



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.

5th October, 27th Sunday—Year C

First reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The righteous shall live by his faith.

Responsorial Psalm

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts**

Second Reading Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you.. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:5-10
If you had faith.

Next Sunday's Readings: 28th Sunday

Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; Timothy 2:8-13; Luke:11-19

Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Billy Doyle, Helen Dobbie, Agnes Mulligan and Kenny Brady and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George Scott, Norman Hadden, William Reilly, Ina Dunbar, Charles Warden and Thomas Fleming. **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, Liz Rourke, Martin Conroy, Granny GG (Ann Jordan), Wendy Birnie and Fr Malcolm Hutchison. (this list is cleared each calendar month).
Helen Dobbie, Funeral Mass, Mon 20th at 10am. **RIP**



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

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

As Pope Leo has asked us to set aside Tuesday 7th October as a special day of prayer for peace, St Clement's and St Mary's will be open throughout the day for silent prayer, to light a candle and for praying the rosary.

St Clement's will be open from 8.45am until 6pm with the Blessed Sacrament being exposed and the Rosary being prayed for peace every hour on the hour.

**St Mary's will be open from 9am until 6pm with the Blessed Sacrament being exposed and the Rosary being prayer for peace on every quarter past the hour. There is a signup sheet in the foyer of St Mary's for anyone who can spare an hour or half hour to keep watch.
Thanks and God bless, Fr Jim**



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
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Scottish Charity Number: SC001810

Finance Matters: **St Mary's Collection:** £1456 (Loose Plate £1268, SO £120, Contactless £68).

Restoration Fund: £226

St Clement's Collection: £279

The next special collection will be on Sunday 19th October which is **Mission Sunday**.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to raise money to support the Medical & Welfare Outreach project in Nigeria. The sum of £700 was raised thanks to your generosity.

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 Margaret Carroll (20).

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). Next, Tuesday 14th October. All are most 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:

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

Dear God our Father, as the children and teachers of St Mary's, St Clement's and St John's head away on their October Holidays we pray that they are kept safe from all harm, enjoy the company of their family and friends, and come back renewed in energy and enthusiasm for their studies. This we make as prayer through Christ your Son. Amen.



Dates for your calendar:

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.



Prize Bingo—Friday 14th November, Eyes down at 7pm

"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 the foyer or 07552 9020740.

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

A Lady's Night with Johnny Mack—Friday 28th November 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...third session today Sun 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.

*The
Miracles
of the
Eucharist*



St. Carlo Acutis

St Carlo Acutis World Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition *International Exhibition*

St Mary's Upper Hall, **Fri 21st to Sunday 23rd Nov.**

Friday: Schools welcome; 7pm Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament and Relic.

Saturday: 9am Eucharist Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament and Relic.

Sunday: 12.30pm Holy Hour to conclude in front of the Blessed Sacrament and Relic. Admission Free. All welcome.



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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>.

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.

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.

Across Lourdes Pilgrimage by Jumbulance

Some of our parishioners will be travelling from Dundee to Lourdes and back by Jumbulance from Thursday 9th - Saturday 18th October.



Please keep them and the rest of their group in prayer as they make this long journey by Jumbulance.

I know they will pray for us whilst in Lourdes.



St Clement’s News


Updating parish records /Invitation to share more deeply in parish life.
Please return your form it will allow us to update the Parish Records also please complete the 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.

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.

Please remember in your prayers, our Dear Missionaries of Charity Sisters, who on 7th October celebrate 75 years since Saint Mother Teresa received Vatican approval to serve the poorest of the poor.

The order was dedicated to provide wholehearted service to the destitute, sick, and unwanted, a mission that started in Calcutta and now operates in 130 countries providing care and service and relies on donations and Divine Providence for its need. May God pour his Blessing on them.

***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	
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

UPDATE ON SIGN UP SHEETS

Many thanks indeed to all those who generously signed up for one or more ministries as we try to create our St Mary's Lochee parish into a thriving faith community where all are welcome.

WHAT have we done with the information?

The Leadership team have analysed all the names and allocated each volunteer to your selected ministry. We have managed to work through a number of the ministries and the Welcoming, Offertory, Readers, Cantors and Eucharistic minister rotas have been updated.

WHERE will you find this ?

This was in a newsletter a few weeks ago and the rota sheets are pinned up at the back of the porch in the Church so please check the rota.

HOW will we move forward with the other groups?

If you volunteered for answering the door, packing the shopping, cleaning the church, helping with the library, music, serving teas and helping with hospitality, then you will have already been invited into the groups.

WHICH groups have still to be sorted?

A number of volunteer groups eg, faith sharing, visiting the sick, delivering the newsletters RCIA, and some others have still to be analysed and allocated. So please bear with us as we pull this information together.

HOW do we move forward?

We still need more people to support the work of the Parish however in the meantime we start preparing for Advent with our day of reflection and our faith sharing courses which will be advertised over the next few weeks. So watch this space!

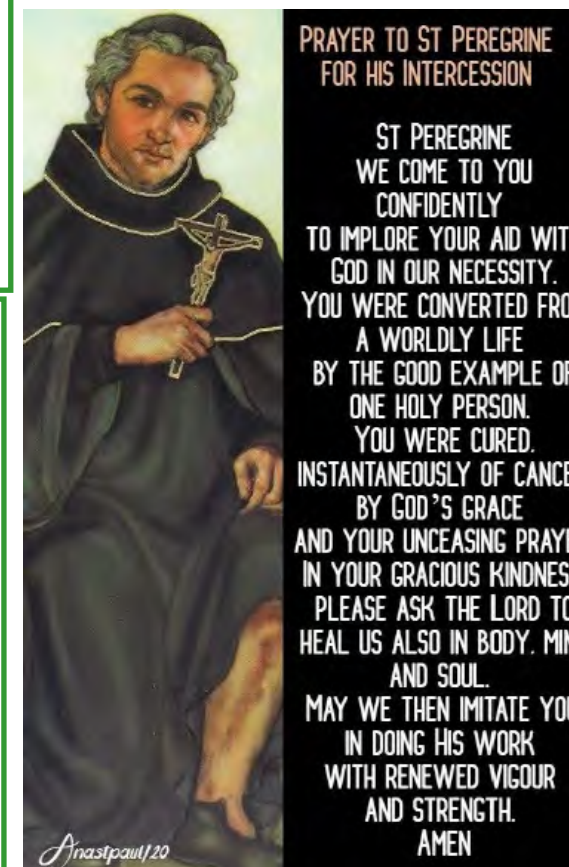
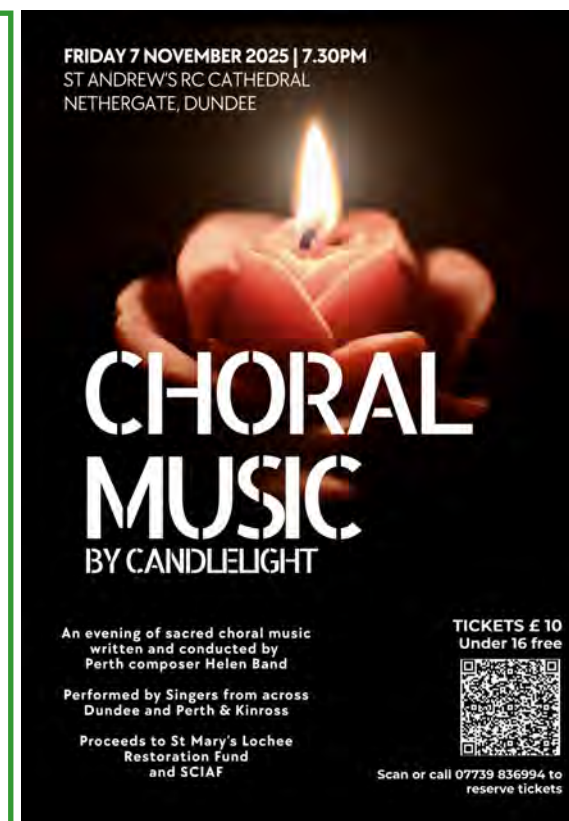
We hope that while the building is being restored we as the real Church (people of the parish) will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in order that we can truly experience Renovation in our hearts and minds. The Leadership Team.

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>



Diocesan Mission Day

We are in October, the month the Church reflects and prays for the Missions. Once again we have a Diocesan Mission day on the Saturday before Mission Sunday. This year we gather on **Saturday 18th October at St Mary's Forebank for 9.30am to end at 3.30pm.**

More and more questions are being raised about mission and how we do mission. The challenges of our modern world and Church are forcing us to question how to live mission in different ways.

Probably we Scots felt we were a well-established Church sending out lots of missionaries all over the world. However, Scotland has also always been a country receiving missionaries. We have always relied on missionaries! However, we were probably not aware of it! Why? Because they were generally white, their native language was English and they did not have to travel far. What would we have done without the Irish priests who often became Scottish Diocesan priests?

Many still regard Polish, African, Indian, Asian priests as a "stop gap". Scotland has fewer priests than we are used to, so we need to appoint priests from somewhere to our parishes. The majority of these wonderful priests are from missionary orders or Dioceses with a missionary spirit. They are not here to fill up the gaps but to announce the Good News.

Europe, the UK, Scotland are now missionary territories. Perhaps this concept is a little strange to us but we will eventually have to take this on board.

In the past years we have had some wonderful speakers who have often questioned us and helped us. This year we are so pleased to have Duncan MacLaren, a long time ago director of SCIAF and ex-director of Caritas International. Duncan has a vast amount of knowledge of our missionary Church.

The day so far suggested: Theme **MISSION AND THE MODERN CATHOLIC IDENTITY.**

- 9.30 am Arrival and coffee
- 9.45am Brief Prayer in hall.
- 10 am During the day we will be using the method of CONVERSATIONS IN THE SPIRIT from the synodal process.
- Duncan: Modern Catholic Identity Groups with two questions
- 12 Noon Mass in the church. Not Mission Sunday mass but mass for the Evangelization of the People.
- Followed by lunch. Please bring a packed lunch.
- Duncan: Mission and the Legacy of Pope Francis followed by groups.
- Final words: Bishop Andrew.

Coffees and teas will kindly be provided by Canon Kevin

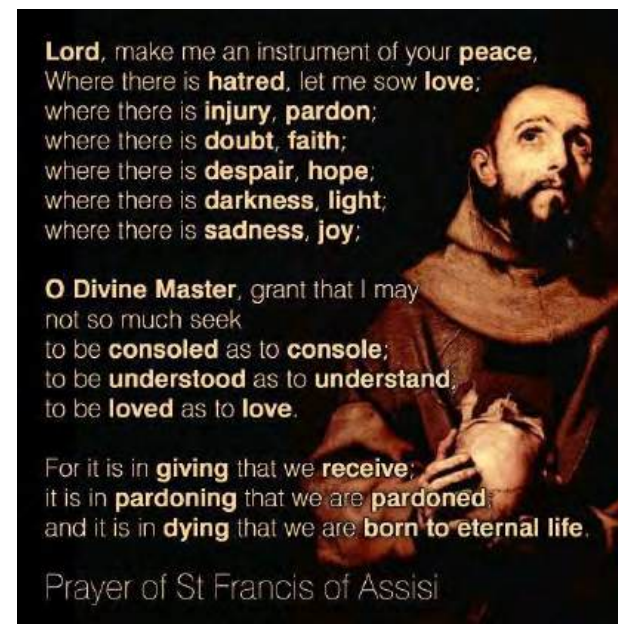
Please put this in your diary. Many thanks, Fr Mike A. Freyne MHM. VE Mission, Justice & Peace

It would help us if you could inform me (mafreyne@btinternet.com or by phone, 01259 213274) or the Diocesan Office (Paul McFadyen) approximately how many MAY be joining us.



Our Lady of the Rosary
Feast Day Tuesday 7th Oct
A Day of Prayer for Peace in the World.

St Clement's and St Mary's will be open between 9am and 6pm. Please drop by to light a candle, say a silent prayer, adore the Blessed Sacrament and/or pray the Rosary.



Lord, make me an instrument of your **peace**,
Where there is **hatred**, let me sow **love**;
where there is **injury**, **pardon**;
where there is **doubt**, **faith**;
where there is **despair**, **hope**;
where there is **darkness**, **light**;
where there is **sadness**, **joy**;

O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek
to be **consoled** as to **console**;
to be **understood** as to **understand**;
to be **loved** as to **love**.

For it is in **giving** that we **receive**;
it is in **pardoning** that we are **pardoned**;
and it is in **dying** that we are **born to eternal life**.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi



The Archbishop of Glasgow, Bill Nolan, has expressed his horror at the terrorist attack on a Manchester synagogue.

He said: "The attack on innocent people taking part in a religious event in broad daylight is an act of evil which should be condemned by all right-thinking people. The Jewish community was memorably defined by Saint John Paul II as 'our older brothers in the faith' and we feel a special closeness to them in this hour of sorrow and fear.

"My prayers, and those of the Catholic community are for those who have died, the bereaved, the injured, and those who feel anxious and afraid. Leaders of all faiths must unite in times like this to make it clear that killing and destruction in the name of religion is abhorrent. Violence and inhumanity have no place in the tenets of the great world faiths."

Many of our parishioners wish to support our ethnic communities at this difficult time and Michael Marr (MSP) has agreed to meet with us concerning the climate of fear experienced by some in our ethnic communities, in St Mary's Church Hall on Monday 20th October at 6pm. We are responding to a parishioner who expressed concern about the rising levels of anxiety amongst the Sri Lankan community of which she is a member. Michael will help clarify the language surrounding the issue of immigration and will listen to the concerns of those within our community of communities, whilst setting out the position of the Scottish Government.



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25th September 2025

Dear Fathers,

Please pass on the following message to parishioners this weekend and next.

My brothers and sisters in Christ

Day of Prayer for Peace 7th October 2025

The Bishops of Scotland invite all Catholics to keep Tuesday 7th October as a day of prayer for peace.

It is of course two years since the terrible massacre in Israel and now the continuing atrocities in Gaza.

We invite our brother priests to open their churches on that day for as long as possible so that everyone has the possibility to visit their parish, especially the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for a moment of prayer and to light a candle.

Our world today is troubled by so many wars and conflicts; it is appropriate that we as Catholics pray individually and together on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary for the Holy Land, Gaza and Israel. Pope Leo has also asked all Catholics to pray the Rosary during the month of October for peace in our world.

Could I suggest the following prayer for your intentions on the 7th October:

God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of the Holy Land:
Israeli and Palestinian, Jew, Christian and Muslim.
We pray for an end to acts of violence and terror.
We lift to you all who are fearful and hurting.
We ask for wisdom and compassion for those in leadership.
Above all, we ask that Jesus the Prince of Peace,
Establish lasting reconciliation and justice for the Holy Land and all nations. Amen.

With thoughts and prayers in Christ, the Prince of Peace

John Keenan

+John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley
President, Bishops' Conference of Scotland

From the parishioner who expressed concern:

"Yes , not only Sri Lankans other immigrants who came legally and who work and pay tax and who live under UK law are under lot of pressure and tension. We feel after seeing things on television people seem to look at us differently. People never knows how much we pay as our university fees and how much we pay as national health charges. We need people to know that all immigrants are not refugees and we are respecting Scottish people's ideas and their value."

Suggested Prayer for your intentions 7th October

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Amen.**

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.

A Little is a Lot

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that if you have faith even as big as a mustard seed, you could command trees and they would obey you. A mustard seed is very small. But none of us can get trees to obey our commands. And so, from this, it is clear that the faith any of us has is not even a very small amount.

That's not the only disheartening thought in the Gospel Reading. It gets worse. No matter how much faith you have, as the Gospel Reading makes plain, you are still highly unsatisfactory. Jesus says that, however hard you work in the service of the Lord, at the end of the day, recognizing all your sins in the day, you should say to yourself, I am an unprofitable servant of the Lord's.

This isn't a good thought to have before going to bed, is it? And it does make it hard to get out of bed in the morning, too. Who wants to wake up with this thought: "Oh boy, another day for me to be my sinful self! At the end of this day, I will be inadequate, unsatisfactory, and unprofitable!"

You can see why the prophet in the First Reading would say to the Lord, "How long, O Lord!" The prophet thinks it is hard to wait for the Lord to do something about the sins of other people. But it can be hard to wait for the Lord to take care of our own sins too. How long indeed!

But the First Reading also says that the just will live by faith. Now real living is joyous, not depressive. And here's another thing to see. The First Reading doesn't mention *how much* faith you need in order to live. So, apparently, any amount is enough. Your faith doesn't have to be even mustard seed size. You will still live, really *live*, as long as you have any faith at all.

And so we can wait for the Lord to do something about our sins. It doesn't take even as much faith as a mustard seed for us to live. And if we live in the Lord, then we can also rejoice in the Lord, even if we are also still unprofitable servants.

And if it brings a life of joy in the Lord, then however little our faith is, it is a lot, isn't it? And that is itself a joyful thought.

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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.



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>

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 continues to make steady progress and is now walking short distances with the aid of elbow crutches. Please continue to hold him in your prayers.



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.

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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.

