

Sunday Newsletter

St Ninian RC Church & St Joseph RC Church

12 JULY 2026



Seeds of Gratitude: A Garden Where Faith Blossoms

Today our parish community experienced a joyful reminder of the Gospel of Matthew 13:1–23, where Jesus speaks of the sower whose seed bears fruit in good soil. At 1:00 pm, over fifty parishioners and friends gathered to open our beautiful new garden, lovingly dedicated to Monsignor McBride, a priest who faithfully served this parish many years ago. As Monsignor arrived, he was welcomed with a standing ovation and warm applause—a touching expression of gratitude for seeds of faith he had sown long ago. His joy at returning to his parish family was matched by the delight of everyone present.

The celebration began with the cutting of the tape by Monsignor McBride in the garden... **to be continued on the 3rd Page**



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; 3rd 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 12 July 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ■

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

‘The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.’

Thus says the Lord:

‘For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R Luke 8:8

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.

God’s ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain.

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy.

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing!

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Second reading

Romans 8:18-23

‘The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.’

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;

all who find him will live for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

‘A sower went out to sow.’

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.’ Then the disciples came and said to him, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’ And he answered them, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and

to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

‘Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

BIDDING PRAYERS

Priest: God’s word never returns empty, but bears fruit in receptive hearts, let us bring our prayers before our loving Father.

For the Church: that bishops, priests, deacons, religious and all the faithful may continue to sow the Gospel with courage and joy, and that hearts everywhere may be open to receive God’s word.

Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.*

For world leaders and all who govern: that they may cultivate justice, peace and compassion, creating conditions where every person can flourish in dignity and hope.

Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.*

For the care of God’s creation: that we may cherish the earth entrusted to us, protect its beauty, nurture its resources wisely, and work together to ensure that future generations inherit a healthy and fruitful world.

Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.*

For those whose hearts are burdened by illness, grief, loneliness, anxiety or hardship: that the healing word of Christ may take root within them, bringing strength, comfort and renewed hope.

Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.*

For our parish community: that we may be good soil for the seed of God’s word, bearing fruit through prayer, forgiveness, generosity and loving service to one another.

Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.*

For our faithful departed: that having listened to God’s word throughout their lives, they may now rejoice forever in the harvest of eternal life, especially those we remember in silence today. *(Pause)*

Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Priest: Heavenly Father, your Son continues to sow the seed of your kingdom in our hearts. Help us to receive your word with faith and perseverance, so that our lives may bear abundant fruit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SEEDS OF GRATITUDE: A GARDEN WHERE FAITH BLOSSOMS

...and later continued in the parish hall, where people shared tea, delicious refreshments, warm conversations, and treasured memories. Like the seed that falls on fertile ground, the love, dedication, and faithfulness of Monsignor McBride have continued to bear fruit in the lives of countless people. This garden is more than a beautiful space; it is a living reminder that every act of kindness, every prayer, and every faithful service offered to God can flourish for generations. May we, too, become good soil, allowing God’s word to take root and bear abundant fruit in our lives. Amen

SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES FROM 14TH TO 26TH JULY 2026

SUNDAY MASSES AS USUAL

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday 14th 10am in st Ninian

Wednesday 15th 10am in St Ninian and 11am St Joseph

Friday 17th 10am in St Ninian.

Wednesday 22nd 10am in St Ninian and 11am in st Joseph.

Thursday 23rd 10am in St Joseph

Friday 24th 10am in St Ninian

Justice & Peace Dilexi te

76. Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity. The poorest of the poor- those who lack not only material goods but also a voice and the recognition of their dignity- have a special place in God’s heart. They are the beloved of the Gospel, the heirs to the Kingdom (cf. Luke 6:20). It is in them that Christ continues to suffer and rise again. It is in them that the church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are sick– Frankes Forbes, Pam Herron, Jim Ashwood, John McGuire, Maureen and Stan Clementsmith, Mike McKernie, 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 George Gadalla, who has died recently, and for the souls of Jean Dewar, Daniel Perry and Vera Swifte, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**



PARISH PRIEST'S 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

Parish spotlight



ST JOSEPH'S – GEORGE GADALLA R.I.P.

We were saddened to hear of the death of George Gadalla, husband of Yvonne Gadalla, who died on Wednesday 8 July. Our condolences, prayers and love to Yvonne and all family members and friends at this time.

ST JOSEPH'S – CHILDRENS LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy group is now on holiday for the summer and will re-commence on Sunday 23 August. Happy Holidays.

ST NINIAN

Orchard Opening at St Ninian's

It was sunshine all the way as the parish gathered for the opening of the Mgr Ken McBride Orchard. Former parish priest Mgr Ken was delighted to return for the opening. Cutting the ribbon, he said it was wonderful to be back and to be greeted by Father Michael and to see so many old friends. He added that he might be long gone, but no one from St Ninian's was forgotten, for he remembered everyone at Mass every day. "My list of names must be over 60-strong," he said. Following the official opening, in glorious sunshine, everyone retired to our newly-renovated hall for a sumptuous spread. As one of our parishioners commented, "What a wonderful afternoon, full of happiness and good friends." Amen to that! *E. Harrison*

Church Cleaning: All Welcome

Thank you to all those who came along to help with the church cleaning on Wednesday. Your service to the church is so appreciated. Many hands make light work. Thank you.

Knitting for Malawi

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has so generously knitted such beautiful baby garments for our Malawi Appeal. Once again, you have responded with incredible kindness and generosity, and your wonderful contributions are greatly appreciated. I will now pass them on to the Malawi team, who I'm sure will be delighted to receive them. Thank you for making such a difference to the lives of babies and families in Malawi. *Margret MacPhail*

Afternoon Tea Resumes

Please come along to our very first Summer Afternoon Tea and Prize Raffle on **Thursday 30th July** at 12.30pm in the newly refurbished CC's at St Ninian's. Enjoy our tasty delights and joyfilled company. All welcome. If you need transport let us know.

For reservations text: Margret on **07917461640** or let one of the ladies know. **Cost £6**

Plea for More CC Helpers

If you would like to join the happy band of helpers in our Cafe at St Ninian's CC's, please text **Margret 07917461640** or **Maureen 07766886080** Whatever amount of time you have to give will be very much appreciated.

Winner of 200 Club:

Vanecca Kakoozo

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. THERE IS A 2ND COLLECTION TODAY SUNDAY 12 JULY– Apostleship of the Sea. PLEASE DO-

ST JOSEPH

ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 5 JULY

Loose Plate £194 Gift Aid Envelopes £160 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £18 Restoration Fund (New) £270 **TOTAL OFFERTORIES £998**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

ST JOSEPH'S – CHURCH CLEANING

This was held last Tuesday, and we express our thanks to Pat Smith and her enthusiastic team of helpers in making our church so sparkly once again.

Malawi Appeal

Many thanks to our parishioners who contributed a grand total of **£373 towards the Malawi Emergency Appeal** over the past two weeks. **We added £127 from our Justice & Peace funds and a cheque for £500 has now been forwarded to SCIAF.** If you have been away on holiday or have not managed to get to church over the past two weeks and would like to contribute to this Appeal please contact me and I will forward your contribution to SCIAF. Once again, many thanks for your continuing support for our group. Jack Smith