

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



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Sunday Newsletter

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Reflection on the readings

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, a gift to the Church through Saint Faustina Kowalska and confirmed by Pope John Paul II. It is a day that reminds us that God's mercy is greater than our sins, our past, and even our fears.

In today's Gospel, we meet Saint Thomas the Apostle, who struggled to believe. He doubted, yet Jesus did not reject him. Instead, Jesus came close and showed him His wounds. This tells us something powerful: Jesus is not afraid of our doubts, our weaknesses, or our failures. He comes to us with mercy, not condemnation.

Many of us carry hidden wounds; regret, guilt, or pain. Divine Mercy Sunday is an invitation to bring all of that to Jesus. When He appeared to the disciples, His first words were, "Peace be with you." This peace flows from His mercy.

But we are not only to receive mercy, we are also called to give it. Forgiveness, kindness, patience—these are the ways we become living witnesses of God's mercy in our homes and communities.

Today, let us trust more deeply in Jesus. Let us repeat in our hearts: "Jesus, I trust in You." Come to him especially in the sacrament of reconciliation, where his mercy is poured out in a special way and may His mercy renew our lives and bring us lasting peace.

Let us remember those who find it difficult to believe, those who feel far from God, and those burdened by heavy sins. May our prayers and love draw them closer to the merciful heart of Jesus. As we leave the church today, let us become instruments of his mercy in the world, bringing hope where there is despair and light where there is darkness Amen.

Know Your Faith

What is God's mercy? God's mercy is His loving forgiveness and compassion toward us despite our sins. It is freely given through Jesus Christ. We obtain it by sincere repentance, trusting in God, going to confession, showing mercy to others and living a life of prayer. God's mercy is always available to those who humbly seek Him with faith, humility and a sincere heart, never doubting His love and readiness to forgive every repentant soul.

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; 3rd Sunday of the month

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

St. Ninian; Saturday 4.15pm—4.45pm
St. Joseph; Saturday 10.30am

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) •

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

Acts 2:42-47 •

‘All who believed were together and had all things in common.’

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. R1

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good,

his mercy endures for ever.

or: Alleluia.

Let the house of Israel say,

‘His mercy endures for ever.’

Let the house of Aaron say,

‘His mercy endures for ever.’

Let those who fear the LORD say,

‘His mercy endures for ever.’

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good,

his mercy endures for ever.

or: Alleluia.

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
but the LORD was my helper.

The LORD is my strength and my song;

he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and salvation
in the tents of the righteous.

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good,

his mercy endures for ever.

or: Alleluia.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good,

his mercy endures for ever.

or: Alleluia.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:3-9 •

**‘He has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.’**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Sequence

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life’s own champion slain
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

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.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not

disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Bidding Prayers

Priest: Trusting in God's infinite mercy, we bring our prayers before Him.

1. For the Church:

That the Church may continue to proclaim God's mercy to all people and be a place of healing and forgiveness.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

2. For world leaders:

That they may be guided by mercy, justice, and compassion in their decisions, especially towards the poor and vulnerable.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

3. For those in need of God's mercy:

That all who are burdened by sin, suffering, or despair may encounter the healing love of Christ.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

4. For our community:

That we may be instruments of mercy, showing kindness, forgiveness, and love to one another.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

5. For care of creation (Eco prayer):

That we may be good stewards of the earth, protecting our environment and using its resources wisely for future generations.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

6. For the faithful departed:

That God, rich in mercy, may welcome them into the fullness of eternal life.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest:

Merciful Father, hear the prayers we offer with trust in Your love. 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* – 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.**

Prayer for the Dead

Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith - for the souls of Frank King, Jean Nall, June Margaret Milligan, Grazia Woods, Mary Powell, Bernadette Farquharson and Seth Schor, whose anniversaries occur around this time. May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.

Announcements



1. We will pray and celebrate with and for our brethren born in the month of April next Sunday.

2. Confirmation

Bishop Andrew McKenzie will celebrate mass for us at St Ninians during which he will confirm our children in the faith. Date is

Tuesday the 21st of April at 6pm.

3. African Mass; There would be the All African mass celebration today at St Ninian's RC Church Dickson Avenue Dundee, DD2 4DA at 3.30pm. Please come and celebrate with us.

ST JOSEPH'S -

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – HOLY WEEK

Vigil Mass

Loose Plate £63 Gift Aid Envelopes £10 Additional Offertories £30 Total £103

Easter Sunday

Loose Plate £247 Gift Aid Envelopes £170 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £42 Maintenance Fund £45 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £860

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

ST JOSEPH'S – GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

The amount collected for the Holy Places collection was £167. Many thanks for your generous support.

ST JOSEPH'S SCIAF APPEAL 2026

WEE BOX, BIG THANKS

Please remember to bring your filled WEE BOX back so that we can get all the monies collected passed to SCIAF to help them with their work in Ethiopia. Many thanks to all that have supported this Lenten Appeal in 2026. **ST JOSEPHS – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

This Sunday 12 April, at 3.00pm in the church there will be Exposition, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. This will be led by Deacon Jim Murphie. Please join us, if you can, for an hour. Come along – you would be most welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council

St Joseph Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Wednesday 15th of April 2026 at 6.30pm (Usual Venue)

ST NINIAN

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm. Names of the council members and all other parish ministries will then be displayed on the church notice board.

The Big Lent Walk

We warmly congratulate the 4 parishioners who took part in this year's Big Lent Walk, committing themselves to the remarkable challenge of walking 200km over 40 days. Together, with the support of friends and parishioners, they raised almost £1500, a wonderful achievement that will bring life saving water to communities around the world. In many cases, £750 could support an entire small community, helping to reduce water-borne illnesses, save hours collecting water and improve daily life. Very well-done Margaret Parke, Louise and Paul Hunter and Jim Hampton!

CC Juniors

The next CC Juniors will take place on **Thursday 23rd April at 3:15**. We would love to see lots of the children take part. Please confirm attendance to Louise on 07977537230.

ST NINIAN'S PARISH TOTALLY GREEN

Due to the tireless tenacity of our own Jim Hampton, we are now the first church in Scotland to be totally green! The solar panels are connected and sending electricity to the battery backup which in turn sends electricity to the church. All the electrical needs within the church are now being managed. Once registered with SEN we will get more battery storage and hopefully sell some back to the grid.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Volunteers from the **Westgate Malawi Twinning Project** will be travelling to Malawi this September, and we'd love to send hand-made items for babies and toddlers with them.

Every contribution, big or small, will be greatly appreciated. Please bring donations to the parish by August -so plenty of time! Thank you for your support!

DIOCESAN EVENT ON OUR JOURNEYING TOGETHER PROGRAMME

Saturday 9th 2026 at The Pastoral Centre St Mary's Forebank Hall 10.00-1.45 pm.

Please come and listen to the well-known writer, papal biographer, and Tablet correspondent **Austen Ivereigh**, as he presents live online the topic:

"Missionary disciples in a synodal Church: the future of faith in these Islands".

How does the Church thrive in an age where it is no longer supported by culture?

ST NINIAN OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Easter Vigil and Morning)

Offertory; £572.00

GA; £175.00 Easter GA;£159.00

Papal Episc. £29.00

Total £935.00