

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



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Sunday Newsletter

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I am the Door of the sheep



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

My dear brothers and sisters, in today's Gospel (John 10:1-10), Jesus says, "I am the door of the sheep." A door gives access, protection, and safety. Jesus is telling us that through Him we find true life, security, and salvation. Without the shepherd, sheep are vulnerable; without Christ, our hearts easily wander into fear, sin, and confusion.

Jesus is the door that is always open. He welcomes sinners, the broken-hearted, and those searching for meaning. No one is excluded if they come with faith. Through prayer, the sacraments, and obedience to His word, we enter through this door each day.

He also warns us about thieves and robbers—voices that deceive us: selfishness, false values, hatred, and temptation. These promise happiness but steal our peace.

Jesus came that we may have life, and have it abundantly. Let us choose Him daily, trust His voice, and remain within His loving care.

Sunday 26 April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter •

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

'God has made him both Lord and Christ.'

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or: Alleluia.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or: Alleluia.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.

Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or: Alleluia.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or: Alleluia.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or: Alleluia.

Second reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25 •

'You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls.'

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

'I am the door of the sheep.'

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

Bidding Prayers

Priest: Christ the Good Shepherd gathers us in love and leads us to life. Let us bring our prayers before Him.

For the Church throughout the world: that pastors and faithful alike may listen to the voice of Christ and follow Him with trust.

Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For Pope Leo XIV, bishops, priests, and all religious: that the Good Shepherd may guide and strengthen them in their ministry of service.

Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: that many young people may hear the call of Christ and respond generously.

Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For leaders of nations: that they may care for their people with wisdom, justice, and compassion, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For the care of creation: that we may lovingly protect the earth, our common home, and be good stewards of the fields, waters, and all creatures entrusted to us by the Good Shepherd.

Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For the sick, the lonely, and those who feel lost: that they may know the comfort and peace of Christ who never abandons His flock.

Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For our departed brothers and sisters: that they may be welcomed into the eternal pasture of heaven.

Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

Priest: Loving Father, hear the prayers of your people and keep us always close to your Son, the Good Shepherd, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface: 2 for Easter

Eucharistic Prayer: 3

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 Jack and Mary Hargreaves, Frances McWilliam, Ken Mole, David Murphie, Margaret Marra, Canon Michael Milton, Margaret Mair, Mgr Charles Hendry, Ella Smith, Lawrence Kemlo, Madge McKinlay, Fred Reid whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

Know Your Faith



ANNOUNCEMENTS



ST JOSEPH

ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION - SUNDAY 19 APRIL

Loose Plate £151 Gift Aid Envelopes £123 Standing Orders £356
Additional Offertories £100
Maintenance Fund £20 **TOTAL OFFERTORIES £750**

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 is back after the Lenten and Easter break on Sunday the 3rd of May. As always, please support if you can, as all monies raised will be donated to the church maintenance fund. New support bakers would be much appreciated! Thank you - *Margaret Sinclair*

ST JOSEPH'S - SCIAF WEE BOXES 2026

The amount raised is £572.50. A further amount of £96.66 will be added by those that provided their donation with gift add. So, the total amount from St Joseph's parish is **£669.16**. Many thanks for all your help and support with this year's SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL 2026 - *Jack Smith*

ST JOSEPH'S - OUR WEBPAGE IS BACK! After considerable delay we now have our webpage working again at <https://stjosephsdundee.org.uk> Currently there is not much content so we need to spend quite a lot of time and effort in providing you with a parish webpage that you will want to regularly visit. I am happy to support this project but would ask for your help.

I think that we need a small team of 3 or 4 people to drive the initial concepts and we will want your individual thoughts and suggestions on what to include. Don't leave this to someone else, talk to me if you want to help, whether it be a little or a lot. My email, if you prefer to contact me that way, is john.sinclair9@hotmail.co.uk
Many thanks – John

ST NINIAN

EARTH DAY

A gentle reminder to all parishioners that, as an Eco Parish, it was Earth Day on 22nd April. This is a valuable opportunity for us to reflect on our responsibility to care for creation and to consider simple, practical ways we can live more sustainably in our daily lives.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our parish protect and cherish our environment.

AFTERNOON TEAS

We are pleased to say that our monthly afternoon teas in CC's, our church hall, will begin again on Thursday 30th April at 12.30. If you'd like to join us for tasty treats, an exciting raffle and good company, text Margret on [07917461640](tel:07917461640)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Leader: Fr Michael Ngobili Chair: Jim Hampton, Depute Chair: Kenny Regan, Prayer Lead: Maureen Ruddy, Note taker: Jill Divers, Safeguarding: Gerry Dignan, Music Ministry: Colette Cowieson, Children's Liturgy: Louise Hunter, Repository: Eileen Milton, Eco Leader/ CC's :Margret MacPhail, Social Media: Hannah Cowieson, SyP Member: Margaret Parke, Fairtrade: Judi Regan, 200 Club: Pauline Heron, Co-opted Members: Laura Loudon, Head Teacher, St Ninian's, Neil Loudon, Parent /Teacher Council Chairperson.

MINI CC's

It was a fun packed afternoon at CC Juniors this week as we planted up our sweet-pea wigwam, strawberry buckets and hanging baskets. We made some eco friendly paper pots to plant sunflower seeds for our competition and also onions which the children took home to nurture. We all had such a lovely time and are grateful for the enthusiasm of both the kids and the adults.

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".

ST NINIAN'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 12 APRIL

OFF: 456.40, GA: 269.00, HOLY PL (GA); 56.00

TOTAL: £781.40

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

OFF: 395.00 GA: 165.50 TOTAL: £560.50

200 CLUB WINNERS

12/04/2026: NO 60 L. DOLAN

19/04/2026: NO 160 P. SMITH

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



AFRICAN MASS

The African mass will be celebrated again on the 10th day of May 2026 at 3.30pm at the usual venue: St Ninian's RC Church Dickson Avenue MenziesHill DD2 4DA Dundee. We welcome all africans and all lovers of Africa. Come and celebrate with us.

Diocesan Announcements



The Scottish Elections

For the elections, you may find this link useful:

<https://www.dunkelldioecese.co.uk/bishops-conference-of-scotland-releases-election-briefing-pack-for-2026-scottish-parliament-election/>

DUNKELD NEWS

Issue 3 - thank you for your support for the latest issue, whether that be contributing articles, distributing and promoting within your parishes or sending feedback. It is greatly appreciated!

Issue 4 - we are now starting to think about the next issue. Please keep an eye out for any emails requesting an article; you are also free to submit, at any time, articles or ideas to dunkeld-news@dunkelldioecese.org.uk

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