



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.

25th January, 3rd Sunday -Year A

First reading Isaiah 9:1b-4
In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.
Responsorial Psalm
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Second Reading Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
'I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.'
Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia!
Gospel Matthew 4:12-23
'Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.'

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13;
Psalm 145; Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12



Our Beloved Dead: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Rosily (Fr Johney's sister), Isabella McKinnes, Laura Marie Strathearn, Catherine (Kate) Cuthill, Peter Boyd Malone, Elaine Shields, Frank Carrie, Helen O'Hare, Martin Oglivie, Joe Barton, Margaret Fyffe, Maciej Dublanski and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patricia (Trixie) Findlay, Tracey Foran, Esther Swan, Andrew Connelly, Billy Dailly, Annie Bourke, Lisa Mestiri, Jim McGregor, Joselito San Luis, Dorothy Gardiner, Margaret Gethins (Sen), Jill Brogan, Marianna Urban, Rose Cahill and Paul Quay.

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

Funerals: Catherine (Kate) Cuthill, Weds 28th 5.30pm Reception of Remains ; Thurs 29th 10am Funeral Mass

Peter Boyd Malone, 1.15pm Funeral Service, Friday 30th January.

Elaine Shields, 10am Funeral Mass, Tuesday 3rd February.

Frank Carrie, 11.45am Funeral Mass, Thurs 5th February.

Helen O'Hare, Thurs 5th Feb 5.30pm Reception of Remains; Friday 6th Feb 10am Funeral Mass .

Isabella McKinnes, Mon 9th Feb 5.30pm Reception of Remains; Tuesday 10th 10am Funeral Mass.

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

Wed 10am—Eucharist 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

Prayers for the sick: Please continue to remember the sick and the terminally ill in your prayers, especially those mentioned on our sick lists: Kathleen Elder, Kathleen Duffy, Colin Houston, Baby Callan Rae, Myrna Rossi, Colin Houston, Cathy Devine, Bertha O'Donnell, Carly Taggart, Zoe Wallace, Frank Carrie, Sister Mary Catherine (Little Sister of the Poor), Baby Isla Young, Susan Ramsay, Marjorie Gillan, Ged Toshney, Andrew Lynch, Agnes Milne, Veronica Cornock, Stasha Laudanski, Kathleen Mackie, Terry Cooper, Vanessa Hayes, Elaine Ramsay, Martin Conroy, Jacqui Conroy, John Swan, Wendy Birnie, Anne McLaren and Gerry Mulrooney. (this list is cleared each calendar month).

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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

Dates for your calendar:

CHRISTLIFE! Following Christ, Sunday 8th February - Sunday 22nd March 2026. This course will be running in the Hall after 11am Mass on Sundays.

Today's scripture readings invite us to respond positively to Jesus' call to follow him as his disciples. We are about to launch our Lenten formation course, 'Following Christ', on Sunday 8th February, to help us to deepen our knowledge and understanding of discipleship. **Please come along to this - there is a sign-up sheet in the porch, to assist with planning.** Please also keep this course in your prayers - you can use the following prayer, if you wish:

Prayer for Discipleship

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the spirit of discipleship among us. We desire to be your followers who know You, love You, serve You and glorify You. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may have the courage and strength to bear witness to Your love.

We humbly seek Your guidance as we embark on this stage of our journey of discipleship. Strengthen our hearts to follow Your example, deepen our understanding of Your Word, and empower us to share Your love with others. May our lives reflect Your grace, transforming us into faithful servants of Your will. Amen.

There will also be a day retreat in Kinnoull Monastery on Saturday 14th March as part of the programme. Each Sunday session will begin with sharing food together. Then, we will view a video presentation on an aspect of living as a disciple of Jesus. After this, we will experience community in our small groups, sharing our thoughts on the teaching and encouraging one another in applying these to our lives. Please sign up using the sheets in the porch - it is helpful for those preparing food to have some idea of numbers attending. Any queries, please email Deacon Jim at james.murphie@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

Do you sense a call to serve God and His people in the Priesthood?

If so come along to the Vocations Evening in St Andrew's Cathedral, Church Hall, Dundee DD1 4EA.

Under 18's Sunday 8th February starting at 7pm finishing 8pm.

Over 18's Sunday 15th February starting at 7pm finishing 8pm.

For more information please contact Fr Jim on stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk or 01382 611282.

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.



Carfin Grotto—Lenten Day of Reflection —Saturday, 28th February, 2026. There will be a Lenten Day of Reflection for parishioners of St Mary's and St Clements held in Carfin Grotto on Saturday 28th February 2026. Mass will be celebrated in the Glass Chapel and there will be an opportunity to visit the grounds of the Grotto. A coach will leave St Mary's at 9am and will return there at 6pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Teas and Coffees will be provided again in the Holy Ghost Fathers' Hall, across from the Grotto. Seats may be reserved on the coach by adding your name and contact details to the booking sheet which will be available in the porch from next weekend. A deposit of £10 must be paid for each seat reserved. Any queries, please email Deacon Jim at james.murphie@dunkelddiocese.org.uk.

Paul Sullivan and Friends Musical Extravaganza Friday 6th March 7.30pm start. Tickets on Sale from Lyn Smith or by phoning 07787374481,

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.



Baptism Preparation Course...

Introduction meeting Sunday 22nd February.

Sacrament of Baptism Sunday 1st March & 8th March.

Presentation for Baptism, Sunday 15th March

If you would like to know more about having your child baptised please contact Stella Andrews on camroc498@gmail.com or phone 07817160513.

HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

PARISHIONERS— There is now a new column added to the sheets in the porch currently used to notify the names of loved ones who are sick, recently deceased, or have anniversaries occurring. The new column is for parishioners to add the name of a sick or housebound parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion at home. Please include your own name and contact details so that we can contact you for more information. Thank you.

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

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



Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 18th February...to enhance its solemnity we'll use the Latin Chant.

The Gift Aid envelopes for 2026 are available to collect from Therese. If you are not signed up for Gift Aid and pay income tax, please consider signing up, it costs you nothing and St Clements would receive 25p for every £1 you contribute. Only gift aid envelopes will be distributed this year.

There is a practice after Mass today of the Latin Mass parts for Lent.

Rota for Welcomers, Readers and Sunday hospitality is on the notice board in hospitality area. Below are the people you need to contact for the various ministries if you have a query :-

Readers: - Eric Corstorphine	Choir:- Margaret Taylor
Flowers:- Therese Devlin	Church cleaning:- Kirsty Miller
Sacristan : Mike Miller	Church Stall:- Margaret Taylor
All other ministries: – Bernadette Dally	



Thanks to all those who attended St Clement's Parish Council meeting. This Council is important for the running and the flourishing of the community and allows me to hear what's happening and what's planned. At the meeting many matters were discussed including the recent announcement that the old St Clement's Church will be demolished and any money raised from the sale of the land made available for the development of the Church/Hall.

Thanks also to Therese Devlin for producing and submitting the Annual Accounts. Please see below.

Thanks to all who have donated towards the flowers for the church, we will keep the box for donations in the hospitality area.

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.

We are proposing a joint Parish Pilgrimage/Holiday to Italy to visit Padua, Verona, Venice and Milan from 3rd September until 9th September 2026. The cost will be dependent on the number of participants we expect the maximum cost to be £1295pp based on 2 sharing. More details to follow soon.

PARISH ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING DEC 2025

MAIN ITEMS OF INCOME

Annual Collection:	
Total Offertories - Gross, including Weekly Envelopes, Easter & Christmas Collections	£16,985.25
Gift Aid From Inland Revenue	£4,119.38
Other Miscellaneous Income incl Hire of Hall, Repository/Stall, Candles & Special Collections	£3,784.04
Refunds - Gas & Electric from Sisters	£3,967.19
Insurance	£433.60
Bank Interest	£29,289.46

MAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE:

Priests Salary, Housekeeping & Supply Priests	£4,157.68
Parish Allowance	£1,719.16
Insurances Building	£3,047.12
Gas/ Electric	£6,012.67
Maintenance incl Health & Safety	£7,752.31
Special Collections paid to Diocese	£2,031.36
incl donations to charities	
GP Levy Paid to Diocese	£2,881.78
Liturgical Costs & miss payments	£1,396.53

SUMMARY

Total Parish Income	£29,289.46
Balance of statement at 31.12.24	£26,937.15
Total Expenditure	£29,008.59

£56,226.61

£27,218.02

Thanks to Steve Keenan and the Northern Soul Organisers for donating a defibrillator for St Mary's Hall. This will be located in the Lower Hall to allow easy access from the Church and Upper Hall.

Thanks to St Mary's Sacristy Team and Cleaners for all their efforts over the last couple of weeks since the sacristy ceiling collapsed and the subsequent repair created copious quantities of soot.

St Mary's Restoration Update: Phase 1 is due to be completed in March with the repair of St Mary's Lane boundary wall and drain repairs prior to new drainage for a disable toilet. Phase 2 (the hall) and Phase 3 (the church interior) will then (God willing) start.

Dunkeld Lourdes Pilgrimage 15th—22nd July 2026. Bishop Andrew will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. Direct flights and transfers, full board and a Diocesan programme are included from £969. There is also plenty of free time to allow you to enjoy the pilgrimage. Further details and booking can be found here <https://joewalshtours.co.uk/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/dunkeld-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/> If you require a little extra support there are also places in the Accueil with an army of volunteers. Please email dunkeld@pobox.com or phone 07801 227 443 for more information.

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.

