

## ASCENSION THURSDAY 14th May

ST NINIAN: 5PM ON WEDNESDAY

9.30AM ON THURSDAY

ST PAUL ACADEMY: 11AM AT ST COLUMBUS

ST JOSEPH: 1.30PM with parishioners and school children

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May in support of The Apostolate of Communications. Please try to give your financial support for this cause – thank you.

## ST JOSEPH

### ST JOSEPH CONFIRMATION

This is to announce to us that our children from St Joseph Primary school will receive the sacrament of confirmation on the 8th day of June 2026 at 6pm here in St Joseph. I encourage all parishioners to please come and pray for them and equally cheer them up on that day

### ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 26 APRIL

Loose Plate £172 Gift Aid Envelopes £113 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £31 Maintenance Fund £92 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £764

### THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

### ST JOSEPH'S – SOCIAL GROUP

Our Home Baking Event last week raised £82, which we happily donate to the church maintenance fund. Many thanks to the bakers, helpers and all who purchased on the day – *Margaret Sinclair*.

### ST JOSEPH'S – 200 CLUB APRIL WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 – Ticket Number 146 – Dominic Veal

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £25 – Ticket Number 38 – John Sinclair

Apologies for the delay in announcing the winners from the draw on 26<sup>th</sup> April but the excitement of winning £25 was too much and I forgot to put in the message. This is what Linda thinks anyway!

Don't forget, there are lucky numbers now available if you want to join in – go on – why not!

### ST JOSEPH'S – CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

We will have a church clean on the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 9.00am for about an hour. Please come along and help make our church sparkle as one of the cleaning team – you would be most welcome. So, the next date for your diary is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – we will give you a reminder! Many thanks – *Pat Smith*.

### ST JOSEPH'S – SCHOOL MASS

There is a School Mass in St Josephs on Thursday 14 May - The Ascension of the Lord – Solemnity. The Mass starts at 1.30pm.

## ST JOSEPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

St Joseph PPC will be meeting on Tuesday, the 12th of May at 6.30pm at the usual entrance porch. Please I encourage all members to attend as something crucial will be discussed . God bless you



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### AFRICAN MASS

The African mass will hold today at 3.30pm at the usual venue: St Ninian's RC Church Dickson Avenue Menzies Hill DD2 4DA Dundee. We welcome all africans and all lovers of Africa. Come and celebrate with us.

## ST NINIAN

### 200 CLUB

Summer Draw 03/05/2026

1st No 71– J. Goodman (£200)

2nd No 165– C. Brunton (£100)

### ST NINIAN'S OFFERTORY 03/05/2026:

OFF £345.90, GA £271.00 TOTAL: £616.90

200 CLUB WINNER 26/04/2026 NO27 L. JOHNSTONE

### CC'S CAFÉ

CC's Café will be closed this week for tea after Sunday Mass. Re-furbishment is well underway as Jim and his workmen make room for our new kitchen. These are exciting times at St Ninian's. Completion is still some way off but we all look forward to coming together as a parish to celebrate on Opening Day.

### CPR TRAINING

A CPR Training Session, given by Helen Brady, will take place in CC's on Thursday 2 July at 7pm. This training is open to anyone in either parish. If you have not already signed up but would like to join us please Text Louise on 07977 537230.

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ST MARY LOCHEE.** Please take note of the dates of these two upcoming events in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund (and AGAP).

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May (Doors Open 6.30pm) Eric Gudmunson – The Dundee Busker – Tickets £7 via 07552920740 or [stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June (Doors Open 7pm) Gaudi: God's Architect – a play by Stephen Callaghan – Tickets £7 via 07552920740 or [stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)

# WELCOME TO ST NINIAN RC CHURCH & ST JOSEPH RC CHURCH



10th May 2026

## Sunday Newsletter

### I will ask the father, and He will give you Another Helper.

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES,  
"I will not leave you as orphans,  
I will ask the Father  
and He will give you  
another Helper."  
— JOHN 14:18

**THE FATHER**  
Jesus goes to the Father  
in prayer on our behalf.  
(John 14:16)

**THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
He is with us forever.  
(John 14:16)  
He comforts us.  
(John 14:16)  
He teaches us all things  
and reminds us of what  
Jesus said.  
(John 14:26)  
He empowers us to  
live for God.  
(Acts 1:8)

**THE HELPER**  
The Holy Spirit is the  
"another Helper"  
whom the Father sends  
in Jesus' name.  
(John 14:16-17, 26)

**JESUS DID NOT LEAVE US ORPHANS**

**JESUS PROMISED**  
He would not leave us  
alone.  
(John 14:18)

**JESUS PRAYED**  
He asked the Father  
to send a Helper.  
(John 14:16)

**THE FATHER SENT**  
The Father sent the Holy  
Spirit in Jesus' name.  
(John 14:16-17)

**THE HELPER DWELLS**  
The Holy Spirit lives in  
us and will never leave.  
(John 14:16-17)

WE ARE NOT ORPHANS—WE ARE CHILDREN. WE HAVE THE FATHER. WE HAVE THE HELPER. WE ARE NEVER ALONE. ♥

### Reflections from the readings

In today's Gospel, Jesus gave His disciples a promise that brings comfort to every Christian heart: "I will ask the father and he will give you another helper" That Helper is the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew His disciples would face fear, confusion, persecution, and moments of weakness. So He did not leave them alone. He promised the Spirit who would guide, strengthen, and remain with them forever.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we see this promise becoming reality. The believers received the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, and their lives changed. Fear gave way to courage; sadness turned into joy. The Spirit united the Church and gave people strength to witness to Christ.

The same Helper is with us today. In moments when we feel lost, tired, or uncertain, the Holy Spirit speaks within us. He teaches us how to love, forgive, pray, and remain faithful. As St. Peter reminds us, we must always be ready to give reason for our hope. We can do this because we are not alone.

Jesus still keeps His promise: He sends us a Helper.

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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  
11.00am 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 4.15pm—4.45pm**  
**St. Joseph; Saturday 10.30am**

Sunday 10 May 2026

## 6th Sunday of Easter •

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

### Readings at Mass

#### First reading

**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17** •

‘They laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.’

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R1**

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God, ‘How wondrous your deeds!’

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

‘Before you all the earth shall bow down,

shall sing to you, sing to your name!’

Come and see the works of God:

his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam.

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

He turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

Let our joy, then, be in him;

he rules for ever by his might.

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

Come and hear, all who fear God;

I will tell what he did for my soul.

Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,

nor withhold from me his merciful love.

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

### Second reading

**1 Peter 3:15-18**

**‘Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.’**

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**John 14:23**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,

and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

**Alleluia.**

#### Gospel

**John 14:15-21**

**‘I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.’**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

‘I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.’

#### BIDDING PRAYERS

**Priest: Let us gather together, to offer our prayers to the Lord and our thanksgiving.**

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo, our bishops and the priests of our parish community, that they will serve God’s people in faithfulness to God’s word.

**Lord in your mercy,**

Hear our prayer

That we listen to Christ’s message to keep his commandments.

**Lord in your mercy,**

Hear our prayer

That we take comfort in Christ’s words that he leaves us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Lord in your mercy,**

Hear our prayer

That those whose faith is shaken will find support among us and be strengthened by Christ’s words of love.

**Lord in your mercy,**

Hear our prayer

We remember those who have been elected to public office in recent days and pray that they may be inspired to work for the Common Good.

**Lord in your mercy,**

Hear our prayer

We remember the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and Yemen.

**Lord in your mercy,**

Hear our prayer

Asking for the intercession of Our Lady, we pray for those in our parish community who are sick, especially [insert names]

**Lord, in your mercy,**

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who have recently died, including [insert names] and those whose anniversaries are at this time, [insert names]

**Lord, in your mercy,**

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for our own intentions in silence.

**Priest: God Our Father, hear these petitions which your people place before you. We make all our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parishes-** – John McGuire, Irene Blaney, Margaret Mackie, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, Gordon Sangster, 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, 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 Johanna Daniels, Catherine Gourlay, Sheila McCallum, Frances McGregor, Ellen McKelvie, Bill Kane, Catherine Robertson, Freda Cardosi and Paddy Swifte, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

## Know Your Faith

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a special sacrament of healing in the Catholic Church. It is given to those who are seriously ill, elderly, preparing for surgery, or weakened by age. Through the prayers of the Church and the anointing with holy oil by a priest, Christ brings comfort, strength, peace, courage, and forgiveness of sins. This sacrament reminds us that God never abandons His children in moments of pain and suffering.

**People should not wait until the last moment before calling a priest.** Family members are encouraged to inform the parish priest early when someone is sick. The sick person should prepare with faith, prayer, repentance, and trust in God’s mercy. Whenever possible, the sacrament should be accompanied by Confession and Holy Communion. Catholics should also pray for and support the sick with love, presence, and encouragement, showing them the compassion of Christ.



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of the month in which we pray for our brothers and sisters born in the month of May. Please join us next Sunday to pray for them. Come and be celebrated and prayed for by all.**

**This announcement is for the two-parishes: Please block these dates**

for us;

**Combined Parish Harvest day : Sunday 27th of September.**

**Parish Retreat: St Ninian: Saturday 22 August 10.30am**

**St Joseph: Saturday 15 August 10.30am**