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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR – C: 09TH MARCH 2025

Vigil (Saturday):	5.00 pm
Confession (Saturday):	4.15 – 4.45 pm
Sunday Mass:	9.30 am
Weekday Mass: Mon, Wed & Fri:	10.00 am
Friday: Stations of the Cross:	06.00 pm
St Clement's	
Sunday Mass:	11.00 am
Weekday Mass: Tue & Thu:	09.00 am
Sat: Holy Mass in the Convent Chapel:	10.00 am

FEASTS/MEMORIALS

Mon 10th March: St John Ogilvie - Feast

NEXT SUNDAY 16TH MARCH: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR – C

SICK & ANNIVERSARIES:

Please pray for all sick in our parish especially Bishop Robson, May McGeary, Catherine Reid, Kathleen Wilson, Alice Smith, Lusia, Brian Murphy, Lizzie Ward, Monsignor Basil O'Sullivan, Esther Sinclair, Betty Saunders, Pamela Herron, Maureen Walker, Rosily (Fr. Johney's sister), Cath & George Adam, Dennis, Mary Mitchell, John Ruddy, Mary Falconer & Arnie Scott. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died Sr. Monica McDonald and whose anniversaries occur this time especially. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them: may they rest in peace. Amen

Sunday Collections:

Last Sunday Collection: £566.05

Collection from 200 Club: £352.20

Many thanks and God's blessings to all for your generosity.

Coffee/Tea. Please enjoy a coffee/tea and toast after Mass in the church hall on Sundays. Thank you very much for all those who are involved in serving tea/coffee to our faithful.

200 Club Winners: 02/03/2025 No. 64 I. Mylles.

Thank you for joining the team for Monthly Church Cleaning. There was great participation. Well done!

Pastoral Visit of Bishop Andrew: Let us welcome our Bishop Andrew who will be making his pastoral visit to our parish on **Sat 29th & Sun 30th March.** It's an opportunity to meet your Shepherd. Hope all will join with Bishop for the celebration of Holy Mass.

Eco: The Lenten fast is about more than giving up sweets, alcohol or TV. For us it could become a time of gratitude for the abundance of food we enjoy and to advocate for policies that will restore the green matrix that sustains us all, or refrain from wasting food. Especially now, we need to welcome refugees into our communities, or wear sustainable clothing, or participate in other practices that allow us to walk lightly on our earth. Prayer of gratitude and prayer of petition for a more believing, hopeful heart will lead to the God whose love has no bounds.

MARCH ECO-CHALLENGE – SUSTAINABLE EATING

Eat more in the way of plant food, less meat! Swap tofu, beans or lentils for meat and cut back on processed foods

to reduce plastic waste and deforestation. Your small changes can make a big difference for both our health and the environment.

Lenten Retreat Day: As part for adult formation, parishioners and Catechumens/Candidates and sponsors are invited for a Retreat experience for Lent at St Mary's Forebank Church Hall, the Pastoral Centre, on **Saturday 15 March from 10.15am until 2.15pm** and please register your seats at: StAndrew@dunkelddiocese.org.uk Please see the poster displayed on the notice board.

The Universal Synodal Journey Begins

The Catholic Church is now committed to the synodal path. Each diocese throughout the world is presently embarking on finding a way forward; journeying together towards a new way of being church through a process of prayer, deep listening, consultation, and discernment. Shepherded by Bishop Andrew all local parishes are invited to engage in this form of spiritual conversation to allow every voice an opportunity to be heard, welcomed and respected concerning matters related to the church community. Each parish will require a small team of trained facilitators who will play a vital role in ensuring the success of the synodal process in their parish. Those who attended previous facilitator training events are invited to 90 'a refresher evening' in SS Peter and Paul's church hall on Tuesday 18 March at 7pm.

2025 WEE BOX Appeal: This year's WEE BOX Appeal shines a light on how SCIAF's partners are **supporting the people of Colombia** through Church networks. Please take WEE BOXES available in the church.

Vocations Mass: There is a Holy Hour at 6pm followed by the Holy Mass at 7pm to pray for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, as well as for our Priests. This takes place on 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Immaculate Conception, Lochee. **The next is scheduled for 11th March,** and we warmly welcome everyone to join us in these prayers.

Dunkeld Lourdes Service Ball 2025: Dunkeld Lourdes Service organises the support that allows infirm people of our Diocese to make their pilgrimage to Lourdes each year. Every year we have to raise funds to enable us to carry out this work. For the 2025 pilgrimage we are holding the Dunkeld Lourdes Service Fundraising Ball on Saturday 26th of April 2025 in the Apex Hotel, Dundee. For further details please contact Ruth Anne on 07801227443 or e-mail dunkeld@pobox.com

Vocations Overnight: The next Vocations Event is an overnight at **St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, on Fri/Sat 16/17th May** starting at 6pm with Evening Prayer, and concluding with lunch on Saturday. This event will include time for personal prayer and reflection, as well as one to one time with a priest, input on Discernment Prayer, as well as Holy Mass, and a look at the Propaedeutic Period (the pre-seminary experience in Salamanca). Bishop Andrew and Fr Malcolm Hutchison will also be in attendance. Please let me know if you intend to attend by the end of April for booking purposes.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress!