

Sunday Newsletter

St Ninian RC Church & St Joseph RC Church

06 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.



Love Enough to Speak the Truth

Today's readings remind us that Christian love is not merely about being nice to one another; it is about caring enough to speak the truth, correct one another, and help each other return to God.

In Ezekiel, God appointed the prophet as a watchman: *"If you do not speak out... I will hold you responsible."* Ezekiel teaches us that silence can sometimes become a failure of love. When we see someone going in the wrong direction, genuine concern should move us to speak—not to condemn,

embarrass, or destroy, but to save. Jesus gives us a practical way of doing this in Matthew's Gospel. If someone sins against us, we should first approach that person privately. This is important. Jesus did not say, "Tell everybody." He said, "Go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone." Christian correction begins with humility, discretion and love. Paul gives us the foundation: *"Owe no one anything, except to love one another."* Love fulfils the law because love does not seek another person's destruction. There are times when we must speak difficult truths to family members, friends, colleagues, or fellow parishioners. But before correcting another person, we must examine our own hearts. Are we correcting because we love, or because we want to prove that we are right?

Today, let us become people who speak the truth with love, correct with humility, forgive generously, and pray for one another. Where love guides our correction, God is present among us.

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 6 September 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ■

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

‘If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.’

Thus says the Lord: ‘So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts.’

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;

hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;

let us hail him with a song of praise.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts.’

O come; let us bow and bend low.

Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,

for he is our God, and we the people,

the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts.’

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your forebears put me to the test;

when they tried me, though they saw my work.’

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts.’

Second reading

Romans 13:8-10

‘Love is the fulfilling of the law.’

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled

the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet’, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

‘If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.’

Bidding Prayers

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, let us bring our prayers before our loving Father.

1. For the Church:

That the Church may faithfully proclaim God’s truth, like the watchman in Ezekiel, always seeking the salvation of His people and speaking with courage, wisdom and love.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

2. For our world:

That our leaders may work for justice, reconciliation and peace, and that nations divided by conflict may learn to listen, forgive and seek the common good.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

3. For our families and communities:

That we may follow Christ’s teaching when disagreements arise, having the humility to speak privately, the courage to correct lovingly, and the grace to forgive generously.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

4. For the care of creation:

That we may become faithful stewards of God’s creation,

protecting the earth, using its resources responsibly, caring for the poor who suffer most from environmental damage, and giving thanks for the beauty and abundance of creation.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

5. For our parish:

That our parish harvest celebration may be a joyful and successful occasion, bringing our community together in thanksgiving for God's blessings, strengthening our fellowship, and supporting the mission and needs of our parish.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

6. For those who need our prayers:

That those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or struggling with difficulties may experience the love and support of their families, friends and Christian community.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

7. For ourselves:

That we may never be indifferent to the needs or failures of others, but may always owe one another the debt of love, remembering that where two or three gather in Christ's name, He is present among them.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest:

Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we offer in faith. Help us to live according to your commandment of love and to be instruments of reconciliation and peace. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Cecilia McCartney, Pam Heron, Jim Ashwood, Moira Stewart, Tony and Margaret Beck, Anya Behl, Cathie and Albert Soave, Baby Hayden, 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 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 Tony Smart, Bill Martin, who has died recently, and for John Patrick Coyle, Tom Macdonald (Sen), Helen Sharkey and Say Ly, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

When Life Becomes Too Hard to Stand, Kneel

Some of you believe in noise making, but to win in life, all you have to do is kneel. You don't need to shout, to fight, to carry untold burdens; just kneel. You do not have, to win every battle in life by standing tall; some of the greatest victories begin when you finally learn to kneel. There are moments when your strength will not be enough, your wisdom will reach its limits, your connections will fail you, and every door you knock on will seem stubbornly closed. In those moments, do not mistake kneeling for weakness. Kneeling is a posture of a person who has discovered where true strength comes from. When you kneel before God, you are not surrendering; you are surrendering your problems to the one who is greater than them. Prayer does not always immediately change the situation, but it changes the person facing the situation. It gives courage where fear has taken over, clarity when confusion has settled, patience where frustration is raging, and hope where circumstances are screaming that there is no future. Sometimes God does not remove the mountain because he wants to teach you how powerful your faith can become while climbing it. Sometime the answer is not, "Get up and fight harder," but, "Come closer, kneel down, and let me fight with you." There is a kind of strength that comes only after tears have fallen on your knees and you have told God, "Lord, I cannot do this by myself, but I trust in you." Never be ashamed of that prayer. It may be the beginning of your breakthrough.

So, when life becomes too heavy to carry, go and pray. When you cannot understand what God is doing, pray. When people disappoint you, pray. When your plans collapse, pray. When you are tired of being strong for everyone else, kneel before the Blessed Sacrament and allow yourself to be held by God. Do not spend all your energy explaining your pain to people who cannot heal it when you can take it into the presence of the one who knows every wound before you describe it. Pray before you react. Pray before you quit. Pray before you make a decision born from anger, fear, or exhaustion. Pray until your heart becomes peaceful enough to distinguish God's direction from your emotions. The world teaches you to fight for your place; faith teaches you to kneel and let God establish you. Remember that your knees can touch the ground while your destiny is rising. Tears can fall from your eyes while miracles are being prepared. Silence can surround you while heaven is working behind the scenes. Therefore, if you cannot stand, kneel. If you cannot see the way forward, pray. If you have no words, simply remain in God's presence. And when you eventually rise, rise differently—not merely from relief, but with deeper faith, greater wisdom, stronger courage, and an unshakeable conviction that God who sustained you in the darkest valley will also lead you into your promised dawn. You may enter prayer broken, but never underestimate what God can build from a person who refuses to stop kneeling. **Pope Leo XIII**



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

Reunion of Priests:

Dear Parishioners, I warmly plead with you to join us for Holy Mass at **6pm on Friday, 11 September, at St Ninian's**. Priests from my Diocese living across the UK and Ireland will gather for their reunion. Your presence will make this occasion truly special. Please come, pray with us, welcome them warmly, and let us show them our parish hospitality!

AFRICAN MASS

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

ST JOSEPH

ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

Loose Plate £158 Gift Aid Envelopes £205 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £0 Restoration Fund (New) £76 **TOTAL OFFERTORIES £795**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

2nd Collection last Sunday, BISHOPS' MENSAL FUND, £138

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

ST JOSEPH'S – NEXT CHURCH CLEAN

Thanks to those who supported last Tuesday and our next scheduled date is Tuesday 6th October, first Tuesday in the month. Please make a note – thanks.

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.

ST NINIAN School Uniform Gifts Thanks to all parishioners and friends who donated to our Giving Tree. This year's collection was a mixture of school uniforms, store vouchers and money. St Ninian's Primary are very grateful and were able to identify families in need of uniforms for the start of term.

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

Pathways to Synodality

The Final **Conversation in the Spirit** in the 'Feast for All Peoples' series: *The Church as prophetic in today's world*, will be held in St Ninian's Church for 1 hour on **Thursday 10 September at 7pm**. Through conversations we invite the Holy Spirit to show us moments of joy and surprise and challenge us to continue on our synodal journey in faith that this is the way God wishes his church to go. We have been delighted to welcome a few participants from a number of parishes across the diocese; ordinary people who asked to join us for one or more conversation and who have found fellowship and unity through this spiritually uplifting experience. Let's continue to walk the way together in 'bringing about a profound renewal of the Church.' *Cardinal Radcliffe* **All Welcome.**

Synodal Event

A Synodal Event will be held in St Mary's Forebank from 10am till 12.30 on Saturday, 19 September, 10am-12.30pm, with an opportunity to take part in a conversation in the Spirit, 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 speak to a PPC member.