



# 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."

## 30th November, 1st Sunday in Advent-Year A

**First reading** **Isaiah 2:1-5**

**The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord**

**Second Reading** **Romans 13:11-14**

**Salvation is nearer to us now**

**Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! .Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** **Matthew 24:37-44**

**Stay awake so that you may be ready**

**Advanced notice: Christmas Eve Mass 7pm preceded by Carols at 6.30pm; Christmas Day Mass 11am.**

**St Clement's 9.30am.**

## 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, Sat Mass 10am**

**Weds, Thurs, Fri 10am Eucharistic Service**

**Weds 10am Eucharist Service 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**

**Next Sunday's Readings: 2nd Sunday in Advent.**

**Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15:4-9; Mathew 3:1-12**

**Our Beloved Dead:** Please remember in your , prayers those who have died recently: Sheila Lothian, Mary Matheson, Martin O'Brian Jnr, Marion Newton, Ann Jordan, Catherine Walls, Christine Pettigrew, Neil Permezal, and Gary Flynn; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Tinney, Nan Mulligan, Marion Busalpa, Purves Blyth, Peter Donnelly, Helen Archibald, Willie & Maggie Hutcheon, Ian Irons, Frances McKernie, Don Cree and Philip Short.



**Prayers for the sick:** Please continue to remember the sick and the terminally ill in your prayers, especially those mentioned on our sick lists: Helen Boyle, David Henderson, Dave Donaldson, Liam Markie, Helen McCluskey, Martin Reid, Baby Aidan Mellon, Andrew Lynch, Agnes Milne, Gerry Mulrooney, Baby Isla Young, Veronica Cornock, Kate Cuthill, Stasha Rudanski, Ged Toshney, Elizabeth Rourke, Wendy Birnie, Zoe Wallace, Mrs Elizabeth Thomas (Fr Rogi's Mum), Dom Robert-Brown, Fr Malcolm Hutchison, Moira Traynor, Sister Mary Catherine, Maureen Wiltosz, Martin & Jacqui Conroy. (this list is cleared each calendar month).

**Funerals:** **Ann Jordan**, Reception of remains at 5pm, Sunday 30th Nov, Funeral Mass at 10am Monday 1st Dec.

**Catherine Walls**, Funeral Mass at 12 Noon **Our Lady of Good Counsel**, Broughty Ferry, Tuesday 9th Dec.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to [stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)**

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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: £1651** (Loose Plate £1347, SO £265, Contactless £39).

Second collection at this week's Vigil & Sunday Masses for the **Poor Mission Fund**.

**Restoration Fund: £ 514** (Contactless £39, Pilgrim of Hope £130, Bricks £50, Mini Market £225, Choral Concert £70).

**St Clement's Collection: £287** Education Collection £95

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 Maureen Crichton.

**In November, the Mini Market raised £875** for the Restoration fund. Many, many thanks to everyone who supported this by their generous donations. During Advent any money raised by the Mini-Market will be going to SCIAF who along with Mary's Meals will be DOUBLING all Donations. SCIAF real gifts, ranging from £5 upwards can also be purchased during Advent and cards can be obtained from Ann Creegan or any Member of the Church Team.

**Mary's Meals, Foreign Currency collection - Many thanks** to everyone who has donated. 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 7th Dec, 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 very most welcome.

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

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

### **Catholic Schools Matter**

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

Tuesday 2nd December—St Mary's School Mass celebrating the Feast of St Andrew

Monday 8th December St Mary's School Mass celebrating the Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Parish Penitential Service incorporating Children's First Reconciliation;

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 6pm Parish Penitential Service incorporating Children's Second Reconciliation

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

Saturday 6th June 10am Mass for First Holy Communions

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/PQ7CECRwFHRBGrWG?ref=Link>



**Dates for your calendar:**

**Advent Day of Reflection**—First Sunday in Advent (30th November), will be led by Canon Andrew Clark. Canon Andrew will preside at 11am Mass, then after refreshments, will reflect on Jesus' Prayer of Solitude, finishing at 3pm. St Clement's Parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this afternoon's reflection.

**Gospel of St Matthew – Saturdays in Advent after morning Mass: 6th, 13th and 20th December.** As we begin Advent we enter the new liturgical Year (A), when the Gospel passages each Sunday are predominantly taken from Matthew's Gospel. On three Saturday mornings in Advent, Deacon Jim Murphie will lead a group discussion of the themes of Mathew's Gospel and its importance in the Catholic faith. Each session will also include Lectio Divina. The group will meet for one hour in the Hall after Saturday morning Mass. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available at the start.

**Christmas Fayre for SCIAF**—Saturday 6th Dec, 11am –1pm in the Church Hall. Usual stalls and Admission Free.

**Christmas Afternoon Tea Dance, Sunday 7th December** There will be no Christmas Lunch this year but the Parish are putting on an Christmas tea dance . Tickets £10 on Sale

**Lenten Day of Reflection at Carfin Grotto**—parish bus—Saturday 28th February, 2026.

**Paul Sullivan and Friends Musical Extravaganza** Friday 6th March 7pm start

**Fr Jock Dalrymple talks about his uncle Fr Jock Dalrymple Snr.** Fr Jock Snr was one of Scotland's foremost Spiritual Writers of the last century. His book 'Simple Prayer' is described as a modern day classic. Friday 20 March 7pm.

**Daniel Adams' "The Revolution of Tenderness".** Daniel is a proud Dundonian and the CEO of Akshaya Patra, and Indian Charity which feeds 2.4 million hungry children every day. He previously worked with Mary's Meals for 12 years. Sunday 26 April, 2026 after Mass.

**The most important dates in a Catholic Christian's Diary**—The Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday. Please set 2nd to 5th April 2026 aside in your diary to spend with your Christian Family in St Mary's, Lochee.

Thanks to Deacon Jim, Anne Creegan and the parishioners of St Mary's Church along with the school choirs of Ancrum Rd PS, St Mary's PS, and the Lochee Linties for making the Christmas Light Night Concert such a special occasion.



**Christmas**  
**Afternoon Tea & Dance**  
**Sunday 7th December**  
**1-4pm**  
**£10 a Ticket**  
**St Mary's Upper Church Hall.**

**St Mary's Christmas Socks appeal for Homeless Men**  
Box at the rear of the Church.

We were delighted to welcome Stephen Callaghan back to St Mary's for another inspiring one-man play. Through Scott's journey—marked by doubt, unexpected encounters, and a life-changing accident—the play gently reminded us that we are all searching for **Hope**. Stephen's powerful performance and the reflective discussion afterwards, grounded in Pope Francis' writings, gave us plenty to think and pray about. We hope to see him return again soon.

**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.

## St Clement's News

### Updating parish records / Invitation to share more deeply in parish life.

Thank you to all who have returned their forms. If you have not, because you do not wish to volunteer, can you please return it to enable us to update the Parish Records. We have been working through the forms and have held meetings for the welcomers, readers and the choir and the new sacristy team is now in place. If you have volunteered to help with the flowers you will now have been contacted also for the Faith Sharing Group. If you volunteered for the cleaning of the church & hall someone will contact you this week to coordinate these ministry. Thanks for your patience we are working through the wonderful number of responses. A list of volunteers for various ministries is available in the porch. Thanks to you all.

Thanks to all who helped make St Clement's Feast day celebrations such a success. Thanks also to Mia Miller for reading to us the history of St Clement.

**Bishop Andrew** will preside at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 14th December in St Clement's Church/Hall and afterwards will talk about St Clement's Church Building.

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



Available today—raffle tickets for our Christmas Prize Draw which will take place on Sunday 21st December after mass. Tickets £1 a strip. Various prizes including two beautiful hampers. Also Guess the Elf's birthday 10p a guess.

**Our Wishing Tree is now in the porch**, please take a tag and buy a gift, sweets or voucher. These will be given to the school and to families in the area at Christmas time. Also if you have any unwanted gifts or toiletries, we will accept them too and the school will use them for the children to wrap and give to their parents on Christmas day. Thank you in advance.

Our Advent Faith Sharing Group will be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December, 2025** at 10.30am in the hospitality area. These sessions will be led by Ann Corstorphine and Sandra Forbes

Margaret Dyer would like to thank everyone who bought bags, Christmas tree decorations, and bookmarks from her craft stall. She raised £85 for church funds, there are still a few bookmarks available priced £1.

**A Vocations Evening with Bishop Andrew** (for over 18's) in St Andrew's Cathedral Hall on Sunday 30th November at 7pm. Please contact Fr Jim if interested.

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.

### Christmas Greetings in the Newsletter.

Rather than distribute cards to all your friends in the parish simply put a message in the newsletter. For example: 'Mr & Mrs Brown wish all their friends a Merry Christmas', or 'Bob and Jean Smith pray their friends and family have a Blessed Christmas'. This will raise money for the Christmas Flowers, so please pop your message in an envelope along with a donation and drop in the collection plate. Any surplus cash will be kept for lowers in ordinary time. 'Fr Jim wishes all the parishioners of St Mary's and St Clement's Advent expectation followed by Christmas fulfillment.'

### St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal 2025

If you would like to donate a gift for a child or young person, please take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the foyer (St Mary's). Each tag will have gift suggestions for a child, with age and gender. Please return the gift the following week, and they will be distributed to families at Christmas. A blessed Advent to you all.

**This Sunday we move into the Season of Advent.** This will be marked by a change of colour from green to purple to represent a more penitential season whereby we prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus, and his Nativity. Also, the music changes as we do not have the Gloria and use more simple Mass Parts.

**St Mary's, Lochee Penitential Service**  
(incorporating First Reconciliation for St Clement's and St Mary's PS's)  
on Tuesday 16th Dec at 6pm in St Mary's.  
Multiple Priest and the opportunity for Individual Confession.

Finally, I would encourage everybody to stay until the end of Mass, leaving Mass early (unless for an important reason) is disrespectful and misses the 'missa'...a word that means 'sending out', from which we get the word 'Mass' and 'Mission'. The final blessing and the final hymn send us out with a Mission to spread the good news. Please don't miss the missa.

**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.

