

ASH WEDNESDAY: This coming wednesday is Ash wednesday Masses: St Ninian - 9.30am /St Joseph- 10.30am/ St Ninian school - 11.30am /St Joseph School- 1.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Ninian Wednesdays 10:30am
St Joseph Saturdays 10:30am

Masses during Lent (For both Parishes)

As part of our lenten Observance and sacrifice, we shall be combining our weekday masses with the liturgy of hours. Thank you

SOME ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

There is a funeral mass of Betty Saunders in St Ninians on Thursday 19th at 10am while there will be no mass in St Joseph on same day. There will be mass in St Joseph on Friday the 20th at 10am while there will be no mass in St Ninians on the same day.

ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION - SUNDAY 08/02/26

Loose Plate £205 Gift Aid Envelopes £183
Standing Orders £353 Additional Offertories £20
Maintenance Fund £300 + £20 + £10 = £330 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £1,091

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

THERE IS A 2nd COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS FUND - please give your support please.

ST JOSEPH'S - 200 CLUB 2026 - FEBRUARY DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the February draw:

1st Prize £100 - Ticket Number 23 - Ann Sutherland

2nd Prize £25 - Ticket Number 31 - Katherine Galloway

There are ticket numbers available, shown on the notice board in the porch. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Linda Gow. Remember - 'You can't win if you are not in!' - join today.

ST JOSEPH'S - CHILDRENS LITURGY There is NO separate liturgy group for young children today due to the half term holiday. Children's liturgy will recommence next Sunday.

ST JOSEPH'S - SURPRISE 'BIRTHDAY' RAFFLE - NEXT SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY Just for a little bit of fun, we will have a Surprise Raffle after Mass next Sunday - great prizes - and cake for everyone. All will be revealed next week!

SCIAF APPEAL 2026 - DURING LENT

Sunday 15th February

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE LAUNCHES On Ash Wednesday, SCIAF launches the WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal. This year's Lent Appeal focuses on

the country of Ethiopia. Water is life. Yet for many, clean water is dangerously scarce. Conflict, climate change, and deep aid cuts are driving this devastating water crisis, reversing decades of progress and leaving millions at risk. This Lent, let hope flow and use your WEE BOX to help bring clean water, dignity, and opportunity to those who need it most. To find out more, please visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox call 0141 354 555

ST NINIAN Total Offertory = £611.71

200 club winner 08/02/26 is No 4 John Flynn

A Synodal Pastoral Council: A Renewed PPC is focused on the vision of the parish

The **Vision Group** met last night. It was a very fruitful meeting. Our Lectio Divina- scripture prayer - was 'Go make disciples!' Matt 28:19 We now have a plan to consult all parishioners sometime late February or early March. We can do with a bit more help in the group from a few parishioners who attend the Vigil Mass so please let me know if anyone can give a hand. Remember, this is a very short term group. Thank you. *Maureen 07766886080*

The Big Lent Walk for Cafod

Several parishioners are again taking part in The Big Lent Walk for Cafod where all money raised goes towards helping our neighbours overseas to have access to clean, life-saving water. We would love to have more people join the team walking 200km in 40 days. You can walk alone or join in with family and friends to share the distance. If you would like to join the Parish team, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you. *Louise Hunter*

Eco News : The Big Plastic Count

The Big Plastic Count is launching again in March-and there's still time to sign up. While many of us carefully wash and sort our recycling, recent findings show that only a small proportion of plastic is actually recycled. Since 2022, the amount of household plastic being burned has risen from 46% to 58%, with much of the rest sent to landfill or overseas. With more incinerators being built, it's more important than ever to take part and make our voices heard. Let's sign up again as an **Eco Congregation** and be part of the change. <http://thebigplasticcount.com> Thank you. *Margret MacPhail*

Cake and Candy Stall

Everyone is welcome to contribute home baking for our Cake and Candy stall next weekend: 21/22 February. Remember to label and price each item. Thank you for your kindness and support. *Theresa Stephen*

AFTERNOON TEA: The next Afternoon Tea will be served on Thursday 26 February. Everyone Welcome! Please support CC's by signing up at the back of the church or text *Maureen on 07766886080*. All proceeds are for charitable causes and for the upkeep of CC's. Thank you.

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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.

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.

May I ask?

"Is it a sin to miss Mass for work?"

According to Catholic teaching, **deliberately missing Sunday Mass without a serious reason is a grave sin.**

The Church teaches that Sunday Mass is obligatory (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] 2180-2181). However, **work can excuse the obligation** if it is necessary and unavoidable (e.g., healthcare, public safety, essential services). Canon Law states that those prevented by a "serious reason" are excused (Code of Canon Law **Canon 1248 §2**). If work is avoidable but chosen for convenience or money, it is sinful.

Sources: CCC 2180-2181; Canon Law 1247-1248.

Sunday 15 February 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Sirach 15:15-20

'He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly.'

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice.

He has placed before you fire and water:

stretch out your hand for whichever you wish.

Life and death are in front of people,

and whichever one chooses will be given to him.

For great is the wisdom of the Lord;

he is mighty in power and sees everything;

his eyes are on those who fear him,

and he knows a person's every deed.

He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly,

and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R 1b

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessed are those who keep his decrees!

With all their hearts they seek him.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

You have laid down your precepts

to be carefully kept.

May my ways be firm

in keeping your statutes.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

LORD, teach me the way of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.
Grant me insight that I may keep your law,
and observe it wholeheartedly.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

‘A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory.’

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him’ —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

‘It was said to those of old; but I say to you.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do

the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

‘It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.” But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply “Yes” or “No”; anything more than this comes from evil.’

BIDDING PRAYERS

Priest: Let us bring our prayers before God, who sets before us life and death and calls us to choose the way of righteousness.

1. For the Church: that we may not only teach God’s commandments but live them from the heart, witnessing to Christ by our integrity and love.

Lord, hear us.

2. For world leaders and lawmakers: that they may choose justice, truth, and the protection of human life, rejecting corruption and violence.

Lord, hear us.

3. For our parish community: that our “yes” may mean yes, our relationships be marked by forgiveness, and our hearts be free from anger and division.

Lord, hear us.

4. For those struggling with choices: especially the young, the tempted, and the confused, that they may choose what leads to life and be strengthened by God’s grace.

Lord, hear us.

5. For the sick and the suffering: that the Lord who sees every deed may grant them healing, comfort, and hope.

Lord, hear us.

6. For care of creation: that we may choose the path of life by protecting the earth, using its resources wisely, and handing on a healthy world to future generations.

Lord, hear us.

7. For the faithful departed: that they may receive the reward of their good deeds in the fullness of eternal life.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: Father, you place before us life and death. Help us always to choose life through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reflection on the Readings

Today the Word of God places before us a simple but profound truth: we can choose. Sirach tells us, “He has placed before you fire and water... life and death.” God does not force us. He respects our freedom. Holiness is not accidental; it is chosen.

In the Gospel, Jesus deepens this message. He does not abolish the Law; He fulfills it. But He goes further. It is not enough to avoid murder; we must uproot anger. It

is not enough to avoid adultery; we must purify the heart. It is not enough to speak carefully; our “yes” must mean yes. Jesus moves us from external observance to interior transformation.

Righteousness, then, is not about appearances. It is about the heart. Each day we stretch out our hand, towards patience or resentment, truth or compromise, forgiveness or revenge.

God sees every deed, Sirach says, but He also gives grace for every choice. Today, let us choose life. Let us choose Christ, who fulfills the Law by teaching us to love deeply, sincerely, and faithfully.

Pray for the Sick

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Stuart Findlay, Sally Helen Hamm and Dominic Roberts-Brown, Bill Butters, Bishop Stephen Robson, May McGeary, Catherine Reid, Lusua, Brian Murphy, Lizzie Ward, Monsignor Basil O’Sullivan, Betty Saunders Pamela Herron, Maureen Walker, Kevin Veal, Margaret Mackie, Elinor Crichton, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, Bill Martin, Fr Malcolm Hutchison, 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: Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith - for the souls of Betty Saunders, Peter Welsh, who has died recently, and for the souls of Tricha Morris, John and Margaret Clink, Liliias Coyle, Brian Smith, Thomas Gallacher and James Smith, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

Announcements
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS Today we celebrate and pray for our brothers and sisters who are born in the month of February. May God bless you and keep you smiling always. Amen



FAREWELL TO OUR BROTHER PRIESTS
Dear Frs Yohanna and Emmanuel, as you depart for your new assignments at St John Perth and St John Vianney Alva respectively, we thank God for the gift of your presence, fraternity, and ministry among us. You go not alone but strengthened by our prayers and friendship. May the Lord who has begun this good work in you bring it to fulfilment. Go with zeal, serve with joy, and remain united in Christ. Amen