200 Club Winners

St Joseph's · November Draw

The winners of the 200 Club – drawn last Sunday – were Hilda McGinnis – Ticket Number 77 – 1st Prize £100, and Ruth & Martin Smith – Ticket Number 155 – 2nd Prize £25.

Congratulations to the winners. Remember that there are still extra numbers available for the **2026 BIG DRAW** in December at £3 per number! Please speak to Linda Gow.

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 next Sunday there will be a box in the porch for donations. Only gifts unopened and in their wrappings please. Thank you for your great support – *Maggie Newell*

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.

Remembrance Sunday 2026

St Joseph's · Sunday 8th November · Lest We Forget

We will remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and especially those 237 commemorated on the memorial tablet outside. May they rest in peace.

From the Parish Priest's Desk

50th Birthday Anniversary and 20th Priestly Anniversary

The parish priest invites us to his 50th birthday anniversary and 20th priestly anniversary, which will take place on Saturday 26th December 2026 at St Andrew's Cathedral at 11am with Holy Mass, and a reception will follow at the cathedral hall. Your presence will be highly appreciated.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 8 November 2026



Homily

Stay Awake and Keep Your Lamps Burning

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that wisdom is radiant, unfading and available to those who earnestly seek her. Wisdom does not come to us by accident; we must desire it and make room for it in our lives. A wise person allows God's wisdom to guide daily decisions.

In the second reading, St Paul encourages the Thessalonians not to grieve like those who have no hope. Our Christian faith assures us that death is not the end. Through Jesus Christ, we believe in the resurrection and the promise of eternal life. This hope should give us courage, even in moments of sorrow.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins. While the wise ones bring extra oil for their lamps, the foolish ones are unprepared. The message is clear: we must always be ready to meet the Lord. Faith cannot be borrowed at the last minute. We must nurture it through prayer, love and good works. Let us therefore remain spiritually prepared, keeping the lamps of our hearts burning until Christ comes.

Amen.

Readings: Wisdom 6:12–16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13.

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 – 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, Gerard Halliday, Cecilia McCartney, Pam Herron, Jim Ashwood, Moira Stewart, Tony and Margaret Beck.

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 Marjory Robson, Gerard Gibson, Sheila Lothian and Agnes McMahon, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Anniversaries: Terry Reynolds, Liz Ashwood, John Ruddy, Gertrude Dignan, Charlie Harrison and Peter Milton.

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 8 November 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Readings at Mass

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12–16

'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for he will find her sitting at his gates.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and he who is vigilant on her account
will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R. 2b

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

When I remember you upon my bed,
on you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42a, 44

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Bidding Prayers

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters, trusting in God's wisdom and keeping our hearts ready for the coming of Christ, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For the Church: That the Pope, bishops, priests and all the faithful may be guided by God's wisdom, remain steadfast in faith and keep their lamps burning through lives of prayer, love and service. *We pray to the Lord.*

2. For world leaders: That those entrusted with authority may govern with wisdom, justice and compassion, working tirelessly for peace, reconciliation and the dignity of every human person. *We pray to the Lord.*

3. For our common home – the environment: That we may become responsible stewards of God's creation, protecting our forests, rivers, oceans and wildlife, reducing pollution and caring for the earth for future generations. *We pray to the Lord.*

4. For those who mourn and those who have died: That the hope of the resurrection proclaimed by St Paul may comfort those grieving the loss of loved ones, and that our departed brothers and sisters may enjoy eternal life with Christ. *We pray to the Lord.*

5. For our parish community: That we may be like the wise virgins, always prepared to meet the Lord through genuine faith, generous hearts, forgiveness and practical acts of kindness towards one another. *We pray to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we bring before you. Grant us the wisdom to follow your ways and the grace to remain ready for your coming. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Ninian's Announcements

200 Club Winner: 1/11/26, No 118, K. McGuire

Pathways to Synodality 2027

The Diocesan Synod Team, working alongside Bishop Andrew, is gathering stories from all parishes that show how the diocese has grown and journeyed over recent years, bringing new life to the Church. Once all stories are gathered, the Team will draft a Narrative Report for discernment at a Diocesan Assembly to be held in 2027. Towards the end of this month we will all be invited to respond in writing to the following question:

What new paths of synodality are beginning to emerge, are already there, or could be transformed in your community?

To prepare, please prayerfully give some thought to what is changing or has changed in the ways we: welcome each other and especially newcomers to our parish, 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!**

We Want to Hear From You

As a Synodal Parish we know that our voices are heard and by virtue of our Baptism we are co-responsible for decisions made in our parish. Knowing this gives us a real sense of welcome and belonging. If you have a comment or a suggestion about how we can improve our pastoral care provision for our parishioners, neighbours and those in need of help, please add these to the PPC Box at the back of the church and we will include them at our next PPC Meeting on Wednesday 18 November. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Ecumenical Advent Service: Wednesday 2 December at 7pm followed by tea/coffee and Christmas pies in the church hall.

Carol Singing at Roxburghe House: Tuesday 8 December, 1.30–2.45pm. All welcome from both parishes. Please text **Maureen on 07766886080** or write your name on the list at the back of the church if you can join us.

Family Carol Service: Thursday 10 December, 6pm.

Pray With Pope Leo

November intention: *"For the proper use of wealth."* Through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network you can join the Pope in prayer. This month he is inviting the faithful to pray that wealth is put at the service of the common good and solidarity rather than selfishness.

St Joseph's Announcements

Offertory Collection – Sunday 1 November

Loose Plate £133 · Gift Aid Envelopes £294 · Standing Orders £350 · Additional Offertories £12 · Restoration Fund £0 · **TOTAL £789**

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

2nd Collection next Sunday – 15th November – **Catholic Education Service**.