

Announcements



1. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

we will be celebrating and praying for all those born in the month of November next Sunday. So please if you were born in November, come and be celebrated and prayed for by brothers and sisters.

2. **SYNODALITY:** Synodality in the Catholic Church means *walking together*—priests, religious, and laity—listening to the Holy Spirit and to one another

in prayer, dialogue, and shared responsibility. It is about participation and communion, ensuring that every voice helps shape the life and mission of the Church.

Dear parishioners, I warmly invite more of you especially our youths to join the **Parish Pastoral Council**. Your presence, ideas, and energy are vital for building a vibrant, welcoming, and missionary parish. Together, we can discern God's will for our community and make our Church truly alive and responsive to today's needs. Come, journey with us!

3. **SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY:** There is a 2nd Collection on Sunday 16th November - CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

ST NINIAN

Cake and candy

The last cake and Candy of the year will be on the **30th of November 2025**.

St ninian offertory collection: Offertory £288.85 gift aid envelopes £279.30 cc £100 total offertories £668.15. Thank you for all your financial support
200 Club Winner for November No 124- R. Hagan

Donations £200 each has been donated to the church funds and to the school by the CC Cafe for Thursday club meals and thr after Mass tea/coffee on a Sunday. God bless you all.

The St Ninians School Bingo - Fundraising for the whole school to go to the pantomime in Dec - is coming up on 20th Nov. They are looking for a little help with donations - e.g. bottles of wine (or other), boxes of chocolates, 'nice' bits for making up hampers or vouchers for local businesses. Donations could be handed into the school directly or I could collect after masses on Sundays.

Many thanks in advance - JIM Hampton

CC Juniors:

Many thanks to the children who came along to plant lots of bulbs in the Mary Garden last week. We are looking forward to the spring display! We also made monkey nut bird feeders and a bug hotel for the creatures who need protection over the winter. Thanks to the helpers too - we all had such a fun time! The children are so enthusiastic and are an integral part of our Eco Journey 🌱🌿

ST JOSEPH'S

ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION - SUNDAY 2/11/25 Loose Plate £139 Gift Aid Envelopes £261 Standing Orders £353 Maintenance Fund £60 Additional Offertories £12 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £825. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. Please try to give a little more each week to help St Jo's.

ST JOSEPH'S - HOME BAKING EVENT: Many thanks for your support for this event last Sunday and the amount raised was £47. Next Home Baking Event will be in the new year. *Margaret Sinclair*.

ST JOSEPH'S - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

 **Sunday 9th November**  **Lest We Forget** We will remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and especially those 237 commemorated on the memorial tablet outside. May they rest in peace. At the end of the Mass today, the poppy wreath, from the altar here in the church, will be carried and placed on the memorial outside. Fr Michael will then lead us in prayer for a few minutes. Please join us at this time.

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 will be a collection box in the church porch from next Sunday 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*.

HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT: In an emergency, the telephone number for the hospital priest contact is 07821 624 124.

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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.

Sunday 9 November 2025

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast •

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

'I saw water flowing from the Temple, and all to whom this water came were saved.'

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46(45):2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R5

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken;
God will help her at the dawning of the day.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

The LORD of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the LORD,

the awesome deeds he has done on the earth.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

'You are God's temple.'

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,

that my name may be there for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 2:13-22

He was speaking about the temple of his body.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Bidding Prayers

Feasts of the Dedication of a Church

This is the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.

PRESIDER

Today we do not celebrate bricks and mortar,

nor stone and metalwork.

It is the presence of God that makes a place holy.

READER

We pray that Christian churches near and far may be places of peace and worship, filled with people who love God, and who work to bring the kingdom of God into our troubled world.

Silence

**This is the house of God;
*this is the gate of heaven.***

We pray for our own local church, and for our bishop, priests and deacons, and for all those with lay ministries. May our lives and worship make a difference to our locality.

Silence

**This is the house of God;
*this is the gate of heaven.***

We pray that one day all those who are glad to be called Christians may be united as Christ himself would wish. And we pray that as united Christians we may bring the love and light of Christ to the rest of the world.

Silence

**This is the house of God;
*this is the gate of heaven.***

May the prayers of all who come to pray in this church be answered by you, dear God, since those who are asking know that there is no one but you who can fulfil our deepest desires.

Silence

**This is the house of God;
*this is the gate of heaven.***

Dear God and Father, you make your dwelling in the hearts of even the least of us. Please answer the prayers of all those who have asked us to pray for them. They know that you will listen to us.

Silence

**This is the house of God;
*this is the gate of heaven.***

In silence for a few moments we remember the presence of God in our own hearts.

Silence

Mary, by the poets you have been called

'House of God and Gate of Heaven'.

Hail, Mary...

PRESIDER

Father of all, we pray that this church and all churches may be outward signs of your inner presence in our hearts and in our actions.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reflection on the Readings

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today the Church throughout the world celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of Rome. Many people think St. Peter's Basilica is the Pope's cathedral, but it is actually the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the oldest and highest-ranking church in the world, often called "the mother and head of all churches." It was built in the 4th century by Emperor Constantine, after the legalization of Christianity, and consecrated to Christ the Saviour. Its dedication is celebrated universally because it is the cathedral of the successor of Peter—the visible sign of unity for the whole Church. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of the Pope and the mother and head of all churches in Rome and in the world. Located on the Lateran Hill, it was originally given to the Church by Emperor Constantine in the 4th century. Its dedication reminds us not only of a building, but of the Church's identity as the dwelling place of God.

Our readings today beautifully reveal this mystery. In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet sees water flowing from the Temple, bringing life wherever it goes. This water is a symbol of God's grace, reminding us that the Church exists to bring healing, renewal, and spiritual life to the world.

St. Paul, in the second reading, tells us, "You are God's building... God's temple... and the Spirit of God dwells in you." This shifts our attention from physical walls to the living Church, you and I. Each believer is a sacred temple, and together we form the Body of Christ built on one foundation: Jesus Himself.

In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the Temple, showing His zeal for God's house. But He also points to the new Temple (His own Body) raised up in three days. Through this, He teaches that true worship comes from hearts purified and centered on God.

Why do we celebrate this feast today? Because it reminds us of our unity with the universal Church and our call to be a holy people. The Lateran Basilica is a symbol of that unity, stability, and mission. May this celebration renew in us a deep reverence for God's presence, in our church building, in our community, and in our hearts. 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: 1st Sunday of Advent

Pray for the Sick

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Margret MacPhail, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, 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, 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 Gerard Gibson, Agnes McMahan and Findlay Harvey, 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.