

Angela Smith, Irene Maguire, Margaret McAuley and Cathy Pole, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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**

#### ST JOSEPH

**ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION - SUNDAY 17 MAY**

Loose Plate £146 Gift Aid Envelopes £148 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £21 Maintenance Fund £10 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £681

#### 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 last Sunday for THE APOSTOLATE OF COMMUNICATIONS raised £90.**

**St Joseph confirmation: 8th June at 6pm.**

#### ST JOSEPHS - GIFT AID LETTERS

All parishioners who contributed to the church through gift aid in the financial year 6 April 2025 to 5 April 2026 will receive a letter giving detail of the amount of their donations and the amount of tax that will be claimed shortly by St Joseph's. These are available **TODAY** and can be collected from the desk in the porch. Many, many thanks for this additional support to our church.

If you are a parishioner and pay income tax but do not yet gift aid, please consider doing so. There are information leaflets available at the desk or on the noticeboard or just speak to John Sinclair or Bob Ireland about it. It is easy to set-up, and the additional money raised costs **YOU** nothing!

#### ST JOSEPH- MARGARET MACKIE RIP

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Margaret Mackie, who passed away on Tuesday 19 May. Margaret had been a parishioner in St Joseph for many years and was well known and loved by many of us. May she rest in peace. Amen

#### ST JOSEPH- 200 CLUB MAY DRAW

Congratulations to the winners

1st Prize £100- Ticket Number 39- Malcolm Veal

2nd Prize £25- Ticket Number 195- John Sinclair

#### ST NINIAN

#### ST NINIAN OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Offertory- 352.15

GA- 157.50

Ascension Collection- 107.50

Total- £617.15

#### CC's

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing work in the hall, the Café will once again be closed for teas after Sunday Mass, as well as for the June Afternoon Teas.

It won't be too long now, however, until the refurbishment is complete and the hall is open for business again. Thank you for your patience and understanding while the work continues.

#### 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.

#### 200 CLUB: 17/05/2026

NO 18; R. HERRON

#### Eco News

Pope Leo XIV recalls that Laudato Si' Week runs from May 17 to 24, which celebrates the anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home.

The Pope laments that wars have caused progress in the field of care for creation to slow greatly in recent years. "Care for peace is care for life."

Pray for peace 🙏🕊️

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS Mrs. Margaret McFarlane RIP

Please pray for Margaret, who was not only a devoted Wife, Mother and Grandmother, but a lady who gave of herself

unstintingly in myriad ways in the Diocese of Dunkeld, most notably in the field of Catholic Education.. Our sympathy and prayers are with Margaret 's family.

#### Strawberry Tea afternoon

Come and join us at St Andrew's Cathedral Hall for a

Strawberry Tea and a "Miss Strawberry" competition on

Saturday 27 June. Adults £5 and Children £2.

Please support if you are able.

#### Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7 June in St Andrew's Cathedral at 3pm

Please make a note of the date and join us. In the history of the church and in her liturgical life, processions have been an important act of faith, even when symbolically held in a Church building, carrying the Holy One in the Blessed Sacrament as a expression of carrying the Most Holy One into every aspect of our lives.

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



24th May 2026

### Pentecost Newsletter

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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  
**Birthdays 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**



#### Reflections on the readings

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles like a mighty wind and tongues of fire. The frightened disciples who had locked themselves in fear were transformed into courageous witnesses of Christ. Pentecost is therefore the birthday of the Church, because from that moment the apostles went out to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world.

In the first reading from Acts, people from many nations heard the apostles speaking in their own languages. This reminds us that the Holy Spirit breaks barriers, unites people, and brings understanding where there is division. The Spirit gathers humanity into one family of God. In the second reading, St. Paul teaches that there are different gifts but the same Spirit. Each of us has received gifts from God, not for pride or selfishness, but for the service of others and the building up of the Church. No one is useless in the body of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and says, "Peace be with you." The Spirit brings peace, forgiveness, courage, and new life.

Today we pray: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts with your fire. Remove our fears, renew our faith, and make us joyful witnesses of Christ in the world. Amen.

**Sunday 24 May 2026**

**Pentecost - Mass of the Day •**

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

**Readings at Mass**

***These readings are for the day of the feast itself.***

**First reading**

**Acts 2:1-11 •**

**‘They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.’**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.’

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R̄ cf. 30**

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD my God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O LORD!

The earth is full of your creatures.

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

You take away their breath, they die,

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, and they are created,

and you renew the face of the earth.

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!

May the LORD rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

**Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

**Sequence: HYMN 98**

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, Come

From thy bright heavenly Throne,

Come take possession of our souls

And make them all thine own

Thou who art called the paraclete

Best gift of God above

The living spring, the living fire,

Sweet unction and true love

Thou who art sev’nfold in thy grace,

finger of God’s right hand;

his promise, teaching little ones

to speak and understand.

O guide our minds with thy blest light,

with love our hearts inflame;

and with thy strength, which ne’er decays,

confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;

true peace unto us bring;

and through all perils lead us safe

beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,

through thee th’eternal Son,

and thee the Spirit of them both,

thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,

with his co-equal Son:

the same to thee, great Paraclete,

while endless ages run.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**John 20:19-23**

**‘As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.’**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’

**BIDDING PRAYERS**

**Priest:**

Filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let us bring our prayers before God our Father.

**For the Holy Church of God:** that the Spirit of truth may renew the Church with courage, holiness, and unity in proclaiming the Gospel to the world.

**Lord, hear us.** *Lord, graciously hear us.*

**For world leaders and all who govern nations:** that the Holy Spirit may guide them in the ways of justice, peace, wisdom, and respect for every human life.

**Lord, hear us.** *Lord, graciously hear us.*

**For all Christians, especially those receiving the sacrament of confirmation today:** that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, and inflame our hearts with love and zeal for mission.

**Lord, hear us.** *Lord, graciously hear us.*

**For the sick, the lonely, the troubled, and all who are burdened in any way:** that the Spirit, the Comforter, may bring them healing, peace, and renewed strength.

**Lord, hear us.** *Lord, graciously hear us.*

**For our common home, the earth:** that the Holy Spirit, who moved over the waters at creation and came as wind and fire at Pentecost, may inspire humanity to protect the beauty of creation and use its resources wisely for future generations.

**Lord, hear us.**

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**For our parish community gathered here today:** that the fire of Pentecost may renew our hearts and make us joyful witnesses of Christ in our homes and communities.

**Lord, hear us.** *Lord, graciously hear us.*

**For the faithful departed:** that they may be welcomed into the eternal joy and peace of God’s kingdom.

**Lord, hear us.**

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

## Know Your Faith

### The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, fully God together with the Father and the Son. In Christian faith, especially in Catholic teaching, the Holy Spirit is not a force or an “it,” but a divine Person who proceeds from the Father and the Son and is equal in glory and majesty with them. He is often called the “Paraclete,” meaning Advocate, Helper, or Comforter, because He guides, strengthens, and teaches believers. The Holy Spirit was revealed clearly at Pentecost when He descended upon the apostles as tongues of fire, empowering them to preach the Gospel boldly.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are special graces given to help Christians live faithfully and serve God effectively. Traditionally, there are seven gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Wisdom helps us see things from God’s perspective; understanding deepens our grasp of faith; counsel guides moral decisions; fortitude strengthens us in trials; knowledge helps us recognize God’s truth in creation; piety nurtures a loving relationship with God; and fear of the Lord inspires reverence and awe for Him.

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are the visible results of a life led by the Spirit. According to Galatians 5:22–23, they include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These fruits show the transformation of a Christian life when the Holy Spirit is active within a person.

In essence, the Holy Spirit sanctifies believers, making them more like Christ. Through His gifts, He equips them for mission, and through His fruits, He reveals the beauty of a life lived in communion with God.

#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

**Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish** – Pamela Herron, Jim Ashwood, John McGuire, Bernadette Dailly, Irene Blaney, Maggie Stewart, Cathie Soave, Albert Soave, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, Gordon Sangster, Bill Martin, Mary Clark, Bella Shaw, Angela Keith, Cecilia McCarten, Alan Newell, 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.**

#### PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

**Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith** - for the soul of Andrew Conway and Margaret Mackie, who have died recently, and for the souls of Lesley Edwards, Netta Mordente, Pauline Veal, Agnes Dye, Catherine Dye, Jessie Boyce, Kathleen McGivern, George Webster, Linda Boland,