



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

We will be celebrating and praying for our brothers and sisters born in the month of March next week. Please come and be celebrated

**Holy Week Activities**

Days	St. Ninian	St Joseph
Palm Sunday	9.30am	11.00am
Holy Thursday	5pm	7.30pm
Good Friday	3pm	6.00pm
Holy Saturday	8pm	10.30pm
Easter Sunday	9.30am	11.00am

**ST JOSEPH**

**ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 01/03/26**  
Loose Plate £269 Gift Aid Envelopes £233 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £27 Maintenance Fund £10 Birthday Raffle £50 + £20 + £15 = £85 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £980  
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH

PAPAL & EPISCOPAL CHARITIES (including SCIAF)

**ST JOSEPH'S – STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Justice and Peace Group will be having their annual Stations of the Cross and Prayer service next Sunday on 15<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00pm. Please join us as we journey with the Lord towards Calvary, where he offers himself up to his Father for the sins of the world. The service will conclude with readings and prayers for peace and justice in this very discordant world. **Jack Smith**

**ST JOSEPH'S – EASTER CARDS**

Easter cards and other new cards, rosaries, and gift items are available and displayed on the table in the porch. Please support as all monies go to St Joseph's church funds. Many thanks. *Margaret Sinclair*

**SCIAF APPEAL 2026**

Sunday 8th March

**SUPPORT SCIAF THIS LENT**

Across Ethiopia, families are facing the impacts of drought, conflict, and the growing water crisis. With your support, SCIAF can help communities access clean water, restore livelihoods, and build a future free from poverty.

Please keep filling your WEE BOX.

To learn more about how your generosity is changing lives this Lent, please visit [sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://sciaf.org.uk/weebox)

**ST NINIAN 200 club winner 01/03/26 No 98 L Russell**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION- SUNDAY 22/02/26**

**Off: £307.85, GA: £228.00 Grand Total: £535.85**

**Sunday 1/03/26 Off:£377.55, GA;£266.00 Total:£643.55**

**Vision Statement**

Thank you to all those who responded to the consultation questions to establish a Vision for our parish. Most respondents asked that we concentrate on Outreach, Community and Belonging. The group will meet with the PPC on Wednesday to finalise a Vision Statement for the parish which we will share with you next week. Spirit might be leading our parish community. Please take the consultation card home and complete and return it to the welcomers next weekend. Parishioners who are unable to attend church this week will have the opportunity to respond online using this QR code. Your responses will feed into a Vision Statement for the St Ninian's and will be the main focus for our New Pastoral Council.

**St Ninian's Synodal Pastoral Council Meeting**

All members of St Ninian's PPC and all those who are interested in joining the council are invited to the first get together in the Church Hall on Wednesday 11 March at 7pm.

**Eco News : The Big Plastic Count : 9-15 March**

The Big Plastic Count is launching again in this week. 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. *Marqret MacPhail*

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: Places Available**

The Dunkeld Lourdes Pilgrimage for 2026 is from 15-22 July flying out from Glasgow airport. The pilgrimage is a wonderful experience with each participant benefitting greatly from taking part. We have a dedicated medical team who assist those pilgrims who would be unable to complete the

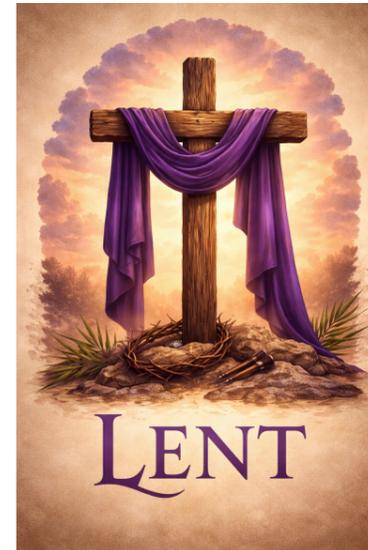
pilgrimage without support. This year they have some places available and if you or anyone you know would like to join us please contact [dunkeld@pobox.com](mailto:dunkeld@pobox.com) or phone Ruth Anne on 07801 2237443

**Welcome to St Joseph's RC Church & St Ninian's RC Church**

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*Sunday Newsletter*



**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;** 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 8 March 2026**

**3rd Sunday of Lent •**

**Liturgical Colour: Violet. Year: A(II).**

**Readings at Mass**

**Sunday Reflection**

**Streams in the Desert**

My dear brothers and sisters, today the Word of God speaks to us about thirst ; not only physical thirst, but the deeper thirst of the human heart.

In **Exodus 17:3–7**, the Israelites complained in the wilderness: "Why did you bring us out of Egypt?" They are thirsty and afraid. Yet even in their doubt, God provided water from the rock. The place was called Massah and Meribah because of their testing and quarrelling. Still, God remained faithful. Even when we grumble, God does not abandon us.

In **Romans 5:1–2, 5–8**, St Paul reminds us that we are justified by faith and have peace with God through Christ. "God's love has been poured into our hearts." Notice that word "poured". Just as water flowed from the rock, grace flows from Christ. And the greatest proof of that love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Then in **John 4:5–42**, Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well. She came for ordinary water, but left with living water. Jesus saw her brokenness, her past, her thirst for meaning. He did not condemn her but invited her. And her encounter became a mission — she ran to tell others.

We too thirst: for peace, forgiveness, hope. Christ is the Rock. Christ is the Living Water. Let us come to Him honestly, and allow His grace to flow through us to a thirsty world. Amen

**Know Your Faith: The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist**

*This is at the very heart of Catholic life. We believe that in the Holy Mass, the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ ; not a symbol, not a reminder only, but **Jesus Himself truly present**. This faith is rooted in: The words of Jesus at the Last Supper, His teaching in John 6: "My flesh is true food...", the constant teaching of the Church. If parishioners truly understand this: Mass stops being a routine obligation, the tabernacle becomes a place of encounter, eucharistic adoration becomes a meeting with a Person. Reverence, silence, and devotion increase naturally. When people grasp that **God is physically and sacramentally present among them**, parish life changes. If the Eucharist is alive in a parish, everything else grows: vocations, charity, unity, prayer, evangelisation.*

### First reading

**Exodus 17:3-7** ·

**‘Give us water to drink.’**

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’ So Moses cried to the LORD, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.’ And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, ‘Is the LORD among us or not?’

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R 7c, 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

**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8** ·

**Love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us.**

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Cf. John 4:42, 15**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world;

give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

### Gospel

**John 4:5-42**

**‘A spring of water welling up to eternal life.’**

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?’ (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.’

Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come here.’ The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am he.’

Just then his disciples came back. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you seek?’ or, ‘Why are you talking with her?’ So the woman left her

water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ‘Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?’ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, ‘Rabbi, eat.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Has anyone brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, “There are yet four months, then comes the harvest”? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me all that I ever did.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.’

### BIDDING PRAYERS

#### Priest

My dear brothers and sisters, trusting in Jesus Christ who offers us living water, let us bring our prayers before our loving Father.

1. For the Church, that we may share the living water of Christ’s love with all people, especially those who feel distant from God — **we pray to the Lord.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For leaders in every community, that they may work for peace, justice, and unity among all races and nations — **we pray to the Lord.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For all who thirst for meaning, hope, and healing, that they may find fulfillment in Jesus, the source of eternal life — **we pray to the Lord.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For families and friendships, that we may listen to one another with compassion and bring Christ’s presence into every home — **we pray to the Lord.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For our parish and civic leaders in Dundee, that we may work together to serve the poor,

welcome the stranger, and protect the dignity of every person — **we pray to the Lord.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

6. For the protection of creation, that we may care for water, land, and all living things entrusted to us, and steward God’s gifts with gratitude — **we pray to the Lord.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

7. For all gathered here and those unable to be with us, that our hearts may be open to Christ’s love and we may carry His living water into the world — **we pray to the Lord.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

#### Priest

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to quench our deepest thirst and to fill us with the gift of eternal life. Hear the prayers we offer you today and grant them according to your holy will. Through Christ our Lord.

#### 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 Buttars, Bishop Stephen Robson, May McGeary, Catherine Reid, Lusia, Brian Murphy, Lizzie Ward, Monsignor Basil O’Sullivan, Pamela Herron, Maureen Walker, Margaret Mackie, Elinor Crighton, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, Bill Martin, Mary Clark, Bella Shaw, Angela Keith, Cecilia McCarten, Alan Newell, Albert Soave, Bethany Williamson, Irene McKay, Saul Sangster, Gillian Donnelly, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck. **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 soul of Rena Samson, who has died recently, and for the souls of Thomas McBride, Ann McHugh Dye, Carl Assenti, Brian Hutchison, Ashley Parlane, Tom McGouldrick, John Murphy, Mary Smith and Jim Emsley whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

#### Prayer for Peace in the Holyland and the Middle East

God of Peace and Justice, we pray for the people of the Holyland and the Middle East: Isreali, Palestinian, Jew, Christian and Muslim. We pray for an end to terror and violence. We lift up to you, all who are frightened, hurting and fearful of the terror which tomorrow might bring. We ask for wisdom and compassion for those in leadership. Above all we ask that Jesus the Prince of peace, establish lasting reconciliation and justice for the Holyland and the Middle East. Amen