kiltwalk on **Sunday August 17th** from Broughty Ferry to Slessor Garden's to raise funds for Mary's Restoration.

For more info see Wendy Sinclair or Ceclia Mendoza.

If you would like to sponsor them please sign the Sponsor Form at the back of the church, scan the QR code, or go to

https://www.justgiving.com/team/ stmarysrestoration? utm_medium=TE&utm_source=CL

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



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



Bl. Carlo Acutis World Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

The Exhibition shall be in St Mary's Upper Hall from **Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November. All are welcome**

Carlo Acutis is due to be Canonised on September 7th in St Peter's Square by Pope Leo. This event marks a historic moment as Carlo Acutis will become the **first millennial saint**. Known for his deep devotion to the Eucharist and his pioneering use of the internet to evangelize, Acutis died of leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15. His canonisation was postponed following the death of Pope Francis.



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—What Does It Take To Be Faithless?

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus tells two parables, one about servants and one about stewards. In the parable about the servants, he mentions a reward for the good ones. In the parable about the stewards, he adds a punishment for the bad ones. The bad steward will be assigned a place with the unfaithful.

The unfaithful are those who don't have what faith alone will get you: union with the Lord. So when the Lord says to some people, "Go away!"— the bad steward will be in that group.

This is truly a dreadful punishment.

So what is a steward, and what does it take to be a bad one?

Well, a steward is a person who has servants under him. In the parable, these are the Lord's servants. Since every human being is the Lord's servant in one way or another, then every person who has any human beings in his power is a steward of the Lord's, in virtue of having some kind of charge of the Lord's servants. If you are the president of a company or if you are a mother of small children, you are one of the Lord's stewards, because there are human beings who are in your power.

It doesn't take much to meet this condition for being a steward. If you sit at the dinner table with other people who can't easily get away from you, you are the Lord's steward as far as those people are concerned. To some small extent, they are in your power until you leave the table and them.

Two things mark out the bad steward. First, he considers his own needs and desires solely, not the needs and desires of those who are in his power. Second, when he deals with those in his power, he treats them unjustly. A mother who watches TV instead of caring for her children or who lets the older child tyrannize the younger one is a bad steward. A president of a company who assigns raises not to reward merit but to get revenge on his political enemies in the company is a bad steward too.

So having other people in your power is a fearsome responsibility. Do it badly, and you get a place among the faithless, outside, looking in at the dinner the Lord has made for the faithful, who served him well.

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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 Glassed 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-leaded where necessary. Then toughened glass will be inserted where the Stained Glassed 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 parish's thanks to Fr Michael Carrie who delivered a very informative talk on the history of Diocese of Dunkeld. As the Diocesan Archivist his knowledge of the priests, bishops, and parishes of the Diocese is second to none. Thanks also to those who prepared the refreshments.

Season of Creation Conference

The Bishops' Office for Care of Creation invites you to their National Season of Creation Conference on **Saturday 6th September 2025 in St. Margaret's, Raploch, 10am – 3pm.** Come and join Archbishop Nolan and our special guest Lorna Gold, the Executive Director of the global Laudato Si Movement.

Book a place on www.bcos.org.uk/scc25.





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.

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MOSES AND NOAH HAVING AN ARGUMENT

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.

