Carols Singalong

St Joseph's · New

This will be held on **Tuesday 8 December**, in the church porch, at **7.00pm**. There will be a mixture of traditional Christmas carols and other seasonal songs. Refreshments will be served. This is always a fun and joyous occasion so please make a note of the date and come along. Please add your name to the list which will be available shortly, so we are aware of the numbers. Thanks.

200 Club 2027

St Joseph's

It's that time of year again when annual subscriptions to St Joseph's 200 Club are due for renewal to cover you till December 2027. Money raised helps with the general running costs of our church. Each number is £25 per annum and can be paid (by instalments if you wish) in cash or by cheque payable to '**TRS RC ST JOSEPHS 1**'. £2 per number each month January–November and £3 December is also an option. **This year again**, you can also pay your annual £25 subscription by BACS to Account Number 0074 7101 Sort Code 80-73-31. Please add reference '200 Club'.

Numbers are entered into our monthly draw with prizes of £100 and £25. In the December Christmas draw there are 3 prizes – £200, £100 and £50. There are over 40 lucky numbers currently available so see me if you wish a new or additional number. Thanks for all your support – *Linda Gow*

SCIAF Christmas Gift Stall

St Joseph's · We're back!

Our usual SCIAF Christmas Gift Stall will take place this year after Sunday Mass on the 29th of November and the 6th of December. So, you just have time to sort out those *nice* gifts you've never actually used and donate them to the stall. They will be sold for low prices, and all proceeds will go to SCIAF.

You get the chance to clear some space AND snap up some great bargains! From today there is a box in the porch for donations. Only gifts unopened and in their wrappings please. Thank you for your great support – *Maggie Newell*

General Announcements

Children in Gaza and the West Bank face new dangers as winter approaches

As winter approaches, humanitarian agencies warn that children and families in Gaza are facing additional threats from damaged housing, overcrowded displacement sites and harsh weather conditions, while rescue efforts following a recent building collapse highlight the continuing difficulties of providing emergency assistance.

UNICEF has launched an appeal for US$97.5 million to support 540,000 children and their families across the Gaza Strip and West Bank during the coming winter. The United Nations Children's Fund said families are expected to face freezing temperatures, heavy rain, flooding and other life-threatening conditions.

In Gaza nearly 84% of the population – more than 1.76 million people – remain in overcrowded displacement sites or damaged and inadequate shelters, according to UNICEF. Such conditions leave families with limited protection from cold weather and rainfall.

The risks are particularly for children, toddlers and children with chronic health conditions who are more vulnerable to hypothermia, respiratory infections, waterborne diseases and other illnesses associated with exposure to cold and inadequate living conditions.

UNICEF said that at least 11 children, including infants, reportedly died from hypothermia in the Gaza Strip during the previous winter. The agency stressed that timely assistance could help prevent further deaths and illness.

"For hundreds of thousands of children, winter is not a seasonal hardship, the winter months pose an additional threat to their survival, safety and well-being," said Jonathon Veitch, UNICEF Special Representative to the State of Palestine.

Children killed in collapse of war-damaged building

The warning comes as rescue operations continue to face major obstacles in Gaza. Children were reportedly among those killed or reported missing following the collapse of a war-damaged residential building in Gaza City recently. Rescue efforts were hampered by lack of heavy machinery and other equipment needed to search through the rubble. The collapse highlights the dangers facing families living in buildings damaged during the conflict, while the shortage of rescue equipment limits the capacity to respond when structures fail.

Vulnerable families in the West Bank

UNICEF's appeal also covers the West Bank where violence, displacement, movement restrictions and a deepening financial crisis are affecting vulnerable families' ability to prepare for winter. The agency warned that these pressures are leaving children increasingly exposed to these harsh conditions.

Thus, UNICEF is calling for funding to provide winter assistance to children and families, with the aim of reducing exposure to cold and preventing illnesses and deaths during the coming months, at a time when damaged infrastructure, displacement and inadequate shelter compound existing humanitarian needs.

Vatican News

A Heartfelt Thank You

St Ninian's · CC's (Church and Community Café)

A heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners for your continued support and generosity towards CC's (Church and Community Café). Thanks to your kindness and support, we have recently been able to donate **£520 to CHAS**, along with **£100 each to the Church and the School**. Your generosity is very much appreciated and helps us make a positive difference in our community. Thank you all!

PARISH NEWSLETTER

St Ninian R.C. Church
& St Joseph's R.C. Church

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 15 November 2026



Homily

Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts

The first reading presents us with the image of a worthy and hardworking woman whose value lies not merely in her beauty but in her character, wisdom and good works. She is generous to the poor, diligent in her responsibilities and faithful in everything she does. This reminds us that true Christian greatness is measured not by appearances or possessions but by the goodness we bring into the lives of others.

St Paul in the second reading reminds us that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. Therefore, we must remain spiritually awake and alert. As Christians, we are called to live as children of light, avoiding laziness, carelessness and anything that separates us from God. Every day should be an opportunity to grow in faith and prepare ourselves to meet the Lord.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the parable of the talents. The master entrusts different amounts of money to three servants. Two servants use what they receive and multiply it, while the third, out of fear, buries his talent. The master praises the faithful servants but condemns the one who refuses to make use of what was entrusted to him.

Dear brothers and sisters, God has blessed each of us with different gifts: time, knowledge, intelligence, resources, opportunities and abilities. He does not expect us to have the same talents, but he expects us to use whatever we have faithfully. We must not bury our gifts through fear, laziness, excuses or lack of confidence.

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, let us examine how we are using the gifts God has given us. Are we making a difference in our families, Church and society? Remember, we shall all give an account of how we have lived.

May we never be found wanting when the Lord comes, but hear those beautiful words: **"Well done, good and faithful servant."**

Amen.

Readings: Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6; Matthew 25:14–30.

Weekly Activities

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 RC Church
Wednesday, 11am
Thursday, 10am
Saturday, 10am

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass, 5pm in St Ninian RC Church
Day Masses: morning as announced.

Exposition

Saturday, 10.30am to 11am in St Joseph
Friday, 10.30am to 11am in St Ninian

Birthday Celebrations

3rd Sunday of the month

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Ninian: Saturday, 4.15pm–4.45pm
St Joseph: Saturday, 10.30am

Prayer for the Sick

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital, especially those of our Parish – Jim Ashwood, Maureen Clementsmith, 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 all who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Billy Hastie, who died recently, and Veronica Duncan, Findlay Harvey, Stanley Pennycook, Brian McGinley, Patrick McAvoy, Morag Walker and Jane Moncur, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We also remember and pray for all those on our parish November lists.

May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.

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Sunday 15 November 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Readings at Mass

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

'She works with willing hands.'

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128(127):1–2. 3. 4–5. R. 1a

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–6

'Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.'

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4a, 5b

Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

'You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.'

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

Bidding Prayers

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, God has blessed each of us with gifts and talents to be used for His glory and the good of others. Let us now present our prayers before Him with faith and confidence, asking for the grace to remain faithful and fruitful in His service.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For the Church: That Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Andrew, the priests and all the faithful may remain children of light, using their God-given gifts to proclaim the Gospel, serve others and build up God's kingdom. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

2. For world leaders and those in positions of responsibility: That they may use their authority, talents and resources wisely, working for peace, justice, the protection of the vulnerable and the care of our common home. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

3. For our parish communities: That we may never bury the gifts God has entrusted to us through fear or laziness, but generously share our time, talents and resources in the service of God and our neighbours. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

4. For the sick and suffering: That the Lord may grant healing, strength and comfort to all who are ill, especially those known to us. May they experience God's loving presence and the care of those around them. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

5. For the faithful departed: That God may welcome into His eternal kingdom all who have died, especially our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners, particularly those whose names we remember today. May they rest in peace and rise to eternal life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

6. For all of us gathered here: That as we approach the end of the liturgical year, we may remain spiritually awake, faithful in our responsibilities and ready to meet the Lord whenever He calls us. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we have placed before You. Help us to use faithfully the gifts You have entrusted to us, that we may one day share in the joy of Your eternal kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

St Ninian's Announcements

200 Club Winner: 08/11/26, No 42, J. Ruddy

Church Offering

9 November: Offertory £376.51 · Gift Aid £146.00 · Repository £30.00 · 200 Club £71.00 · **Total £623.51**

2 November: Offertory £290.92 · Gift Aid £201.00 · **Total £491.92**

New Paths on Our Journey Together

To prepare for the Diocesan Assembly next year, please prayerfully give some thought to what is changing or has changed in the ways we: welcome each other and newcomers, take decisions together about our parish, are listened to, pray together, work together and are encouraged to use our skills and talents. What are the fruits? What are the challenges? What are the possibilities? **More next week!**

The Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree has been set up at the back of the church. Please take a label / donate a suitable Christmas gift which our school will distribute to families in need. Last Sunday for donations will be **13th December**. Please do not wrap the presents.

Dates for the Diary

Parish Pastoral Council: Wednesday 18 November at 7pm.

Ecumenical Advent Service: Wednesday 2 December, 7pm. Join us in St Ninian's as we come together in prayer and praise to celebrate the season of Advent. Followed by tea, coffee & Christmas pies in the church hall.

Come and Share Some Christmas Joy! Join us as we sing Christmas carols at **Roxburghe House**, bringing festive cheer, friendship and a little Christmas magic to those who need our love and care.

Come and Sing! Family Carol Service: Thursday 10 December, 6pm. Join us in St Ninian's for a joyful evening of Christmas carols and festive cheer!

November Lists 2026

St Joseph's & St Ninian's

We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in November, the Month of Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to prayer for the dead. We should start with those closest to us – our mother and father, for instance – but we should also offer prayers for all souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

If you would like your beloved dead to be remembered during Masses in November, please complete a November list and return it (with your offering) to the church as soon as possible. Put your envelope in the offertory collection or in the basket at the front of the altar. All lists will be placed on the altar and will remain there for the entire month of November.

November lists and envelopes are at the back of the church or in the porch area.

Christmas Carols

Come and sing · Saturday 5th December

Do you enjoy singing Christmas Carols? Join us and sing with the Cecilian Choir.

The venue is at The Dundee Congregational Church, Constitution Road, DD1 1LY with registration at 1.30pm on Saturday 5th December. Rehearsal starts at 2.00pm until 3.30pm then a short refreshment break until 4.00pm. Informal concert with the choir from 4.00pm until 5.00pm – and invite your family and friends to this. Your cost is £10 – payable on the day – under 16 yrs FREE. Amaze yourself, have some fun, and support our fantastic Cecilian Choir!

Full details and QR code to book on the noticeboard in the porch.

St Joseph's Announcements

Offertory Collection – Sunday 8 November

Loose Plate £137 · Gift Aid Envelopes £215 · Standing Orders £350 · Additional Offertories £0 · Restoration Fund £30 · **TOTAL £732**

Thank you for all your financial support. Please try to give a little more each week to help St Jo's.

2nd Collection today, Sunday – **Catholic Education Service**.