

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION RAISED - £187

ST JOSEPH'S – HOME BAKING EVENT

Our next Home Baking Event will take place on Sunday 3 November after the Sunday Mass. Please support us on the day by providing baking and other goodies and also by purchasing from our stall. Many thanks – *Margaret Sinclair*.

ST JOSEPH'S – NOVEMBER LISTS 2025

We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in November, the Month of Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to prayer for the dead. We should start with those closest to us – our mother and father, for instance – but we should also offer prayers for all souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

If you would like your beloved dead to be remembered during Masses in November, please complete a November list and return it (with your offering) to the church as soon as possible. Put your envelope in the basket at the front of the altar. All lists will be placed on the altar and will remain there for the entire month of November.

ST JOSEPH'S – ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING IN THE MOSQUE CAR PARK

On Sundays, from today onwards, we have to try to be clear of their car park by 12.00noon as from today, their first service comes forward one hour. If you are staying for tea/coffee or a meeting, and you are parked there, simply move your car up to our church car park at 12.00. after the Mass. Many thanks.

ST JOSEPH'S - 200 CLUB 2026

It's that time of year again when annual subscriptions to St Joseph's 200 Club are due for renewal to cover you till December 2026. Money raised helps with the general running costs of our church. Each number is £25 per annum and can be paid (in instalments if you wish) in cash or by cheque payable to 'TRS RC ST JOSEPHS 1'. £2 per number each month January-November and £3 December is also an option. Numbers are entered into our monthly draw with prizes of £100 and £25. In the December Christmas draw there are 3 prizes - £200, £100 and £50. There are over 50 lucky numbers currently available so see me if you wish a new number. Thanks for all your support - *Linda Gow*.

ST. NINIAN

1. There will be a meeting of the PPC on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 7pm in the church hall.
2. Its planting time for the CC Juniors! All welcome on 30th October at 3.15. Please let us know if you are able to come along

ST NINIAN FINANCIAL MATTER

Offertory; £313.09

GA; £261.00

M/S; £153.28

GA; 146.50

TOTAL £873.87.

3. Just a reminder there will be cleaning of the church on Wednesday after mass. God bless you
4. THIS MESSAGE IS FOR THE YOUTH 18+

EVENTS THIS NOVEMBER

Faith & Community
PRAYER, TESTIMONIES, & FRIENDSHIP
With the Neo Catechumenal Way
(Youth Communities from Glasgow, the NCW UK Leadership Team and more!)

SATURDAY 1 NOV 2PM
St Joseph's Church House 42 Wilkie Lane, DD1 5HR

Cathedral Dinner
FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP
Join us for a great meal, socialising, and end the night with evening prayer!

SUNDAY 2 NOV 7PM
St Andrew's Cathedral Hall 150 Nethergate, DD1 4EA

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME
18-35 YEARS

Please let us know you're coming using the forms at linktr.ee/dunkeldyouth or scan the QR code!

DUNKELD YOUTH ASSOCIATION



Mass Intentions

Your requests for Masses to be offered for your loved ones, living and dead, and your Mass offerings are genuinely appreciated.

If you wish a Mass to be offered on a specific date, I will do my best to honour that request and will announce the intention at the beginning of the celebration. If no intention is mentioned, the intention may be a private request.

When a Mass is requested, but not for a specific day or time, the priest may offer that Mass at his discretion. When a priest has so many Mass requests that he cannot fulfil them all himself, he has a duty to pass on those intentions and offerings to another priest who will fulfil them. This is especially helpful to priests who are in areas where Mass requests are very few, especially for priests on the missions.

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

I ask all our lay Ministers of Holy Communion to take away a letter of invitation to a forthcoming diocesan event for Lay Ministers of Holy Communion. I also ask that at the end of each Mass this weekend that all the Ministers of Holy Communion who are present, to please wait behind for a very short meeting with myself. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Welcome to St Ninian's RC Church, Menzieshill St Joseph's RC Church, Wilkie's Lane

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Dunkeld Diocese Charity Number SC001810



Our Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass: 5.00pm in St Ninian's RC Church

Sunday Mass:

9.30am in St. Ninian's RC Church

11am in St Joseph's RC Church

Daily Masses

St Ninian's RC Church:

Tuesday; 6pm

Wednesday; 10am

Friday; 10am.

St Joseph's RC Church:

Wednesday; 6pm

Thursday; 10am

Saturday; 10am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Mass: 5.00pm in St Ninian's RC Church

Day Masses:

Morning: As announced.

St Joseph: 6pm

EXPOSITION;

Saturday; 10.30am to 11am in St Joseph's Church

Friday; 10.30am to 11am in St. Ninian's Church

Birthday Celebrations; 3rd Sunday of the month

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

St Ninian; Saturday 4.15 to 4.45pm.

St. Joseph; Saturday 10.30am.

Sunday 26 October 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ■

Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: C(I).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

'The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.'

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19, 23. R7a

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

The LORD turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,
and rescues him in all his distress.

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

'There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.'

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles

might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation
2 Corinthians 5:19

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

Gospel
Luke 18:9-14
'The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee.'

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Bidding Prayers
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year
YEAR C
God listens to the prayers of the humble

PRESIDER
Any good that we do is a gift from God, so it should not make us proud.
We still need God's help every day of our lives.

READER
Dear God, let us into the company of your saints and angels
not considering how well or badly we have done, but simply as a generous giver of good.

Silence
We pray like the tax collector:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Lord Jesus, you told us not to let our left hand know when our right hand is doing good.
May we not count our good deeds, lest we begin to think we are doing them by our own power.

Silence
We pray like the tax collector:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Jesus, your enemies were those who prided themselves on keeping the law perfectly.
Keep us from that kind of pride:
may we always try to do the right thing without despising people who do wrong.

Silence
We pray like the tax collector:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

St Paul today speaks of finishing his race. Life is a race, but not a competition.
May we only compete against ourselves, to do our very best for God and for the cause of goodness.

Silence
We pray like the tax collector:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Paul also today prayed that those who had let him down would not be judged by God. Following his example, we pray God's mercy on our enemies, and on friends who have let us down.

Silence
We pray like the tax collector:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

In silence we pray for our own needs, spiritual and temporal.

Silence
Mary, you pray for sinners, and so you pray for us.
Hail, Mary...

PRESIDER
Merciful God, do not consider what we truly deserve, but grant us your forgiveness, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reflection on the Readings
Humble Prayer, Open Heart

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today's readings invite us into the deep mystery and beautiful simplicity of prayer—true prayer, grounded in humility and openness before God. From the first reading in Sirach we hear that "the prayer of the humble pierces the clouds... the Lord will not reject the prayer of the afflicted" (Sir 35:17–18). The Psalm echoes this: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor, the broken-hearted and saves them". Then in the Gospel of Jesus Christ we meet the Pharisee and the tax collector. One proud, self-righteous; the other humble, aware of his need for mercy (Luke 18:9–14).

Christ teaches us: it is not our proud boasting nor our comparison with others that wins favour with God, but rather our honest recognition of our need — our humility — and our simple trust. The tax collector, "God be merciful to me a sinner," goes home justified.

What does this mean for us today? It means we are called to an open heart: one that is not busy comparing, judging or self-exalting, but one that cries out to God in sincerity, in vulnerability. In our workplaces, in our families, in our parish community: let our prayer be humble, our hearts soft, our trust unshaken.

And in this humility, we don't lose dignity — we gain divine closeness. For the God who hears the cry of the lowly draws near to the broken-hearted. He listens. He responds. He heals.

So as we go forth this week, let us ask ourselves: how open is my prayer? How humble is my heart? May our lives reflect the tax collector's plea — and may we carry home the mercy of God, made present in our lives by Christ. Amen.

October Feasts and Memorials
Tuesday 7; Our Lady of the Rosary.
Wed 15; St Teresa of Avila, Doctor
Fri 17; St. Ignatius of Antioch Bishop and Martyr
Sat 18; St Luke Evangelist (Feast)
Tuesday 28; Sts Simon & Jude Apostles (Feast)

Pray for the Sick
Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Margret MacPhail, Franchesca Long, Peter Angus, Fr Malcolm Hutchison, Alister McGregor, Mary Clark, Bella Shaw, Angela Keith, Cecilia McCarten, Alan Newell, Albert Soave, Bethany Williamson, Irene McKay, Saul Sangster, Rena Samson, Gillian Donnelly, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Behl, Fletcher Ditchburn, Andrew Fyffe, Lyn Fyffe, Lisa Gillespie, Gerard Halliday and Margaret McDonagh. May they feel the healing power of Christ, in body and in spirit.

Pray for the Dead
Eternal Father, we commend to You the souls of Your servants who have departed from this world. In Your boundless mercy, forgive their sins and shortcomings. May the precious blood of Jesus wash them clean and open the gates of paradise for them. Comfort their family and friends with the hope of resurrection and eternal life. Grant that we who remain may live faithfully, so that when our time comes, we too may be welcomed into Your heavenly kingdom. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith - for the souls of Catherine Adam, Sr Mary Angela, Fr David Ward and Gwynne Bailey whose anniversaries occur around this time. May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.



Announcements
1. Dear Parishioners,
The month of November is fast approaching—a sacred time in the Church dedicated to praying for our departed brothers and sisters. Throughout this month, we lovingly remember and offer Masses for the faithful departed, entrusting them to the mercy of God.

All Saints' Day, originally on Saturday, November 1st, has been transferred to Sunday, November 2nd. This beautiful feast celebrates all the saints in heaven—those known and unknown—who now share in the glory of God. We are inspired by their faith and invited to follow their example of holiness.

All Souls' Day, normally on November 2nd, will be celebrated on Monday, November 3rd. On this day, we pray for all souls in purgatory, asking God to grant them eternal rest. A plenary indulgence may be obtained for the souls in purgatory from midday November 2nd to midnight November 3rd, and also on any day from November 1st to 8th by visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed.

Mass times:
• **All Saints: Vigil Mass – Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday – 9:30am (St Ninian's), 11:30am (St Joseph's).**
• **All Souls: Monday – 9:30am (St Ninian's), 11:30am (St Joseph's), 6:00pm (St Ninian's).**

Please bring your envelopes with names of your deceased loved ones and place them in the basket before the altar. They will remain there throughout November as we offer Masses for them

2. Sunday, October 26
Thank you for your prayers and financial support on World Mission Sunday! Your generous donations to Missio Scotland help to support the missionary work of the Church and is a real blessing for the missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries and for the people to whom they bring the Good News of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

ST JOSEPH
ST JOSEPH'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION - SUNDAY 19/10/25
Loose Plate £192 Gift Aid Envelopes £138 Standing Orders £351 Maintenance Fund £29 Additional Offertories £500 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £1,210
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. Please try to give a little more each week to help St Jo's.