

language. The tartan scarves were a giveaway. We were journeying together as pilgrims; making our way through Vatican City and the Holy Door, listening deeply in spiritual conversations, workshops and inspiring seminars and finally sharing in the Eucharist with Pope Leo in St Peter's Basilica. We were left tired but spiritually uplifted and exhilarated ready for our own journey helping to build God's future. *Maureen Ruddy*

#### November Remembrance Tree

Please add the names of members of your family and friends who have died this past year to one of the two little white trees at the back of the church and a photo on the Remembrance Board if you wish. Their names will be announced and Mass, celebrated for them by Fr Michael next weekend: 23/24 November.

#### Advent Service: St Ninian's Wednesday 3 December 7pm

Let's all come together in the presence of our God of Love to find peace and joy-filled hope ready to face for the busy days ahead. Christmas pies will be served in the hall after the service. ALL WELCOME

#### Final Afternoon Tea for 2025

Please sign up or let Maureen know on 07766886080 if you and your friends wish to join us for a delicious Afternoon Tea on Thursday 27 November at 12.30pm. Items for the raffle will be kindly accepted. Proceeds go to charitable causes. Cost is £6.

**200 CLUB** Winner for 09/11/2025 is NO 149 C. Thompson.

#### ST NINIAN OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Offertory £327.01, GA £240.70 200 CLUB £179.00, Repository £132.35, TOTAL = £879.06**

#### ST JOSEPH'S

#### ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION - SUNDAY 9/11/25

**Loose Plate £127      Gift Aid Envelopes £98**  
**Standing Orders £353      Maintenance Fund £0**  
**Additional Offertories £20      TOTAL OFFERTORIES £598**

#### THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Please try to give a little more each week to help St Jo's.**

#### ST JOSEPH'S - SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November - **CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE.**

This supports the Scottish Catholic Service (SCES) which promotes our Catholic schools in issues of national significance, and supports our schools, parishes and dioceses.

#### ST JOSEPH'S - 200 CLUB 2025 - NOVEMBER DRAW

Congratulations to the winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100** – Ticket Number 16 – Dea Taylor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £25** – Ticket Number 45 – Penny Veal

**Big 2025 draw in December – prizes of £50 - £100 - £200**

Please remember to renew your ticket numbers for 2026.

#### ST JOSEPH'S - DIVINE MERCY GROUP

We meet in the church every Friday at 4.00pm so if you would like to join us for an hour, please come along. You would be most welcome. Many thanks.

#### ST JOSEPH'S - SCIAF CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL 2025

It's here again! The chance to donate gifts you've received but not used: to take advantage of bargain prices: and to raise money for SCIAF, the Scottish member of the worldwide Catholic charity Caritas. The Gift Stall will be held after Mass on Sunday 30 November and again on Sunday 7 December. There is a collection box in the church porch where you can put your donations, which must be **brand new and in its original packaging please.** Come and support SCIAF on those Sundays - and do some bargain Christmas shopping! Many thanks for your support. *Maggie Newell*

#### 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. **This year**, you can also pay your annual £25 subscription by BACS to Account Number 0074 7101 Sort Code 80-73-31. Please add reference '200 Club'. 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*

## 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;** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

St Ninian; Saturday 4.15 to 4.45pm.

St. Joseph; Saturday 10.30am.

Sunday 16 November 2025

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ■**

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

#### Readings at Mass

#### First reading

**Malachi 4:1-2a**

**'For you the sun of righteousness shall rise.'**

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 98(97):5-6. 7-8a. 8b-9b. 9cd. R cf. 9**

*The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.*

Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,  
raise a shout before the King, the LORD.

*The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.*

Let the sea and all within it thunder;  
the world, and those who dwell in it.  
Let the rivers clap their hands.

*The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.*

The hills ring out their joy  
at the presence of the LORD, for he comes.  
He comes to judge the earth.

*The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.*

He will judge the world with justice,  
and the peoples with fairness.

*The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.*

#### Second reading

**2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

**'If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.'**

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Straighten up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

### Luke 21:5-19

**'By your endurance you will gain your lives.'**

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

## Bidding Prayers

### Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

#### YEAR C

*The sun of righteousness with healing in its rays*

#### PRESIDER:

At the end of the Church's year  
the readings remind us of the end of the world,  
but they tell us not to be afraid.

#### READER:

Jesus foretold that the temple would come down,  
stone by stone.  
But his church is being built up,  
stone by stone,  
and we are the living stones.

#### Silence

**Come, Lord Jesus, come;  
rebuild our lives.**

We wonder where God has gone,  
when we see wars and famines and earthquakes.  
Yet Jesus told us to expect these things;  
his own salvation lies elsewhere  
as he wins over our hearts.

#### Silence

**Come, Lord Jesus, come;  
rebuild our lives.**

We pray for those caught up in disasters  
of war or of nature,  
who do not have hope in God's mercy.  
Dear and loving God,  
may they feel your presence near them.

#### Silence

**Come, Lord Jesus, come;  
rebuild our lives.**

St Paul reminds us today  
to work hard to justify our existence.  
In our welfare state  
may we think more of what we can contribute,  
than of what we can get out of it.

#### Silence

**Come, Lord Jesus, come;  
rebuild our lives.**

Lord Jesus, shine your light upon us,  
with its rays of mercy and love.  
If we are despised by anyone for our religion  
let us not be dismayed.  
Heal our hurts and our wounded feelings.

#### Silence

**Come, Lord Jesus, come;  
rebuild our lives.**

In silence we pray for the strength we need,  
and for all the things we need.

#### Silence

Mary, we pray to share your inner strength.  
Hail, Mary...

#### PRESIDER:

Everlasting God, ever the same in your love for us,  
look after your children and keep us safe  
in times of great anxiety.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Reflection on the Readings

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today in our readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary  
Time, we are called to reflect on both the **end-times**

and our **every day faithfulness**. From the prophet Malachi we hear a stark word: "The day is coming... blazing like a furnace" yet for those who fear God, "the sun of justice shall arise with healing in its wings." Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonian community, exhorts Christians to work quietly and earn their own food; no one who refuses to work should eat. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus warns of days of upheaval, wars, earthquakes, persecution, yet promises: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

What do we make of this today in our lives? First: the readings remind us that our Christian journey has both a horizon, the coming of God's reign and a present path, the faithful living of each day. The "sun of justice" speaks of hope: in the midst of trials we cling to the promise of God's healing and presence. At the same time, Paul's reminder grounds us: faith is not passive; it is faithfully living out our calling in work, in love, in service. The Gospel invites us to endurance: we may face adversity, but we are not abandoned.

Therefore, let us live with eyes fixed on the future promise without losing sight of the now. Let us serve diligently, loving generously, working honourably. And when difficulties come, because they will, let us remember that our perseverance in love is itself a witness that the Kingdom is already among us. May we keep alert, keep faithful, and keep hope alive. Amen

### November Feasts and Memorials

**Sunday 2; Solemnity of All Saints.**

**Monday 3; Commemoration of All Souls**

**Tue 4; St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

**Sat 8; Blessed John Duns Scotus, Priest**

**Sun 9; Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)**

**Mon 10: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor**

**Tue 11: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

**Wed 12: St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**

**Mon 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

**Fri 21: Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sat 22: St. Cecilia, Virgin & martyr**

**Sun 23: Christ the King**

**Mon 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions**

**Martyr**

**Thurs 27: St. Fergal, Bishop**

**Sun 30: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### Pray for the Sick

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Margret MacPhail, Bill Buttars, Paul Walker, Bishop Stephen Robson, May McGeary, Catherine Reid, Kathleen Wilson, Lusia, Brian Murphy, Lizzie Ward, Monsignor Basil O'Sullivan, Betty Saunders Pamela Herron, Stephen Herron, Maureen Walker, George Adam, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, Franchesca Long, Bill Martin, 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, 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 Wilson, Eileen Marra, Stanley Pennycook, Brian McGinley, Patrick McAvooy, Alfie Byrne, Kevin Foster, Joe Gallagher, Ann Gunning, Susan McAllister, Bridie McCabe, Leslie Robson and Sandy Lonie, whose anniversaries occur around this time. We also remember and pray for all those on our parish November lists. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

**Concert of Sacred Music** sung by the Cecilian Choir and soloists, accompanied by organ, piano, and string ensemble, in **St Andrew's Cathedral Dundee**, on **Friday 21 November at 7.00 p.m.** (to mark Kevin Veal's 50 years as Musical Director of the Cecilian Choir). All welcome. Admission free, with opportunity for donations for the Cathedral maintenance.)  
On **Saturday 22 November**, the Choir will sing at the **10.00 a.m. Mass** in the Cathedral to mark the Feast day of St Cecilia.

## Announcements



### 1. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Today we celebrate and pray for all our brothers and sisters born in the month of November. May God almighty bless your new year and make it fruitful through Christ our Lord Amen.

### 2. SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection TODAY, 16<sup>th</sup> November - CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

### 3. SYNODALITY:

Please endeavour to submit today the Groups form that was given to you to complete last Sunday. God bless you as you begin to participate actively in the parish.

## ST NINIAN

**Tartan on Display at the Jubilee for Synod Groups**  
Our Vatican adventure filled us all with boundless joy: "Hi! I'm... from... Where are you from?" in every