

ST JOSEPH'S – CHILDRENS LITURGY

Please remember that the Children's Liturgy class, for children four years old and above, takes place each Sunday from 11.00am in the room next to the Sacred Heart Altar on the left-hand side of the church. New or visiting children are most welcome to join this group. Liturgy, songs, activity – about 25 minutes.

ST JOSEPH'S – EAGLES WINGS CHARITY

Continuing request for toiletries for the homeless men and women who seek shelter and showers with them. Collection basket in the porch for any items that you can donate.

St. Ninian

ST. NINIAN OFFERTORY COLLECTION

OFF: £274.77, Gift Aid: £273.00, Comboni; £467.56 Total: £1015.33

Dunkeld Diocese Eastertide 'Conversations in the Spirit' Feedback

The Dunkeld Synod Core Group is assisting Bishop Andrew in collating the responses to the three Conversations in the Spirit held in parishes throughout the diocese during Eastertide. Common themes were: established a partnership approach to parish life, strengthen opportunities for prayer and devotion, share skills and talents and improve communication across the diocese. The Bishop intends to make a report available to all parishes by the end of the year.

Journeying Together: A Conversation in the Spirit on Wednesday 15 October

All welcome are invited to an annual Conversation in the Spirit on **Wednesday 15 October at 6.30pm in CC's**. After a short social time the topic for our conversation will be: **What is going well and what might help us become a more welcoming parish?**

ST NINIAN'S CREATION PRAYER SERVICE: THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 7PM

Thanks to the organizers and all who participated in the service. May God bless you all.

St Ninian's International Harvest Celebration 4 and 5 October

Our annual Harvest Celebration will take place on 4/5 October, 2025. Simply bring a fruit donation and join in the procession to the altar during either the Saturday Vigil or the Sunday Mass. Remember to wear your country's national dress or simply something bright if you wish. The fruit will be donated to the local Care Home and Schools. Volunteers needed for this please.

Journeying Together: A Conversation in the Spirit on Wednesday 15 October

The **Welcomers Group** will have their annual Conversation in the Spirit on **Wednesday 15 October at 6.30pm**. After a short social time the topic for our conversation will be: **What is going well and what might**

help us become even more welcoming? Theresa and Maureen look forward to seeing you all then. The 200 Club winner for Sunday 28th September 2025 is number 68-H Bovill

DAYS	MORNING	EVENING	TIME
MON 29	-----	-----	-----
TUE 30		Holy Mass	6pm @ St Ninian
WED 1 Oct	Holy Mass	Holy Mass	10am @ St Ninian 6pm @ St Joseph
THUR 2	Holy Mass		10am @ St Joseph
FRI 3	Holy mass		10am @ St Ninian
SAT 4	Holy Mass	Holy Mass	10am @ St Joseph 5pm @ St Ninian

Sincere thanks to all who organised and supported our **Peace with Creation** service last Thursday in St Ninian's. It was so enriching to mark the Seain of Creation and to do so in such a creative and participative way. Thank you.

A **Choral Concert by Candlelight** in St Andrew's Cathedral, starting at 7.30pm on Friday 7 November. Music conducted and composed by Helen Band. Please scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the Church for ticket.

The **Cecilian Choir** will give a Concert of Sacred Music in the Cathedral on Friday 21 November and then will sing the 10am Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 22 November in honour of Saint Cecilia.

Welcome to all our students!

Shane Murray, of the University Catholic Society writes:

All students are warmly invited to join us on Mondays at 6pm at St. Joseph's RC Church, 42 Wilkies Lane.

We begin with Holy Mass, followed by our talk series for the semester. This term, we'll be exploring the theme of Vocations, discovering how God calls each of us to live out our faith in the world.

It's a great opportunity to grow in faith, meet fellow Catholic students, and share fellowship together.

New faces always welcome!

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

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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.

27th Sunday of Ordinary time
5 October, 2025

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 5 October 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

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

'The righteous shall live by his faith.'

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you 'Violence!'

and you will not save?

Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

And the LORD answered me:

'Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so he may run who reads it.

For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end — it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

'Behold, his soul is puffed up;

it is not upright within him,

but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;

hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;

let us hail him with a song of praise.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

O come; let us bow and bend low.

Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,

for he is our God, and we the people,

the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your forebears put me to the test;

when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

Second reading
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

‘Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.’
Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 1:25
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.’
At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ And the Lord said, ‘If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you. ‘Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, “Come at once and recline at table”? Will he not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink”? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, “We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.” ’

Bidding Prayers

Priest:
Brothers and sisters, with trust in God who hears our cries and strengthens our faith, let us bring our petitions before Him.

- 1. For the Church:**
That she may proclaim the Gospel with faith and courage, and be a light of hope in times of trial.
Lord, hear us.
- 2. For the world and its leaders:**
that God may grant them wisdom to make just decisions which respect the earth and all that lives in it, especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable.
Lord, hear us.
- 3. For those who struggle in faith, or cry out in despair:**
That the Lord may strengthen them with His Spirit and renew their hope.
Lord, hear us.
- 4. For our parish community:**
That we may serve humbly, not seeking reward, but joyfully fulfilling the mission entrusted to us.
Lord, hear us.

5. For the sick, the suffering, and all who carry heavy burdens:

That they may find healing, comfort, and peace in Christ.
Lord, hear us.

6. For our departed brothers and sisters:
That they may be welcomed into the eternal joy of God’s kingdom.
Lord, hear us.

Priest:
Heavenly Father, increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and inflame our love, so that in all we do we may serve You with humble hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflection on the Readings

Beloved in Christ,
Today the Lord hears our cry. Just as Habakkuk pierces the silence with his “How long, O Lord?” (Hab 1:2) so each of us knows that moment of desperation — when prayers seem unanswered, injustice abounds, and evil seems to triumph. Yet the Lord’s response comes: “the just one, because of his faith, shall live” (Hab 2:4). Faith anchors us when the storms rage.

In Paul’s word to Timothy we hear the command: “stir into flame the gift of God ... guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit” (2 Tim 1:6,14). We are called not to wallow in fear, but to serve with power, love and self-control.

In the Gospel, the disciples ask: “Increase our faith!” (Lk 17:5) Jesus replies: even a mustard-seed faith can move mountains — if rooted in humble obedience. And when we have done all we were commanded, we must say: “We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do” (Lk 17:10).

Let us pray today: O Lord, increase our faith! May we live not for praise, but in humble service. And in moments of darkness, may we hold fast to the vision You have given, trusting that You will not delay or disappoint. 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 especially those of our Parish – 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 Nina Steel, Fr Tony McCarthy and Winnie Golden, whose anniversaries occur around this time. May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.

Announcements



The Ongoing Conflict in the Holyland

Two years ago, on October 7th 2023 the present conflict in the Holyland started following a terrible invasion by Hamas into Israel causing many deaths and hostages being taken. As a result of this invasion, and by the Israelis response, it is calculated that about 80,000 Palestinians, a large proportion of whom are women and children, have been killed. Many Israelis have also suffered and still there is no end in sight. One day, somehow, this wholesale slaughter of death and destruction has to end.

Please take the time on Tuesday of this week, 7th October, to pray this prayer from Justice and Peace Scotland, that soon a just and permanent settlement can be found to this ongoing conflict. St Ninian’s and St Joseph’s Churches will be open from 12pm to 4pm for anyone who would love to pray and light a candle for peace to return.

A Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Peace. You calmed the storm, healed the wounded and taught

us to love our enemies. We come to You now, heartbroken by the violence

tearing our world apart. Jesus, Son of God, turn the hearts of those who wage war to the path of

dialogue and respect for human life. Help them to realise that war is a victory for no one.

Convert the minds of leaders to seek the good of all, not the power of the few.

Strengthen those who work for peace, often in silence and in dangerous situations.

Lord of Life, comfort the wounded, console the mourning, shelter the displaced, feed the hungry, strengthen the weary. Give courage to all who dare to hope that another way is possible and who strive to make it a reality.

Teach us to live as the peacemakers you called us to be: To resist indifference, to speak truth with love, to seek justice for all, to defend human dignity, and to build a world where every life is protected and

every nation chooses the way of peace. We ask this in your holy name. Amen

Jack Smith (Justice and Peace Scotland)

2. October is Mission Month in the Church, which culminates in World Mission Sunday on the 19th October. During this Jubilee Year of Hope and, in particular, during this month, we are invited by the Holy Father to recall our baptismal vocation to share in the mission of the universal Church, "To go out to the whole world and spread the Good News" - the news of Hope in Christ. We can realise this through our prayers, sacrifices and financial support for the Church in 1100 mission dioceses in the world.

ST JOSEPH’S OFFERTORY COLLECTION - SUNDAY 28/9/25

Loose Plate £146 Gift Aid Envelopes £193 Standing Orders £351 Maintenance Fund £120 Additional Offertories £25 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £835
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please try to give a little more each week to help St Joe’s. Last Sunday 2nd Special Collection for Comboni Missionaries raised £352.

Fr Javier Alvarado of the Comboni Missionaries, who celebrated Mass in St Joseph’s last Sunday, thanks all for their prayers and financial support.

ST JOSEPH’S – SPECIAL SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY UPDATE

Nicky Marra has very kindly donated a number of printed cards to raise money for church funds. It’s a lovely print of St Joseph’s Church, taken from an original watercolour painted by Nicky himself. The card is blank inside, and comes with an envelope, at a suggested selling price of £1.50 each. All the cards available were purchased last week, so Nicky has kindly provided further supplies. Many thanks for your generous support. If you would like to see a sample, or purchase a card or cards, please let me know. Many thanks. Margaret Sinclair 07514 327855

