

Sunday Newsletter

St Ninian RC Church & St Joseph RC Church

16 AUGUST 2026



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. The Church teaches that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. This beautiful feast reminds us that **our life does not end with this world; our ultimate destination is heaven.**

Mary's life was a journey of faith, obedience and complete trust in God. When the angel announced God's plan, she humbly responded, "Let it be done to me according to your word." She did not know everything that would hap-

pen, but she trusted the One who was calling her. She remained faithful through joy, uncertainty, rejection and, especially, the suffering of watching her Son die on the cross. The Assumption gives us hope. It tells us that faithfulness to God is never wasted. Our sacrifices, struggles, disappointments and sufferings, when united with Christ, can lead us to glory. Mary shows us how to live with our hearts directed towards heaven while faithfully fulfilling our responsibilities on earth. Like her, let us say "yes" to God every day. Let us trust Him even when we cannot understand His plans. May Mary, assumed into heaven, intercede for us, strengthen our faith, and lead us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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; 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 16 August 2026

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass of the Day •

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab •

‘A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.’

God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple.

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45(44):10. 11. 12. 16. R10b

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father’s house.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

So will the king desire your beauty.

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-27 •

‘Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ.’

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For ‘God has put all things in subjection under his feet.’

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Mary has been taken up into heaven;
the host of angels rejoice.**

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

‘He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate.’

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.’

And Mary said,

‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.'

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

BIDDING PRAYERS

Priest:

My brothers and sisters, on this solemnity of the Assumption, we rejoice in Mary's sharing in the glory of her Son. Through her loving intercession, let us bring our prayers before God.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: That, like Mary, the Church may remain faithful to Christ, proclaim the Gospel with courage, and lead God's people towards the hope of eternal life. **We pray to the Lord.**

For our world: That leaders of nations may work for peace, justice and the dignity of every human person, especially the poor, the vulnerable and those who have no voice. **We pray to the Lord.**

For families: That Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of every family, may strengthen parents, children and all who struggle with difficulties, division or uncertainty.

We pray to the Lord.

For the sick, suffering and lonely: That those who carry heavy burdens may find comfort, hope and strength, knowing that God never abandons those who trust in Him. **We pray to the Lord.**

Eco Prayer: That, following Mary's example of humble care for God's creation, we may respect and protect the earth, care for its rivers, oceans, forests and creatures, and use its resources responsibly, so that future generations may inherit a healthy and beautiful world. **We pray to the Lord.**

For those who have died: That all who have died in the hope of the resurrection may, through God's mercy, share with Mary and all the saints in the eternal glory of heaven. **We pray to the Lord.**

For ourselves: That Mary's example may inspire us to say "yes" to God every day, remain faithful in times of difficulty, and keep our hearts fixed on the promise of eternal life. **We pray to the Lord.**

Priest:

Heavenly Father, you have raised the Virgin Mary, Mother of your Son, to share in his glory. Hear the prayers we bring before you through her loving intercession, and help us to follow her example of faith and obedience. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Growing in Faith Through Daily Trust in God

Faith is not something we practise only in church; it is a relationship with God that must shape our everyday lives. Many Catholics sincerely believe in God, yet sometimes struggle to trust Him when life becomes difficult. True Christian faith invites us to place our worries, hopes, failures and future into God's loving hands.

Jesus tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me" (John 14:1). These words remind us that faith does not mean that we will never experience problems. Rather, faith gives us the strength to face those problems knowing that we are not alone.

One practical way to grow in faith is to begin each morning with God. Before reaching for the phone or becoming occupied with the demands of the day, spend a few minutes in prayer. Thank God for the gift of life, ask for guidance, and offer the day to Him. At night, examine your day and ask: Where did I experience God's presence? Where did I fail to love? What do I need to place into His hands?

We also grow through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. The Eucharist nourishes us with Christ Himself, while Confession restores our friendship with God and teaches us humility.

Another important practice is learning to trust God when prayers seem unanswered. God's silence is not necessarily His absence. Sometimes He is working quietly in ways we cannot yet understand.

Finally, let your faith become visible through love. Forgive someone, encourage the discouraged, visit the lonely, help the needy and speak kindly to others. Faith becomes stronger when it is lived.

A growing faith is therefore not measured only by how much we know about God, but by how deeply we trust Him and how faithfully we love others. Each day, take one small step closer to Christ. He will never abandon those who place their trust in Him.



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 ST JOSEPH'S – IRENE BLANEY R.I.P.

We are all very saddened to hear of the recent death of one of our beloved parishioners, Irene Blaney, who died earlier this week. May she rest in peace. Irene had been ill for some weeks and had been moved into Roxburghe House for further care. May we offer our condolences, love and prayers to her son and to all other family members and friends at this time. Details of Irene's Requiem Mass at St Joseph's will be communicated shortly.

ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

Loose Plate £176 Gift Aid Envelopes £218 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £1,000 Restoration Fund (New) £36 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £1,786

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

ST JOSEPH'S – CHILDRENS LITURGY

Our children's liturgy group re-commences today, after the school summer holidays, for children aged 4 to 8 years. The group gather at the Sacred Heart side altar prior to the Mass starting at 11.00am. The children of any visiting families, of this age group, are very welcome to join with the regular children for this class, which lasts about 30 minutes.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Cecilia McCartney, Pam Herron, Jim Ashwood, John McGuire, Moira Stewart, Tony and Margaret Beck, Anya Behl, Cathie and Albert Soave, Bill Martin, Alan Newell, May Cosgrove, Margaret McDonagh, Gillian Donnelly, Maureen and Stan Clementsmith, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, Gordon Sangster, Mary Clark, Bella Shaw, Angela Keith, Cecilia McCarten, Bethany Williamson, Irene McKay, Saul Sangster, Andrew Fyffe, Lyn Fyffe, Lisa Gillespie and Gerard Halliday. 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 Francis Forbes, Irene Blaney, who has died recently, and Margaret Murphie, Frank McGivern, Sheila Lowden, Frank McShane, Patricia Stewart, Don More, Eric Froom and Sundie Cabrelli, whose anniversaries occur around this time. May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest Mass:

This week we had a very productive planning meeting with parishioners from St Joseph's. We are all working together to ensure a joyful, prayerful harvest celebration to which everyone is invited! Please put the date in your diary and come along to share in this special occasion. **September 27th at 10AM** in St Ninian's with refreshments afterwards.

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ST NINIAN'S PARISH RETREAT:

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST, 10.30AM–12.30PM

A Parish Experience of Belonging, Grace & Witness

You are all warmly invited to St Ninian's Church on Saturday 22 August, 10.00am–12.30pm, for a special morning led by Canon Kevin Golden.

We all long to belong—to feel welcomed, to encounter God's transforming grace, and to grow in giving joyful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing hope and love to others, especially in these challenging times.

Canon Kevin has prepared a beautiful programme of prayer, listening, reflection, music, and time to be together as a parish family. It promises to be a morning of encouragement, renewal, and grace.

Whether you're new to the parish or have been here for many years, this is for everyone. Come and be uplifted!

If you have misplaced your invitation to the Retreat please just sign up at the back of the church after Mass. Thank you.

CC Juniors

The next CC Juniors will be 3rd September when Jek from Ninewells Community Garden will be coming to chat to us. Please let me know who can make it. Thank you

August Ethical Buying Suggestion

Holiday Responsibly

When travelling, support local businesses, avoid single-use plastics and respect the places you visit.

OFFERTORY FOR ST NINIAN 9/08/2026

OFF; 291.65

GA; 232.00

TOTAL= £523.65