



PARISH PRIEST DESK

Happy Harvest Sunday

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, Bethany Williamson, Irene McKay, 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 Saul Sangster and Bill Martin, who have died recently, and for Noel McGivern, Darren McPherson, Thomas Nall and Joan Mulvey whose anniversaries occur around this time. May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH

ST JOSEPH’S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Loose Plate £155 Gift Aid Envelopes £139
Standing Orders £350 Additional Offertories £10
Restoration Fund (New) £10 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £664

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

There is a special collection next Sunday 4 October for The Sick and Retired Priests Fund – please give your generous support.

ST JOSEPH’S – OUR NEXT CHURCH CLEAN

Early reminder that our next scheduled church clean at St Joseph’s will be on Tuesday 6th October starting at 9.00am for about an hour. Many thanks.

ST NINIAN

CC’s Donations

As part of our ongoing contributions to needy and worthwhile causes, CC’c has contributed £100 to SCIAF as a donation towards the flood crisis in Nepal and £60 to both our church and St Ninian’s School.

Pope Leo and the Season of Creation – Living Water

Pope Leo focused on access to clean water in his September prayer intention. Thanking God for the gift of water, the pope prayed for the "right of every brother and sister to drink without fear and without inequality." "Forgive us for turning it into a commodity, forgetting that it is a universal gift, a right without borders, meant for all your children," he prayed. "We see with pain so many brothers and sisters who lack clean water, who walk for miles to find it, who become ill due to its scarcity."

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

OFFERING FOR 20TH SEPTEMBER

OFFERTORY 337.89

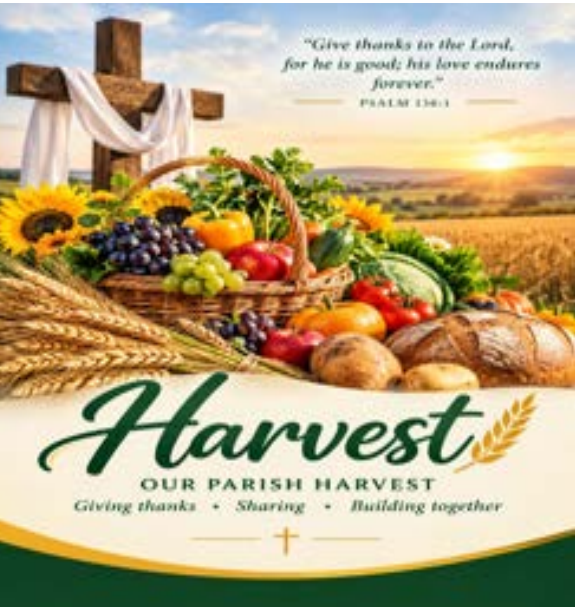
GIFT AID 212.50

TOTAL; 550.39

Sunday Newsletter

St Ninian RC Church & St Joseph RC Church

27 SEPTEMBER 2026



Harvest: A Celebration of God’s Goodness and Our Generosity

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, as we celebrate our parish harvest, we are reminded that everything we have comes from God. In Genesis 8:22, Scripture assures us that “seedtime and harvest” will never cease. Harvest, therefore, is a sign of God’s faithfulness, providing for our needs through the gifts of creation and the work of human hands.

Biblically, harvest is more than gathering crops; it is an opportunity to acknowledge God as the source of every blessing.

In Deuteronomy 26:10, the Israelites brought the first fruits of their harvest before the Lord in thanksgiving. They recognised that their land, their labour and their abundance were gifts from God.

We celebrate harvest today not because everyone has everything, but because God has given each of us something to share. Some have material possessions, others have time, talents, kindness or the gift of encouragement. Every offering, however small, becomes precious when given with a grateful heart. Jesus also reminds us in Matthew 9:37 that “the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.” We are called to become God’s harvest in the world, producing fruits of love, justice, peace and compassion.

As we offer our harvest gifts, let us remember the hungry, the lonely and those struggling to make ends meet. May our thanksgiving become practical generosity, and may our parishes bear abundant fruits of faith and love. 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 27 September 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ■

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28 ·

‘When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life.’

Thus says the Lord: ‘You say, “The way of the Lord is not just.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9. R6a

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11 ·

‘Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.’

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

‘He changed his mind and went.

The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.’

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” And he answered, “I will not”, but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, “I go, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.’

BIDDING PRAYERS

INTRO BY THE PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT.

READER

For the church and her leaders:

We pray for our Pope, Bishops and Priests. Bless and guide them as they lead us in truth and love.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

For the hungry:

We thank you God for this wonderful harvest. Remind us that the fruits of the Earth are for all to share so that no one is left hungry.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

For the gift of water:

We thank you God for the rain, rivers and seas, the living water that gives life to all Creation. We pray for those that have no clean water to drink.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

For Fair Trade:

We pray for all those who plant, grow and harvest our food, especially those who are not paid fairly. Teach us to support farmers around the world so that their hard work is rewarded.

Lord hear us

Lord Graciously hear us

For our Common Home:

We thank you God for our wonderful planet. Help us to care for all creatures, large and small and to protect our rivers, forests and seas for future generations.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

For the world:

We pray for peace in our world. Lord, shelter all your children so that everyone can live without fear of harm.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

For our church communities:

We pray that our church communities join together in kindness, support and love. Let your light shine on us as we joyfully welcome all with open hearts.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

Principal celebrant concludes

the bidding prayers.

Lord Fulfill the Dreams You have Planted Within Me

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart” (Psalm 37:4)

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of this day and for the dreams, gifts, and purpose You have placed within each one of us. You are the author of our lives, and nothing is impossible for You. Lord, I bring before you every dream that seems delayed, every vision that appears impossible.

Father, I ask you to open doors for me that no one can shut, remove every obstacle, and make a way where there seems to be no way. Give me the wisdom to recognise opportunities, the courage to take the right seps, and the patience to trust Your perfect timing.

Keep me faithful in the small things as you prepare me for greater blessings. Help me never to give up, even when the journey is long.

I pray for everyone waiting for a breakthrough – a job, a successful business, a happy marriage, a child, healing, academic success, financial stability or a deeper relationship with You.

May this be the season when hope is renewed and long-awaited prayers begin to bear fruit.

Lord Jesus, let every setback become a setup for something greater. Turn disappointments into testimonies, failures into lessons, and delays into Divine preparations. May every dream You have planted in my heart flourish for Your glory.

Today I declare that my future is in Your hands. I will not be discouraged by delays or defeated by challenges.

I trust that You are working behind the scenes, and in the perfect time You will fulfil every promise You have spoken over my life.

I receive this day with faith, hope, and confidence, believing that with You all things are possible.

In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, I pray.

Amen

Pope Leo X1V