

Sunday Newsletter

St Ninian RC Church & St Joseph RC Church

13 SEPTEMBER 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.



FORGIVE AS YOU HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN

Forgiveness is not weakness; it is the strength to release the debt that has wounded us. Sirach reminds us that anger and vengeance destroy the heart, while mercy opens the door to healing. In the Gospel, Peter asks how often he must forgive, and Jesus answers, “seventy-seven times”—meaning forgiveness must have no limit.

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.

The unforgiving servant received great mercy but refused to extend it to another. This is a warning for us: we cannot continually ask God to forgive our sins while refusing forgiveness to those who hurt us.

Saint Paul reminds us that whether we live or die, we belong to Christ. Therefore, let Christ's mercy shape our hearts. Today, let us choose forgiveness, reject resentment, and become instruments of God's mercy and peace.

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 13 September 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ■

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

Sirach 27:30-28:7

‘Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.’

Anger and wrath, these are abominations,
and the sinful man will hold them fast.
The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from
the Lord,
and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded.
Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done,
and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.
Does one person harbour anger against another
and yet seek for healing from the Lord?
Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself
and yet pray concerning his own sins?
If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath,
who will make atonement for his sins?
Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity,
remember destruction and death
and be true to the commandments.
Remember the commandments
and do not be angry with your neighbour;
remember the covenant of the Most High
and overlook error.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R8

***The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

***The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

***The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

***The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

***The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

‘Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.’

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.’

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.’

‘Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, “Pay what you owe.” So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When

his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow

BIDDING PRAYERS

Celebrant:

Brothers and sisters, our readings today remind us of the boundless mercy of God and the call to forgive one another from the heart. As we bring our needs before our loving Father, let us also ask for the grace to let go of anger, resentment and vengeance, and to become people of mercy, reconciliation and peace. With faith and trust, let us pray:

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

1. **For the Church:** that, like Christ, she may always proclaim forgiveness and mercy, helping all people to experience the healing love of God. **Lord, hear us.**

For our world: that leaders and nations may reject anger, vengeance and division, and work together for peace, reconciliation and justice. **Lord, hear us.**

1. **For those who have hurt us:** that we may have the grace to forgive sincerely, release resentment from our hearts, and become instruments of peace. **Lord, hear us.**

2. **For our common home:** that we may recognise creation as God's gift, care responsibly for the earth, protect its beauty and resources, and leave a healthier world for future generations. **Lord, hear us.**

3. **For our families and communities:** that we may be patient with one another, quick to forgive, slow to anger, and generous in showing mercy. **Lord, hear us.**

4. **For those who are suffering, lonely or burdened by guilt:** that they may encounter the compassionate love of Christ and find strength, healing and hope. **Lord, hear us.**

5. **For our departed brothers and sisters:** that, because we belong to Christ in life and in death, they

News from St Joseph's Justice & Peace Group

An Appeal has been made by Medical Aid for Palestinians for help with providing Medicines and food. Clean water sources have been disrupted or destroyed. Nutritious food is restricted and hunger is rife. Palestinians are being denied access to life saving medicines and the essentials they need to survive. Hospitals are struggling to function without basic supplies. With little or no sanitation, disease is spreading quickly, making it harder for people to maintain not just their physical and mental health, but also their dignity. To assist MAP with this terrible situation we have decided to donate £250 from our funds to support their work in Gaza.

Thank you for your support.

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, Moira Stewart, Tony and Margaret Beck, Maureen Clementsmith, Moira Stewart, Tony and Margaret Beck, Anya Behl, Cathie and Albert Soave, Baby Hayden, Alan Newell, May Cosgrove, Margaret McDonagh, Gillian Donnelly, Stan Clementsmith, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, Gordon Sangster, Mary Clark, Bella Shaw, Angela Keith, Cecilia McCartney, 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 Bill Martin, who has died recently, and for Elizabeth Forbes, James Crichton, Pat Lindsay, Enrico Soave, James Dye and Edward Marra (Jun), whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**



PARISH PRIEST DESK

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This announcement is for the two parishes: Please block this date for us;

Combined Parish Harvest day : Sunday 27th of September at 10am at St Ninian RC Church

AFRICAN MASS

There is the celebration of African mass today the 13th of September 2026 at 1pm in St Ninian RC Church DD2 4DA. Please come and celebrate with us. God bless you.

may share fully in the joy of eternal life. Lord, hear us.

Celebrant:

Merciful Father, you have forgiven us more than we can ever repay. Help us to extend that same mercy to others and to live as faithful disciples of Christ. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH

ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Loose Plate £143 Gift Aid Envelopes £155 Standing Orders £350 Additional Offertories £0 Restoration Fund (New) £80 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £728

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

ST JOSEPH'S – PPC MEETING

The next meeting of the PPC Group will be held on Tuesday 15th September at 6.30pm in the church porch. *Thank you - Nick Marra, Chair PPC*

ST JOSEPH'S - Parish Night out in November

Broughty Ferry Amateur Operatic Society are to stage the joyful, classic musical comedy, 'Crazy for You' at the Gardyne Theatre from 11th – 14th November 2026. The show is full of spectacular dancing and the wonderful songs of George and Ira Gershwin, including 'Someone to Watch over Me', 'They Can't Take that Away from Me' and the tap-filled 'I Got Rhythm'. If I can get 10 or more people interested, for the opening night, the 11th, I can get a reduction in the ticket price of £2 making them £18 adults and £16 seniors and children. If you want to come, please put your name and number of tickets required on the sheet on the church notice board or contact me directly on 669598 or text 07751 542496 or email – hwyl@talktalk.net **It's a super show!** *Thanks - Helen Wylie*

SOCIAL EVENT – Magical Musical Memories

An afternoon of organ music with **Gary White** in **Our Lady of Victories Church Hall**, Forebank Road, Dundee on **Sunday 4 October at 2.30pm**. Come and sing along and delight in favourites new and old! Proceeds to Our Lady of Victories and Mary's Meals. Tickets £7 available from Our Lady of Victories or phone 07496 539968.

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Synodal Event: The Way Ahead in our Diocese

A Synodal Event will be held in St Mary's Forebank from 10am till 12.30 on Saturday, 19 September, 10am-12.30pm celebrating what new paths of Synodality are emerging in parish communities. There will be a short presentation on the synodal pathway in 2027/28 nationally, internationally and globally and Bishop Andrew will also give a short presentation on the future of the synodal process in the diocese going forward. **All welcome.** You can sign up here: <https://www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk/event/diocesan-synodality-event/> or simply join us.

Season of Creation – Living Water

The Season of Creation began on 1 September and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October. This year's theme, "Living Water," reminds us of water as God's precious gift and our responsibility to care for creation. As Pope Leo XIV says, Christ gives us "new, living water, capable of quenching every thirst and calming every anxiety." May this living water renew our hearts and inspire us to protect and cherish our common home. Pray with the Pope: For the care of water | September 2026

Parish Pastoral Council.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place in the church hall on Wednesday 16 September at 7pm. Parishioners are invited to place any issues they would like to bring to the attention of the council in the locked box at the back of the church. Thank you.

Parishes Together Harvest Festival

St Ninian's and St Joseph's Parishes look forward to Bishop Andrew celebrating our Harvest Festival Mass together on Sunday 27th September at 10.00am in St Ninian's. We welcome altar servers from both parishes so, to ensure we have enough seats, would you please write your name/your child's name on the list in the sacristy if they intend to serve at the Mass. Thank you.

September Ethical Challenge

Think before you buy:

Do I really need it? Who made it? What impact will it have on people and our planet?

This month, make one ethical choice

200 club winner 06/09 /26 No. 117 K. Hill

SUNDAY OFFERING: 06/09/2026

Off: 234.87, GA: 158.00, 200C: 373.60, CAND: 48.16

TOTAL: £814.63