



St Mary's, Lochee, & St Clement's, Charleston

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."

28th September, 26th Sunday—Year C

First reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.

Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord

Second Reading Timothy 6:11-16

Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, yet he became poor for your sake, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.

Next Sunday's Readings: 27th Sunday
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 94; Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

"I have not the courage to force myself to seek beautiful prayers in books; not knowing which to choose I act as children do who cannot read; I say quite simply to the good God what I want to tell Him, and He always understands me."
(St Therese of Lisieux—The Little Flower).



Prayers for the sick: Please continue to remember the sick and the terminally ill in your prayers, especially those mentioned on our sick lists: Zoe Wallace, Tony Bryon, Ged Toshney, Jacqueline Conroy, Sandra Forbes, Liam Markie, Wendy Birnie, Andrew Lynch, Susan Ramsay, Agnes Milne, Fr Malcolm Hutchison, Gerry Mulrooney, Jim Pettigrew, Liz Rourke, Grannie GG (Ann Jordan), Martin Conroy, Alice Quinn, Agnes Mulligan, Veronica Cornock, Kate Cuthill, Bryan Bruce and Nicola Fleming-Stewart. (this list is cleared each calendar month).

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at

9.30am Sunday Mass in St Clement's

and 11am Sunday Mass in St Mary's (livestreamed)
(refreshments after Mass in hall...all welcome)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat Mass 10am

Weds 10am Eucharistic Service

Weds 9.30am Mass in St Clement's Church/Hall

Confessions:

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

Rosary before each weekday Mass.

Tues: Novena to St Anthony after Mass

Thurs: Adoration for the renewal of our Parishes after Mass

Sat: Adoration - 10.30-11am

Liturgical Calendar for this week:

Mon: Feast of the Archangels

Tues: Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church.

Weds: St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (The Little Flower)

Thurs: The Holy Guardian Angels

Sat: St Francis of Assisi



Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Frederick Borromeo and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jodi Cunningham, John Tinney, Helen Heron, Billy Milne, Robert Vannet, Bernard Gallacher Jnr, Mary Noonan, Ged Toshney, Ian Cameron and Mitch Landriault. **RIP**



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: St Mary's Collection: £1569 (Loose Plate £1264, SO £305).

Restoration Fund: £1460 (including an anonymous donation from a parishioner in another parish who responded to the article in the Dunkeld News and gifted £1000 plus GA making a total of £1250. May God bless their generosity.)

Last weeks Special Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests £246

St Clement's Collection: £339 and Special Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests £106

St Mary'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.



 St Clement's new Bank of Scotland details: TRUSTEES ROMAN CATHOLIC ST CLEMENTS 80-22-60; 28001261

d: 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 Anne Hampton (21).

September totals: SCIAF £205 and Mary's Meals including Foreign Coins £130

Mary's Meals, Foreign Currency collection —There is a box in the foyer for foreign currency for Mary's Meals.

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.



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), Bernadette Dailly (St Clement's) & 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 5th October, 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 19th October, 2025.

Taizé Holy Hour: (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Thursday 23rd October, 2025.

Catholic

Schools Matter

Sacramental Programme:

The Initial Meeting for Parents who would like to register their children for the Sacraments this coming year for **St Clement's children** on **Thursday 2nd October at 3.30pm in St Clement's Church/Hall**. This meeting is also open to any St Mary's Parents who missed Monday 8th Sept nights meeting.

Joint Sacrament Preparation Dates for both schools to be held in St Mary's Church:

Sunday 26th October – 11am Mass – Enrolment of Children for the Sacraments

Tuesday 16th December 6pm Parish Penitential Service incorporating Children's First Reconciliation

Tuesday 24th March 6pm Parish Penitential Service incorporating Children's Second Reconciliation

Tuesday 19th May 7pm The Sacrament of Confirmation presided over by Bishop Andrew McKenzie

Saturday 6th June 10am Mass for First Holy Communions



Dates for your calendar:

Gary White Organ Concert – Songs Old and New courtesy of the Maestro—Sunday October 5th at 3pm. Tickets £7 are on sale at the church or call 07496 539968

Lourdes Pilgrimage: The annual Lourdes Pilgrimage reunion will be held in St Leonard & Fergus Church, St Leonard Pl, Dundee DD3 9HD on Sunday 5th of October 2025. Benediction will be at 3pm followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Canon Andrew Clark's Life/Vocation/Ministry story—"Married Twice, Father of Thousands, and Thirty Years Behind Bars" - Friday 17th October 7pm. Entry by donation proceeds towards St Mary's Restoration Fund.

Choral Music by Candlelight Concert—Friday November 7th at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Cathedral in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund and SCIAF. Tickets £10 available to purchase through Eventbrite, scan the QR Code noted on the poster in the newsletter.



"Pilgrim of Hope—A Comedy about life, death, air fryers and one man's search for hope" written and performed by Stephen Callaghan (as recently performed to good reviews at The Fringe). Saturday 15th Nov at 7.30pm and Sunday 16th November at 12.15pm in St Mary's Upper Church Hall. Tickets available in foyer or 07552 920740.

St Mary's Parish Council Tues 18th November at 7pm.

A Lady's Night with Johnny Mack—Friday 26th November 28th 7.30pm. Tickets available soon.

Advent Day of Reflection - First Sunday in Advent (30th November), will be led by Canon Andrew Clark. Save date.

Baptism Preparation Course...second session today Sunday 28th Sept, followed by a third session on 28th Sept and 5th October. Presentation shall be on Sunday 12th October. All Sessions shall be held in the meeting room in the Church House. If you would like to know more about having your child baptized please contact Stella Andrews on camroc498@gmail.com or phone 07817160513.

Charity Appeal for Medical and Welfare outreach project.

In October, parishioner Malacy Okpala will be working with MMAKU CATHOLIC CENTER in Nigeria, delivering food, clothing and medical care to very vulnerable people in the parish there.

There will be a **fundraising event in the hall after Sunday Mass, 28th September to support the project.**

Home baking and other items will be on sale, and there will be a donations box for financial contributions.

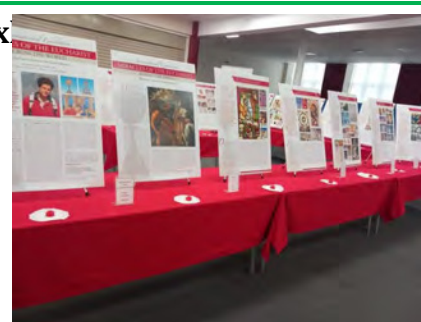
Thank you for your kindness.

Enzo Blyth's Baptism will take place during the 4.30pm Vigil Mass on 18th October. There will be no homily during the Mass as the homily will be the baptism. Please hold Baby Enzo and his family in your prayers as they prepare for baptism.



St 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



St Carlo Acutis Mass parts: over the next few weeks leading up to the St Carlo Acutis exhibition in the Hall on 21-23 November, the musicians at each of the weekend Masses will be introducing the parts of a new Mass written to celebrate St. Carlo's canonisation. If you wish to do a little extra personal rehearsal at home, please use the following link which will take you to a list of all the parts of the Mass - just click on the part you wish to hear- <https://www.paulcarrollmusic.co.uk/downloads>.

St Clement's News

Remember to collect the form for you to complete which will allow us to update the Parish Records also an invitation to share more deeply in the life of the parish.

The Church needs your help in a variety of ways. There are all sorts of services to be done, but always for the same Lord. This invitation seeks to affirm all that is being done, and invites everyone to have some share in the work of the church, and gives space for new suggestions and hopes.

Clarification: The 9.30am Wednesday Mass in St Clement's is celebrated primarily for the Sisters who have asked permission for parishioners to attend. This means that when Mgr Aldo cannot attend this Mass will not be celebrated.



The Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical initiative observed from September 1st to October 4th culminating on the feast of St Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology.

Please join us in St Ninians Church, Dickson Ave, Dundee on **Thursday 4th October at 7pm** for a Peace with Creation Service of Prayer, Song and Reflection.

Donations to Mary's Meals: The donation box will remain in the hospitality area for ongoing contributions. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

You are invited to join St Clement's P6 class in the school lunch hall on

Wednesday 1st October from 9.30 to 11am

for their Macmillan coffee morning.



Please join us for tea and coffee which is being served today in the hospitality area.



Please donate towards the flowers for the church, there is a box for donations in the hospitality area.

Heartstart Discovery provides **FREE** Emergency Life Support training and encourages as many people as possible to learn the skills required to help save lives

Training in CPR helps to save lives.

Come along to a **Heartstart** DISCOVERY course and learn all the skills you need.
It only takes two hours.

If just 10% of the population were trained in Emergency Life Support, many, many more lives could be saved each and every year.

YOU REALLY CAN SAVE LIVES.

All sessions will be held in St Mary's Church Hall	
Session Date	Session Time
October 27th	2pm
November 3rd	2pm
November 4th	7pm

Catechism Classes for children who do not attend a Catholic School. The Missionaries of Charity will run Catechism Classes in St Clement's for any child who is looking to make the Sacraments in 2026. Even if your child is in a Catholic School and you would like extra tuition/preparation the Sisters would be willing to incorporate them into their class. This in no way takes away from the importance of a Catholic Education. Our Catholic Schools do a great job, however, the more our children learn about Jesus, prayer, and the Sacraments the better. Please register your interest with the Sisters as soon as possible as they would like to get started in the Autumn. Phone 612861

"This week's Vocation Mass was well supported by staff and pupils from our Primary Schools and St John's. They were an absolute credit to all our schools."



God our Father, we earnestly beseech you to raise up holy vocations in your Church. Grant young men and women the strength to accept generously the call to the priesthood and religious life. May the joyfully give their lives so that all people may experience through them your loving kindness. Amen.

Vocations Evening for Under 18's

St Andrew's Cathedral Hall

Sunday 5th October at 7pm

Conversation about the Priesthood with Bishop Andrew

Pizza to follow.

Night Prayer to conclude.

Little Angels Baby and Toddler group

Mondays

10.30am until 12.30

All parents and carers are welcome to bring their children for playtime, games singing and snacks.

Contact Lynn Smith 07396193603 for more information or just come along.



St Mary's Lochee Primary School Newsletter web link

The link below takes you to St Mary's school newsletter which gives a review of the last week and advertises things to come. <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/PQ7CECRwfHRBCrWG?ref=Link>



FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025 | 7.30PM
ST ANDREW'S RC CATHEDRAL
NETHERGATE, DUNDEE

CHORAL MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT

An evening of sacred choral music written and conducted by Perth composer Helen Band

Performed by Singers from across Dundee and Perth & Kinross

Proceeds to St Mary's Lochee Restoration Fund and SCIAF

TICKETS £10 Under 16 free



Scan or call 07739 836994 to reserve tickets

A LOAF A WEEK?

Can you donate one loaf of bread per week in order that the Parish can support the staff provide every child, of St Mary's, with a piece of toast before lessons start?

Lookout for the bread basket and drop your loaf off...



Sign up to easyfundraising and every time you shop online with your favourite retailers, they'll donate to us for free. That's right, your shopping costs stay the same! The donation comes from the retailer - not you.

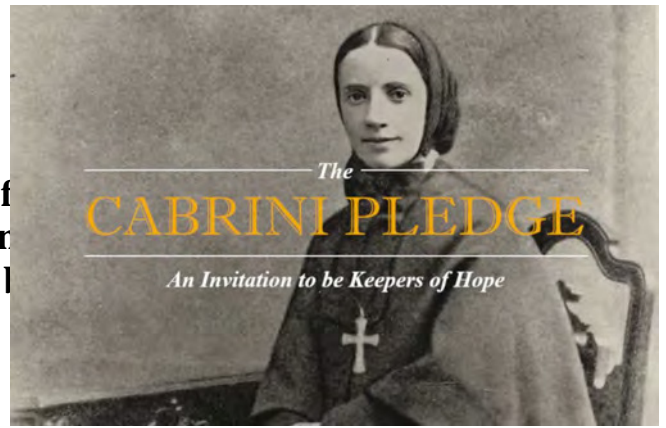
<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-marys-lochee-restoration-fund/7a4r01/c2s/AEWwwwVJ/CE058/facebook/>

The Cabrini Pledge

(an initiative by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the United States.)

“Migrants and refugees remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland, sustained by hope that is a theological virtue.”

— Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees



As Catholics, we are called to recognize the face of Christ in each person we encounter, especially the poor and vulnerable. Jesus tells us in his own words: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me” (Matthew 25:35). The Gospel and the social teaching of the Church continually affirm the equal dignity of every person, irrespective of race, nationality, or immigration status.

The Cabrini Pledge is both a reminder of our immigrant heritage and a call to deeper engagement with our faith in response to current events. At a time when our culture is dominated by deep political divisions and reasonable disagreements about immigration policy, progress can feel impossible. But by witnessing to the God-given dignity of every person, including the migrants and refugees in our midst, we pave the way for an approach rooted in mercy, justice, and the common good. And together, like Mother Cabrini, we can be keepers of hope.

I PLEDGE:

- **To affirm, in word and deed, the inherent dignity of every person**, regardless of immigration status or country of origin, seeing each as a child of God before all else.
- **To engage with Scripture and the Church’s social teaching**, reflecting on the role of migration in salvation history, the history of the United States, and the history of my own family.
- **To listen and learn about the circumstances facing migrants and refugees**, including those in my community, with an open heart and mind.
- **To seek opportunities for encounter**, so as to grow in deeper understanding and communion that leads to an authentic solidarity with those in need.
- **To consider what it means to be a good neighbor** and how I am called to reflect the love and hope of Christ to others.
- **To encourage civic dialogue that places the human person and the sanctity of families at the center of policymaking**, especially toward the end of meaningful immigration reform.
- **To join with Pope Leo in praying for all migrants and refugees** as fellow travelers on the journey to our true homeland.

(copied from The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; for more information please go to their website <https://www.usccb.org/cabrinipledge>)

Migrants are 'witnesses of hope' in a devastated world

In his Message for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, released on Friday, Pope Leo XIV emphasizes the important witness that migrants and refugees offer in a world affected by conflict and inequality in hoping and searching for a better and more peaceful future.



This annual event encourages the faithful to show support and closeness to the millions of people who are forced to leave their homes and places of origin. According to the United Nations, at the end of 2024, around 123.4 million people were forcibly displaced across the world due to persecution, conflict, violence or other issues.

Pope Leo XIV begins his Message underlining how the world is "faced with frightening scenarios and the possibility of global devastation".

"The prospect of a renewed arms race and the development of new armaments, including nuclear weapons, the lack of consideration for the harmful effects of the ongoing climate crisis, and the impact of profound economic inequalities make the challenges of the present and the future increasingly demanding", he explained, adding that these issues have forced millions to leave their homelands.

He points out that the "widespread tendency" to look at "the interests of limited communities" poses a threat to sharing "responsibility, multilateral cooperation, the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity".

For Pope Leo, "it is important there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all". He stresses that "such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of creation", citing passages from the biblical book of Zechariah emphasizing that, as Christians, "we believe and hope in its full realization, for the Lord is always faithful to His promises".

The Pope explains that migrants and refugees thus have an important role to play in showing hope in a better future. For the Catholic Church, "the virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man and woman"; and this search is "certainly one of the main motivations" for migrants, refugees and displaced persons, making them "messengers" and "privileged witnesses of hope".

"Indeed, they demonstrate this daily through their resilience and trust in God, as they face adversity while seeking a future in which they glimpse that integral human development and happiness are possible", he says, comparing the experience of the people of Israel described in the Bible.

"In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost", he stresses, "their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes".

At the same time, Pope Leo explains that communities that welcome migrants and refugees can also be "a living witness to hope" as they show "the promise of a present and a future where the dignity of all as children of God is recognized".

"In this way, migrants and refugees are recognized as brothers and sisters, part of a family in which they can express their talents and participate fully in community life", he says.

On a spiritual level, Pope Leo highlights that migrants and refugees also remind the Church "of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland, sustained by a hope that is a theological virtue". He encourages the Church and its members to be "God's people journeying towards the heavenly homeland" and avoid the "temptation of 'sedentarization'" and becoming "of the world".

In this regard, the Pope believes Catholic migrants and refugees have a special mission in becoming "missionaries of hope in the countries that welcome them, forging new paths of faith where the message of Jesus Christ has not yet arrived or initiating interreligious dialogue based on everyday life and the search for common values".

"This is a true *missio migrantium*, a mission carried out by migrants, for which adequate preparation and ongoing support must be ensured through effective inter-ecclesial cooperation", he says.

"With their spiritual enthusiasm and vitality, they can help revitalize ecclesial communities that have become rigid and weighed down, where spiritual desertification is advancing at an alarming rate", he says. "Their presence, then, should be recognized and appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to His Church". (Source: Vatican Media)

LINKS UN Refugee statistics: [Refugee Data Finder - Key Indicators](#)

[Message of the Holy Father for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2025](#)

HAPPY PAPER, DOWNSIDE SUNDAY 2025 2025 2025 2025 ; NO 2025 2025 2025 2025 2025 2025 2025 2025. 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.

A Man Just Like Me

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus tells a parable about a man who goes to hell. (Traditionally, the man is called 'Dives', because 'dives' means 'rich man'.) In the parable, Dives is beautifully dressed and eats very well. At his door is a beggar, Lazarus, who is clothed in sores and very hungry.

If the point of the parable is to give us a warning about a sin that can send a person to hell, the parable ought to highlight that sin. But notice that the parable doesn't actually tell us whether Lazarus gets any food from Dives. Notice too that if not feeding the hungry is Dives's sin, then the parable could stop near its beginning. But it doesn't. It goes on for a good while.

In hell, Dives notices Lazarus comforted in the bosom of Abraham, and he says to Abraham: send Lazarus to bring me a little water.

Here Dives is talking to Abraham, not to Lazarus; and he is asking Abraham to *command* Lazarus. He wants Abraham to make Lazarus leave the comfort of Abraham's bosom, find his way into the flames of hell, and bring a bit of water to Dives, who will be thirsty again almost immediately. Clearly, Dives thinks no trouble for Lazarus is too much if it brings a little something for Dives.

When Abraham won't agree to this request of Dives's, Dives makes another one. He asks Abraham to send Lazarus to Dives' brothers, to warn them. Dives still is talking only to Abraham. He spares a thought for Lazarus only when he is figuring out how to make use of him. If not for bringing water to hell, then why not for bringing messages to earth?

And now we can see the sin of Dives, can't we? Lazarus is a man just like Dives, but Dives can't see it. Dives doesn't talk to Lazarus, because he doesn't see Lazarus as a person in his own right. Insofar as he thinks of Lazarus at all, it is only to calculate how Lazarus could be used to benefit himself.

It wouldn't matter if he had fed Lazarus when they were both living, if he had fed him in this.

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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.

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.

Fr Malcolm update:

Fr Malcolm concelebrated the Vocations Mass on Monday night in the Cathedral and was warmly greeted by Bishop Andrew and also many of the St John's H.S. pupils where he is chaplain.

May Our Lady of Lourdes continue to support him.



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Check out the Dundee Mental Health and Wellbeing website for an A-Z directory of local services and information about what is available at your GP practices.

www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk

<https://www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk/OurServicesA-Z/DundeeMentalHealthWellbeing-PrimaryCare/index.htm>

St Mary's Facebook Page

Please can you **like and follow** St Mary's Facebook page. Help spread the news and invite others to do in an effort to help evangelise.

[St. Mary's Lochee - Parish of the Immaculate Conception | Dundee | Facebook](#)

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.

