

# Sunday Newsletter

## St Ninian RC Church & St Joseph RC Church

21 JUNE 2026

### ORDINARY TIME

#### THE GROWTH OF DISCIPLESHIP

Ordinary Time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It is a time to deepen our faith, grow in holiness, and live out our baptismal call through everyday life.



**A TIME TO GROW**  
Deepen our relationship with God.

**DISCIPLESHIP**  
Follow Jesus more closely each day.

**LIVE THE GOSPEL**  
Bring Christ's love to our families, communities, and the world.

**HOPE IN CHRIST**  
We journey together toward the fullness of God's kingdom.

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“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”  
— Matthew 10:31

### PUT YOUR COMPLETE TRUST IN GOD

Today's readings invite us to place our complete trust in God, especially when we face opposition for our faith. The prophet Jeremiah remained faithful despite rejection and persecution because he knew the Lord was his protector. In the Gospel, Jesus echoes this same message: “Do not be afraid.” God knows us intimately; even the hairs of our head are numbered. If He lovingly cares for the sparrows, how much more does He care for us. We are called to proclaim Christ boldly, not allowing fear, criticism, or worldly pressures to silence our witness. Let us trust in God's unfailing love, remain steadfast in our faith, and courageously confess Christ before others, confident that He will never abandon those who remain faithful.

### PRAYER FOR THE NEW WEEK

Heavenly Father, as I begin this new week, I place myself and my entire family into Your loving hands. Thank You for the gift of life, Your unfailing mercy, and Your constant protection. Go before us in every step we take and fill our hearts with Your peace. Bless our work, studies, ministry, and daily responsibilities with success and purpose. Keep us safe from every danger, sickness, accident, temptation, and evil. Strengthen our faith when we face challenges, and help us to trust You in every circumstance. Fill our home with love, unity, forgiveness, and joy. Grant us wisdom to make good decisions and generous hearts to serve others. May Your Holy Spirit guide our words and actions so that we may glorify You in all we do. We entrust this new week to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### 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; 10am  
Wednesday; 10am  
Friday; 10am.

##### St Joseph's RC Church:

Wednesday; 11am  
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**

**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HAVE A CUPPA WITH US AFTER THE SUNDAY MASSES.**

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Sunday 21 June 2026

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Readings at Mass

**First reading**

**Jeremiah 20:10-13** ·

**‘He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.’**

Jeremiah said:

I hear many whispering.

Terror is on every side!

‘Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’

say all my close friends,

watching for my fall.

‘Perhaps he will be deceived;

then we can overcome him

and take our revenge on him.’

But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble;

they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed,

for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonour

will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,

who sees the heart and the mind,

let me see your vengeance upon them,

for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD;

praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy

from the hand of evildoers.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 69(68):8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R14c**

***In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.***

It is for you that I suffer taunts,

that shame has covered my face.

To my own kin I have become an outcast,

a stranger to the children of my mother.

Zeal for your house consumes me,

and taunts against you fall on me.

***In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.***

But I pray to you, O LORD,

at an acceptable time.

In your great mercy, answer me, O God,

with your faithful salvation.

LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;

in your great compassion, turn towards me.

***In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.***

The poor when they see it will be glad,

and God-seeking hearts will revive;

for the LORD attends to the needy,

and does not spurn his own in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,

the seas and everything that moves in them.

***In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.***

**Second reading**

**Romans 5:12-15** ·

**‘The free gift is not like the trespass.’**

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**John 15:26b, 27a**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord,

and you also will bear witness.

Alleluia.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 10:26-33**

**‘Do not fear those who kill the body.’**

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: ‘Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

### **BIDDING PRAYERS**

**PRIEST:** In confidence that nothing hidden will remain unknown, and that the Lord who values even the sparrow hears every prayer, we turn to Him with trust:

**Response: Lord, hear us.**

For the Church, that she may proclaim the Gospel without fear, shining the light of Christ boldly in a world often clouded by doubt and silence, we pray:

**Lord, hear us.**

For all Christians who suffer rejection, ridicule, or persecution because of their faith, that they may find strength in Christ who confesses them before the Father, we pray:

**Lord, hear us.**

For leaders of nations, that they may govern with truth, courage, and respect for human dignity, resisting every form of injustice done in secret, we pray:

**Lord, hear us.**

For those who live in fear—of failure, judgment, or the unknown—that they may hear the Lord's words, "Do not be afraid," and find peace in His loving care, we pray:

**Lord, hear us.**

For our wounded earth, that we may treat creation not with silence or neglect but with reverence and responsibility, protecting forests, waters, and all living things as gifts from God, we pray:

**Lord, hear us.**

For our local community and families, that our words and actions may confess Christ daily, bringing hope where there is discouragement, we pray:

**Lord, hear us.**

**PRIEST:** May the Lord who knows us completely, even before we speak, hear these prayers we make in faith. Amen.

## **ATTENTION PLEASE!**

### **ST JOSEPH RC CHURCH**

#### **St Joseph's Building Restoration**

At an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday evening, members of the Diocesan Curial Office presented to the Council the results of a condition survey carried out on the church building and presbytery.

Condition surveys are a normal part of building maintenance. The survey has identified significant repairs required of the buildings and the stained glass.

**Fuller details will be provided at a Parish meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6.30pm which all are invited and encouraged to attend.**

A significant amount of money is required to be raised to carry out the work needed. This will be done primarily through grant funding. Additional fundraising will be required.

The parish will need your support for the project, including the signing of petitions and writing of letters of concern regarding the condition of the building. This petition will be available for signing next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June and then again at the meeting scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In the meantime, the services of Heritage Funding Consultant, Maria Jones have been engaged, and grant applications will start immediately. Maria has also been working on the project to restore St Mary's, Lochee.

Maria's first task is to seek support for the restoration from additional interested parties such as the University of Dundee, local MP's, MSPs and Councillors as well as our school, St Joseph's on Blackness Road.

Maria will submit an 'Expression of Interest' to funders which would then be followed by a full application.

Please support this project to restore our beautiful church and help secure its future.



# PARISH PRIEST DESK

## PARISH EVENTS

### 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 at 10am at St Ninian RC Church

### Parish Retreats:

St Ninian: Saturday 22 August 10.30am

St Joseph: Saturday 15 August 10.30am

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are sick– Franks Forbes, 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 for the souls of Russell Stewart, Mgr Joseph Holder, Mary Flynn and Angus MacPherson, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed,**

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY WE CELEBRATE WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS BORN IN THE MONTH OF JUNE. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL. AMEN**
- THERE IS A SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE DAY FOR LIFE. PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY AND GOD BLESS YOU**

## Parish spotlight

### FOR ST JOSEPH AND ST NINIAN

With heartfelt appreciation, we thank those who faithfully prepare and serve tea after Mass. Your generous service, often done quietly and without notice, brings warmth, fellowship, and joy to our parish family. Through your kindness, people are able to share conversation, build friendships, and feel truly welcomed. Your efforts reflect Christ's spirit of hospitality and love in a simple but powerful way. May God bless you richly for your dedication, generosity, and the comfort you offer each week to all.

## ST JOSEPH

### ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 14 JUNE

Loose Plate £167 Gift Aid Envelopes £133 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £0 Maintenance Fund £0 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £656

### THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

## ST NINIAN

### SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 15/06/2026

OFFERTORY: 293.55 GA: 167.00

REPOSITORY 72.75 TOTAL: £533.30

200 CLUB WINNER 14/06/2026

J GIBSON NO 177

### ST Ninian's Parish Pastoral Council

Council members will meet in the church hall on Wednesday 24 June at 7pm. All members have received the agenda and are asked to read the first chapter of 'Becoming a Pastoral Parish Council' which will be the subject of their conversation in the Spirit.

### Completion of the Refurbished Church Hall

A huge thank you to all who turned out to help clean and organise the hall and its MANY contents. You were all amazing. We are so privileged to have so many wonderful happy workers. You gave your all both days. The hall floor has now been machine cleaned twice which has made an huge difference but it can still do with a few moppings to finish it off to its usual high standard. The hall will be open on **Monday morning from 10.30am** and **Monday evening 6.30-7.30pm**. If you have an hour or so to spare please bring along your bucket and join us for the final clean. It'll be another week before we're ready to welcome you all for tea after Mass. A date for our next afternoon tea will be announced soon.