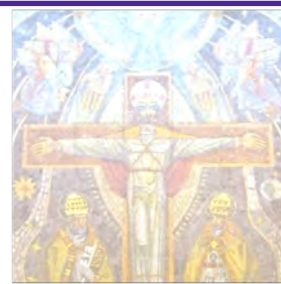




St Mary's, Lochee, & St Clement's, Charleston NEWSLETTER

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 Johny'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.

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).

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.

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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: £1574 (Loose Plate £1244, SO £310, Contactless £20).

Restoration Fund: £577 (Brick Money £50, 100 Club £300, Contactless £24, Funeral Donation £200, Donation £3).

St Mary's received a £500 bequest from Raymond Taylor's estate in memory of Raymond and his late wife Agnes.

Thanks to Raymond's family for organising this generous donation.

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 Collection: £325

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 James Young (85).

We now have several spare numbers, so please consider joining the 100 club to help support all the work being carried out in the church and church hall.

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 1st Feb, 2026.

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).

Syro-Malabar Catechism Classes & Mass (3rd Sunday of the Month at 3.15pm) Next, 15th Feb, 2026

Taizé Holy Hour: (1st Thursday of the month at 6.30pm). Note change of date starting Thurs March 5th, 2026.

Catholic Schools Matter

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

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

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/rhVwbyFU4NTRHfRk>



Please submit names/items for this newsletter no later than Thursday evening to stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

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

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.

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.



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—

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.



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 Dailly	

PARISH ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING DEC 2025

MAIN ITEMS OF INCOME

Annual Collection:	
Total Offerings - Gross, including Weekly Envelopes,	
Easter & Christmas Collections	£16,885.25
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	
Bank Interest	£433.60
	£29,289.46

MAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE:

Priests Salary, Housekeeping & Supply Priests	£4,157.68
Parish Allowance	£1,719.16
Insurance Building	£3,047.12
Gas/ Electric	£6,812.67
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 & misc payments	£1,396.53
	£29,008.59

SUMMARY

Total Parish Income	£29,289.46
Balance of statement at 31.12.24	£26,937.15
	£56,226.61
Total Expenditure	£29,008.59
Balance of statement at 31.12.25	£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 disabled toilet. Phase 2 (the hall) and Phase 3 (the church interior) will then (God willing) start.

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.

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



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.

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.

