

## 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 25 MAY

Loose Plate £157 Gift Aid Envelopes £253 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £15 Maintenance Fund £50 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £831

### THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

### 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 JOSEPHS - MARGARET MACKIE R.I.P.

The funeral arrangements have now been finalised by Margaret's family and are as follows:

Reception of Remains on Wednesday 3 June at 4.45pm and the Requiem Mass at 1.00pm on Thursday 4 June. Interment thereafter in Balgay Cemetery, arriving at the main gate, at approximately 2.00pm.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

### ST JOSEPHS - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are delighted that five children from St Joseph's Primary School will be celebrating 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion today in St Joseph's. Please remember to keep these children in your own prayers at this special time. They are Freddie Falconer, Alice Koczorowska, Kevin Ononiba, Dwayne Chabwera and Daniel Thomas.

## ST NINIAN

### SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 24/05/2026

OFFERTORY: 368.95 GA: 232.00

CAKE 92.80 TOTAL: £693.75

200 CLUB WINNER 24/05/2026  
B RUSSELL NO 63

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

If it is a nice day we may take the children round to the Mary Garden for songs and prayers. If you do not wish your child to go outside, then please speak to one of the team. You are welcome to join us or take your child into mass with you  
Thank you

### GARDEN APPEAL

Once again we would like to appeal for help in the church gardens. If you could commit to only one day to help, or fit an hour into your busy schedule each week during summer, at your own convenience, to water or weed or sweep and tidy, or even just ten minutes after mass to deadhead flowers in the Mary Garden...we really do need you. Please let father know or speak to one of the gardeners. We do not expect a long term commitment.

### 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

#### PRE-LOURDES MASS

The Dunkeld Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee invite you to join us for our pre-pilgrimage mass which will be held in St Leonard and Fergus Church, Dundee at 7pm on Wednesday 24th of June 2026. There will be refreshments in the church Hall after mass, and we would be delighted to see you there.

## Parish spotlight

### ST NINIAN PARISH CHOIR

This week, we recognize and appreciate the dedication of our parish choir, whose music and commitment continue to enrich our liturgical celebrations. Through their voices and faithful service, they help lead the congregation into deeper prayer and worship

Many members of the choir devote their time for rehearsals and special celebrations, especially during major feasts of the church year. Their ministry reminds us that music is truly a gift offered to God and his people.

We thank the choir for their devotion and pray that God continues to bless and strengthen them in their ministry

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

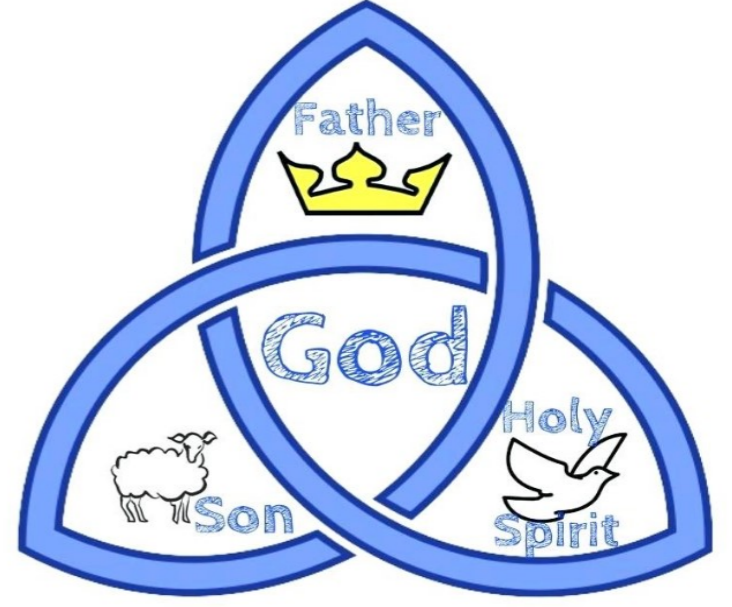
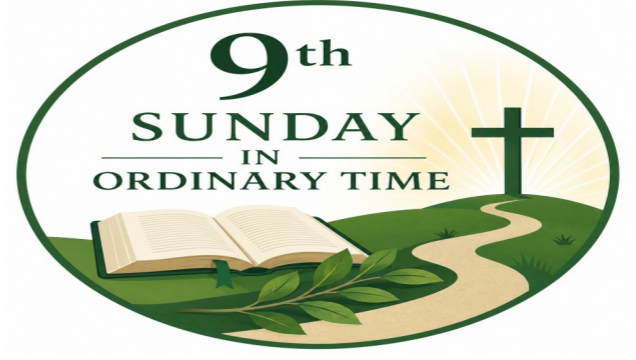


31st May 2026

## Sunday Newsletter

### Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

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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**

**Reflection**  
The feast of the Most Holy Trinity draws us into the deepest mystery of God's life. God is One, yet Three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father eternally gives Himself in love to the Son, the Son receives and returns that love perfectly, and the Holy Spirit is the living bond of love flowing between them. The Trinity therefore teaches us that at the heart of reality is not loneliness, but communion.  
Human beings are created in the image of this Triune God. We are made not merely to exist, but to live in relationships marked by love, unity, forgiveness, and self-giving. Sin breaks communion, but Christ restores it, drawing humanity back into the divine life through the Holy Spirit.  
The Trinity also reveals that God is never distant. The Father creates us, the Son walks with us, and the Holy Spirit dwells within us. Every prayer, every sacrament, and every act of charity becomes an invitation to participate in the eternal love shared within the Trinity forever.  
In contemplating this mystery, we are invited not only to understand but to adore. The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but a reality to enter. It calls us to deeper worship, humility, and trust in a God who is communion itself. Living in this truth transforms how we love others and also reshapes our understanding of mission: we are sent into the world as reflections of Trinitarian love. The church becomes a sign of unity in diversity, where many gifts serve one body. In the Trinity, we discover our ultimate origin, meaning, and destiny; Eternal life shared in perfect communion with God.

Sunday 31 May 2026

The Most Holy Trinity - Solemnity •

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

‘The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious.’

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.’

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, ‘If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.’

Responsorial Psalm

Dan 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. R52b

*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors.

*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed is your glorious and holy name,

*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,

*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,

*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim,

*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven.

*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Second reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

‘The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.’

Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

the God who is and who was and who is to come.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 3:16-18

‘God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.’

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

BIDDING PRAYERS

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, gathered in the love of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us bring our prayers before the Triune God, who is unity in love.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Pope Leo XIV, all bishops, priests, and deacons: that, guided by the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, they may faithfully reveal God’s love and unity to the Church and the world.

We pray to the Lord. R/

For all Christians: that, formed in the image of the Triune God, we may grow in communion, forgiveness, and deeper love for one another.

We pray to the Lord. R/

For world leaders and nations: that they may work for peace and justice, reflecting the harmony and unity that flow from God Himself.

We pray to the Lord. R/

For families and communities: that they may mirror the love of the Trinity—self-giving, faithful, and life-giving relationships.

We pray to the Lord. R/

For those who are suffering, lonely, or forgotten: that they may experience the loving presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through our care and solidarity.

We pray to the Lord. R/

For creation and our common home: that, inspired by the unity of the Holy Trinity, we may respect and protect the earth, using its resources wisely and caring for all living creatures.

We pray to the Lord. R/

For all of us gathered here: that we may live daily in the awareness that we are created, redeemed, and sustained by the love of

the Triune God.

We pray to the Lord. R/

Concluding Prayer (PRIEST)

Almighty and ever-living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

hear the prayers we have offered in faith.

Draw us deeper into the mystery of your divine love,

that we may live in unity with you and with one another,

and faithfully care for all creation entrusted to us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parishes – Pam Herron, Jim Ashwood, John McGuire, Bernadette Dailly, May Cosgrove, 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 souls of Margaret Mackie and Andrew Conway, who have died recently, and for the souls of Daphne Spink, Peter Connor, Doulas Crighton, Jack Ireland, Gerald Fox, Lyn Mair and Fr John Nolan, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PARISH EVENTS

DATES FOR THE 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**

**WEEKDAY MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday 2nd June: 10am mass at st Ninians.**

**Wed 3rd June: 10am mass at St Ninian, 11am mass at St Joseph**

**Thursday 4th June: 1pm Requiem mass at St Joseph.**

**Friday 5th June: 10am mass at St Ninian.**

**Saturday 6th June: 10am mass at St Joseph,**

**11am First Holy communion mass at St Ninian**

## Know Your Faith

### LITURGICAL COLOURS

Liturgical colours are an important part of Christian worship, especially within the traditions of the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, and many Lutheran and Methodist churches. They are used in vestments, altar cloths, and other church decorations to reflect the spiritual character of different seasons and celebrations in the liturgical year. Far from being merely decorative, these colours communicate theological meaning, help the faithful enter more deeply into the mysteries being celebrated, and mark the rhythm of salvation history.

The use of colours in Christian worship developed gradually over the centuries. In the early Church, there was no strict system of liturgical colours as we have today. Clergy generally wore ordinary, dignified clothing for worship. However, as the Church grew and liturgical celebrations became more formalised—especially from around the Middle Ages—specific colours began to be associated with particular feasts and seasons. This development was influenced partly by Roman imperial customs, where colours signified rank and occasion, and partly by biblical symbolism, where colours carried spiritual meaning. By the time of the medieval Church in Western Europe, a more structured system of liturgical colours had emerged, eventually becoming standardised in the Roman Rite.

Today, the most commonly used liturgical colours are white, red, green, violet (purple), and black, with occasional use of rose.

White is a symbol of purity, joy, glory, and resurrection. It is used during the Christmas and Easter seasons, as well as on feasts of the Lord (except those of His Passion), the Blessed Virgin Mary, angels, and saints who were not martyrs. White reminds the faithful of Christ as the Light of the World and the triumph of life over death.

Red represents the Holy Spirit and martyrdom. It is worn on Pentecost, Good Friday, and feasts of martyrs. Red symbolises fire and blood—fire for the Holy Spirit’s power and blood for the sacrifice of those who gave their lives for the faith.

Green is the colour of Ordinary Time. It signifies growth, hope, and ongoing spiritual life. It reflects the daily journey of the Church and the call for Christians to grow steadily in faith, outside of major liturgical seasons.

Violet or purple is used in Advent and Lent. It represents penance, preparation, and spiritual reflection. During these seasons, the Church calls the faithful to repentance, prayer, and conversion of heart.

Black, though less common today, traditionally symbolises mourning and is used in Masses for the dead. Rose is used on Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent) as a sign of joyful anticipation.

Overall, liturgical colours serve as a visual language of faith. They guide worshippers through the mysteries of Christ’s life and help the Church pray with both the eyes and the heart, marking sacred time in a meaningful and structured way.