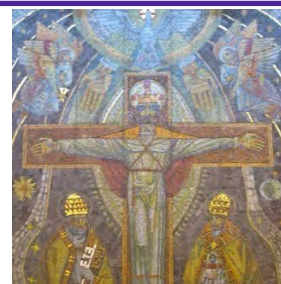




St Mary's, Lochee, & St Clement's, Charleston NEWSLETTER

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."

14th Sept, Exaltation of the Holy Cross—Year C

First reading Numbers 21:4-9

If anyone were bitten by a serpent, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Responsorial Psalm

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia!

Gospel John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Next Sunday's Readings: 25th Sunday

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Sacred Liturgy Schedule

Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

**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

Thurs 11am Mass in St Clement's Church/Hall led by P6

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

St Mary's weekday Masses from Tuesday will take place in the Lower Hall as work continues on the Sanctuary preparing the stonework for the restored Stained Glassed Windows.

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Edna Galapon, Vincent Malapira, Kenny Thomson, Aliekutty Joseph, Mari Phillips, and David Murray and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret McBennett, Gordon Anthony Hendry, Thomas Garvin Jr, Tom Garvin Snr, Linda Rodgers, Maureen McKenzie, Banjo Ramirez, Mary Dunn and Mary Low. **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: Liam Markie, Wendy Birnie, Andrew Lynch, Susan Ramsay, Agnes Milne, Fr Malcolm Hutcheson, 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).



Heavenly Father, You call each of us by name and have a plan for our lives. We ask You to inspire the hearts of many men to answer Your call to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the religious life. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide them, enlighten their minds to Your desires, and fill their hearts with the courage and determination to respond with faith, hope, and love. Amen (Please join us praying for Vocations on Monday 22nd Sept at 6pm in St Andrew's Cathedral)

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: £2359 (£1237 Loose plate, £775 SO & £157 Contactless, Filipino Mass £190).
Carfin Bus Collection £577

Restoration Fund: £40

St Clement's Collection: £329 and Candles £27

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



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 Liz Low (8).

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: Please Note there will be no Serra Vocations Mass and Holy Hour in September.

Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, Sunday 21st Sept, 2025.

Taizé Holy Hour: (4th Thursday of the month at 6.30pm) Next, Thursday 25th Sept, 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 last Monday 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

Enzo Blyth's Baptism has had to be rearranged. Please watch this space for details.



A new face at St Mary's and St Clement's: Charles Chibueze is applying to study for the priesthood with the Diocese of Dunkeld. He is currently participating in the Seminary Applicants Weekends with the view to being accepted for the Propaedeutic Period in Salamanca in January 2026. In the meantime he will be resident in St Mary's and getting pastoral experience in both St Clement's and St Mary's. Please show your usual warm welcome and support him with your prayers.

Benito's Vocation Story: My name is Benito. I was born in Nigeria where I did my initial formation to the priesthood. The idea of being a priest appealed to me since childhood. I was born into a Catholic family, so I always went to mass with my parents, seeing the priest celebrating mass I felt God was calling me for a purpose that I couldn't explain. I spoke to my parents and they referred me to our parish priest (Fr John Ejike) who advised me to join the altar servers and see how it goes, I joined thinking that was enough, but the zeal was still there and grew more. I went back to my parish priest to seek explanation and advice spoke but he referred me to a spiritual director, he said "God might be calling you to be a priest" but it is not an easy journey. I joined the minor seminary in September 2009 to embark on my formation and journey to the priesthood, to date am still on that journey. I cherish Saint Oscar Romero and Blessed Iwene Tansi and always pray for their intercession. I always pray for the will of God to be done.



It was wonderful to have 5 new altar servers at Mass last Sunday in St Clement's Church Hall. Thank you to Sr Hosea MC and Mike for practising with the children, and cleaning the albs.



Charles processing with Our Lady to celebrate her Birthday (St Mary's Lochee) at the end of Mass with the School.

May Mary our Mother wrap all the children in her mantle, and may they never be far from her consoling embrace.

Dates for your calendar:

Vintage Tea Party in honour of Our Lady in the hall after 11am mass this Sunday, 14th September. All Welcome

Doors Open Days—Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September 11.30am until 4pm; tours and refreshments available.

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

"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 soon.

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.



Vocations Awareness Week

14 – 21 September, the Catholic Church in Scotland celebrates Vocations Awareness Week—a special time for to reflect on the vital roles of Priests, Deacons, and Religious Sisters in our communities. Let us unite in prayer that men and women across our community and throughout Scotland will be inspired to dedicate their lives to the service of the Gospel.

Diocesan Vocations Mass Please come along and pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Monday 22nd September

St Andrew's Cathedral

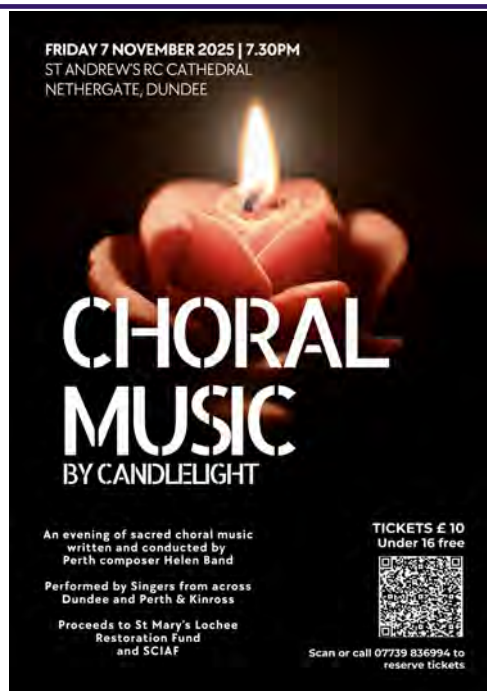
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Celebrant:

Bishop Andrew McKenzie

Homilist: Fr Jim Walls

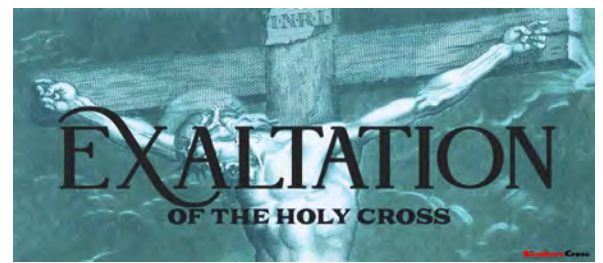
Led by St John's High School, Dundee



For Doors Open Days
(Saturday 27th September)
we will be offering guided
tours of the Church covering
its long history and it's im-
portant place in the history
of the local area.

Guided tours at 11:30am,
1pm, 2:30pm, and 3:30pm.

**DOORS
OPEN
DAYS 2025**



The **Feast of the Holy Cross**, *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*, or **Feast of the Cross**, commemorates the True Cross. On 13 September, 335, the Constantinian Basilica over the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated in Jerusalem. The day after the church's consecration, the relic of the cross was shown ("exalted") the first time to the people for veneration. Later, the feast was also associated with the commemoration of the recovery of the Holy Cross by Emperor Heraclius on 13 September 628.

In the liturgical year, there are several celebrations which honor and celebrate the cross used in the crucifixion. Unlike Good Friday, which is dedicated to the passion of Christ and the crucifixion, these feast days celebrate the Cross itself, as the sign of salvation. It is celebrated by Catholics (Latin Church Catholics, Eastern Catholics), Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Church of the East, Old Catholics, Lutherans and Anglicans, and to a lesser extent by Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists.^{[2][3][4][5]} The most common day of commemoration is September 14 for churches that use the Gregorian calendar and September 27 for churches that use the Julian calendar, Ge'ez calendar, or Coptic calendar.

In [English](#), the feast is called **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** in the official translation of the [Roman Missal](#), while the 1973 translation called it **The Triumph of the Cross**. In some parts of the [Anglican Communion](#) the feast is called **Holy Cross Day**, a name also used by [Lutherans](#). The celebration is also sometimes called **Holy Rood Day**, or by the historical names [Roodmas](#) or [Crouchmas](#).

Extract -[Feast of the Cross - Wikipedia](#)

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Baptism Preparation Course...next session starts on 21st Sept , followed by a further 2 sessions 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.

St Clement's News

Medjugorje (Part 2 of the history following on from last weeks

newsletter).....You see, for 415 years, Bosnia-Herzegovina fell under Turkish power. The diocesan priests abandoned their churches, while many Franciscan friars remained, undercover. These brave priests served the people in constant danger of arrest, torture and execution. Travelling in civilian clothes from village to village to administer the Sacraments, they pretended to be uncles on the maternal side (to account for differences in surnames). Over those four centuries, the people grew very attached to them. With the defeat of the Turks in 1878, diocesan priests slowly returned, decade by decade, to replace the Friars in the parishes. As each church was taken over, the faithful were understandably upset. When two young Franciscans defied the bishop's order to desist from serving their former parishioners, he defrocked them! Vicka asked Our Lady about the bishop's decision, and got the answer that he had acted hastily. This, of course, infuriated the man and turned him against the visionaries from then on. [Ten years later, the two priests were exonerated by the Vatican.]



Thereafter, Bishop Žanić tried all he could to discredit the seers and the Franciscans, but, under the watchful eye of Pope John Paul II and his right-hand man, Cardinal Ratzinger, he failed to impress Rome. In 1991 a commission of the Bishops' Conference of Yugoslavia met in Zadar, Croatia, to discuss this problem. The commission announced that it could not affirm the supernaturality of the events at Medjugorje, but designated the place as a shrine of prayer under the direction of the bishop. Pilgrimages to the shrine were permitted but must not be organized by the clergy – although priests and bishops could accompany the pilgrims as spiritual advisors. During the war of independence (from 1991 to 1995, which resulted in the dissolution of Yugoslavia), and upon Bishop Žanić's retirement in 1993, his hand-picked successor, Bishop Ratko Perić, took over the diocese and proved to be even more antagonistic towards the Franciscans. He went so far as to declare the supernaturality of the events at Medjugorje as false. The Vatican dismissed his claim, asserting that it represented the bishop's personal opinion. His authority on the matter was taken from his hands and placed squarely on the shoulders of the Conference of Bishops of Bosnia-Herzegovina. This Conference has adopted a wait-and-see stance to this day, and is, by and large, not hostile. It should be noted that while alleged apparitions are on-going, the Church normally does not grant authentication, as was the case at Fatima and Lourdes, for instance. Opponents of Medjugorje distributed many fabrications and lies about the apparitions. Please be aware of this; pray, and do not be afraid. Official Information—The Franciscan Friars have a web-site at www.medjugorje.hr. It is the most reliable source of news and archives.

Next Sunday we will distribute a 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.

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.

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.

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. This is the case this Weds although there will be Mass at 11am on Thursday in St Clement's Church Hall which will be led by P6 to which parishioners are welcome.

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.

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

ROTAS

Thanks to those who have recently signed up for these ministries, your assistance is very much appreciated.

If for any reason you are unable to be present on your date, please try to swap with someone else. If this isn't possible, I would be grateful if you could let me know. My number is 07977577223. Many thanks. Emily

WELCOMING ROTA

DATE	VIGIL MASS (4.30 p.m.)	SUNDAY MASS
13th September, 2025	F. Wood A. Creegan	A. Smith J. Young
20th September, 2025	D. Donnachie M. Duncan	M. Murray T. Soutar
27th September, 2025	A. Laing G. Laing	K. Dewar V. Ritchie
4th October, 2025	A. Creegan F. Wood	B. McNicoll C. McNicoll
11th October, 2025	M. Duncan D. Donnachie	J. Goodman M. Murray
18th October, 2025	A. Laing G. Laing	T. Soutar K. Dewar
25th October, 2025	F. Wood A. Creegan	V. Ritchie A. Smith

OFFERTORY ROTA

DATE	VIGIL MASS (4.30 p.m.)	SUNDAY MASS
13th September, 2025	M. Duncan A. Houghton	S. Milne T. Soutar
20th September, 2025	A. Creegan D. Donnachie	M. San Luis M. Dryden
27th September, 2025	M.C. McNally D. McNally	C. McNicol B. McNicol
5th October, 2025	A. Hampton R.	S. Laing J. Laing

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS READERS/CANTORS/ECHARISTIC MINISTERS

13th September, 2025	
1 st Reader	N. Sloan
Cantor	A. Joiner
2 nd Reader	R. Chivers
Bidding Prayers	H. Middleton
Eucharistic Ministers	E. Gray/M. Keir/A. Blyth
20th September, 2025	
1 st Reader	P. Johnstone
Cantor	B. Biggins
2 nd Reader	A. Johnstone
Bidding Prayers	S. McLaren
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Milne/E. Murphy/A. Hampton
27th September, 2025	
1 st Reader	M.C. McNally
Cantor	A. Joiner
2 nd Reader	D. McNally
Bidding Prayers	G. Blyth
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon/E. Gray/A. Creegan
4th October, 2025	
1 st Reader	R. Chivers
Cantor	B. Biggins
2 nd Reader	N. Sloan
Bidding Prayers	H. Middleton
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Leck/A. Blyth/M. Milne

SUNDAY MASS READERS/ECHARISTIC MINISTERS

14th September, 2025	
1 st Reader	W. Sinclair
Cantor	
2 nd Reader	F. Thornton
Bidding Prayers	C. Andrews
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon/M. Nnabuke/A. Smith
21st September, 2025	
1 st Reader	M. San Luis
Cantor	
2 nd Reader	K. Duffy
Bidding Prayers	C. Mendosa
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon/P. Cossan/M. Murray
28th September, 2025	
1 st Reader	W. Sinclair
Cantor	
2 nd Reader	J. McKenzie
Bidding Prayers	F. Thornton
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon/M. Mill/M. Nnabuke
5th October, 2025	
1 st Reader	C. Andrews
Cantor	
2 nd Reader	A. Sta Maria
Bidding Prayers	C. Mendosa
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon/M. Murray/A. Smith
12th October, 2025	
1 st Reader	M. San Luis
Cantor	
2 nd Reader	J. Hearn
Bidding Prayers	F. Thornton
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon/P. Cossan/M. Mill

Annual Mission Appeal on 13/14th September by the Comboni Fathers

The Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers) are an international religious and missionary Order founded by Bishop Daniel Comboni in Verona (Italy) in 1867, specifically to serve the missionary endeavour of the Roman Catholic Church. Our Members live in Community and practice the Religious Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. Our activities in the UK largely consist of visiting Catholic Parishes to appeal for funds to support some of the most unfortunate and disadvantaged communities in the world, including the Central African Republic, South Sudan and the Republic of Congo. Reference Source - [About Us – Comboni Missionaries](#)



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...

Many thanks to Shoestring Theatre Productions who provided a tour de force of Dundee and Lochee history through a series of characters in different epochs. The evening raised £480 which will be split between SCIAF and St Mary's Restoration Fund. Please hold the generous cast in your prayers as it's thanks to people like this that St Mary is being restored.



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



Little Angels Baby and Toddler group

will be starting in the hall on Monday 15th September at 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 Needs Your Help!

******Urgent—Votes need to be cast by Friday 19th. *****

Would you be so kind as to take time to vote for St Mary's Hall Restoration by clicking on the link below. St Mary's Hall is badly in need for restoration so that it can continue to be used by the church, the school and community at large. This would include modernisation including kitchen, toilets and a lift to access the upper hall to ensure we were inclusive to all.

Please ask a member of family or friend to support you to complete the voting process below and encourage everyone you know as we desperately need the votes to hopefully receive £30,000 from the Neighbourhood Capital Fund. Please vote now as we really need all the votes to secure the money.

CHARITY APPEAL FOR MEDICAL AND WELFARE OUT-REACH 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 two fundraising events in the hall after Sunday Mass on the 21st and 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.

Scan the QR code or go to the link

- Scroll down and press on lochee
- Scroll down again and press on 'All Under One Roof'
- Press Vote
- You will then have to sign in or sign up (Ask someone for help if you need support and remember get them to vote too).

It's a great opportunity to receive a valuable amount of money so please take time to do this. It will benefit us all.

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.

Tribalism

It is part of Christian doctrine that only Christians can be saved. No one comes to the Father except by Christ ([John 14:6](#)). This is a view that can encourage tribalism.

In the [Gospel Reading](#), the apostles see someone who is not among the group of Christ's disciples but who is casting out demons in the name of Christ anyway. When the apostles perceive the man doing a miracle in Christ's name, they tell him to stop it. As the apostles see it, unless a person is a member of their group, their tribe, he is an outsider; and, as an outsider, he is not among the saved. In the view of the apostles, that is why there is something wrong about that outsider's using God's power to do miracles

In response, Christ defends the outsider and rebukes the tribalism of his apostles. "Whoever is not against us is for us," Christ tells the disciples. The outsider has not joined the disciples, and he doesn't know the doctrines or customs that the disciples are learning from Christ. But, in Christ's view, he is still one of Christ's own. So it is true that no one comes to the Father except by Christ.

But this requirement makes Christ the one necessary and sufficient condition for salvation. It doesn't say anything about any of the other ways by which members of a group usually identify themselves. As Christ sees that outsider, the man meets the one requisite condition for salvation: he is for Christ. And so, in Christ's view, that outsider counts as one of those who come to the Father by Christ, even if he is not an official member of Christ's disciples. But then, you might say, who doesn't count as one of Christ's own? Who actually is against Christ?

In effect, Christ answers these questions by giving an example of a group destined for perdition. It is the group of those who draw children away from the Lord or who make the vulnerable and helpless worse than they otherwise would be. Those in that group would be better off being dropped into the sea with millstones around their necks, Christ says.

So here is what we need to remember. Even Judas was a member of the official tribe of Christ's disciples; but in the end Judas was not one of Christ's own. Real membership in the group of those who are Christ's own depends on being for Christ, and for those he loves.

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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 managed a trip to Tesco's with the help of his mum, her car, and his wheelchair. Many thanks for your continued prayerful support as Fr Malcolm makes progress.



ARE YOU LIVING IN DUNDEE AND LOOKING FOR SUPPORT WITH YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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.

