

Diocese of Dunkeld
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The Charity Shop and Repository within the Parish Centre are open from
10.30 - 2.00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays

The Year of St Paul
Sunday 15th February 2009
SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]



SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY [anticipated Mass of Sunday] : 6.00 p.m.

SUNDAY : 9.30am and 11.30 a.m.

Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Anticipated Mass of Sunday at 6.00 p.m.

Next Sunday is the Seventh Sunday of the Year

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after Morning Mass

Saturday from 5.30—5.45

On request at any time

Last Sunday's Collection was £946.80. Many thanks for your generosity
A **SECOND COLLECTION** for the African Missions will be taken up next Sunday—the last Sunday before Lent

PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre & Charity Shop is now open—Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Reconciliation was cancelled on Thursday as the schools were closed at 11.30 because of the heavy snow. They will now be celebrated on Monday 23rd February at 11.00 a.m., in the Church.

The Rite of Enrolment for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will take place on Sunday 1st March - First Sunday in Lent, with Confirmation on Wednesday 13th May and First Communions on Sunday 31st May at 11.00 Mass - Pentecost Sunday.

MASS TIME CHANGE: From Sunday 1st March [First Sunday in Lent] the 11.30 a.m. Mass will begin at 11.00 a.m. Please note this change

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Logan will be from 20th - 27th July 2009, flying direct from Edinburgh. Details and Forms are in the Sacristy or can be obtained from Mancunia travel—www.mancunia.com or e mail at office184@mancunia.com

DUNKELD DI OCESAN DI RECTORY

The Dunkeld Directory for 2009 is now on sale at the back of the Church, price £2.50

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will begin again this Wednesday 4th February

NOVENA TO OUR LADY ON SATURDAYS
after Morning Mass on Saturdays.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
The Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue at 11.30 a.m. Mass.

Please pray for: **Christiaan van der Kuyl**, recently deceased; for **Joseph McGarry, Irene Kiddie, Charlie Kelly, Susan Conway, David Campbell, Margaret Nolan, Annie Hume, Ronal Mackie, Will Taylor, Vena Smith, Ruby Low, Evelyn Devlin, Liz Ross, Lizzie Aitken, Pamela Robertson & Mary McAnally** whose anniversaries occur at this time; and for all who are in hospital [*Nan Grant & Margaret Keane*].

CATHOLIC PAPERS

Our Catholic Paper are on sale at the back of the Church. Please note that the Scottish Catholic Observer is now priced at 90p.

PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH

The latest issue Proclaiming our Faith Update will be issued this week to all who contribute to this special fund. Thanks to all who support this initiative and to Brida Tennant who looks after it for us.

SCIAF

Our SCIAF BOXES will be issued next Sunday and you are asked to take a box and return it on Holy Thursday.

KEEPING LENT

During the Season of Lent [Ash Wednesday is 25th February] we will have EVENING MASS on Thursdays at 7.00 p.m., so that people who are working may manage to attend a weekday Mass in Lent. During Lent there will be Evening Mass in St Francis' on Tuesdays at 7.00, in St Joseph's on Wednesdays at 6.00 and in St Peter and St Paul's on Thursdays at 7.00.

St Peter & St Paul's, Dundee - FINANCIAL REPORT 2008

Income: [Unrestricted]

Total Offertory:	41803.38	
Gift Aid :	7363.34	
Hall:	10000.00	
Newspapers:	1140.20	
Special Collections:	10748.45	<u>£71055.37</u>

Income: [Restricted]

Donations:	23115.22	
Loan [Renovations]	176971.81	<u>£200087.03</u>

TOTAL: £271,142.40

Expenditure:

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Clergy:	4088.60	
Lay Employees:	1080.00	
Travel/Hospitality:	8151.06	
Office:	6182.72	
Domestic Costs:		
[Heat/Light/Food/Insurance:	17427.73	
Property Costs:		
[Refurbishment of Church/ Repairs in Church & House]	192988.30	
Liturgy/Pastoral:	8554.53	
Other Payments:		
[Diocesan Levy/ Second Collections	13202.80	
Second Collections [restricted]	4663.11	

TOTAL: £256338.85

Bank Reconciliation:

Opening Balance [01/01/08]	28,623.79	
Income:	271,142.40	
Expenditure:	256,338.85	
Closing Balance [31/12/08]	43,427.34	

Royal Bank of Scotland at 31.12.08	48,684.36	
Outstanding Cheques:	5,257.02	
Balance:	43,427.34	

Please note that not all monies due on Church Renovation have been paid. There is an outstanding balance in the region of £17,000. Thanks to Bernadette Johnstone for preparing these accounts. Any parishioner wishing to see the fuller accounts sent to the Diocese may do so on request to Mgr Ken.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

We have one candidate at the moment for Reception into the Church at Easter. This opportunity allows us to resume the JOURNEY OF FAITH after Evening Mass on Thursdays, beginning 26th February. We will use EVANGELIUM, a programme prepared by CTS and we will have our sessions in the Small Chapel. Each session will last approximately 1 hour. If you wish to take part, please let Fr Ken know as soon as possible so that booklets can be ordered.

THE LORD IS THE CURE FOR ALL OUR ILLS

The disease most dreaded by the Jews of old was leprosy. It was an infectious plague which struck fear and horror into its victims because there was no hope of a cure. The fate of the leper was truly pathetic. As soon as the first signs of the disease appeared, the afflicted person was debarred from all social life and forced to withdraw from society. This meant bidding farewell to his family, leaving behind his way of life, his trade, everything and everybody he had known and loved. It was a farewell as final as death. The mental anguish and heartbreak of being completely banished from the local community, was utterly devastating. In every sense the leper was an outcast, with no hope of enjoying human companionship or receiving love. The victim was reduced to the status of a non-person, scavenging for food on the town dump, with a warning bell slung around his neck. Moreover, it was taken for granted that the disease was a punishment for sin and a sign of separation from the life-giving power of God. The prophet Isaiah

used leprosy as a symbol of how diseased God's people were when they were unfaithful to him.



The gospel shows us how Christ was moved to compassion when he met the leper. He was not afraid to reach out and touch the infected man. This is only one of many personal encounters between Jesus and sick people, where his compassion is so evident. It says something profound about the healer, as a font of mercy, and gives us an insight into **God's caring approach to physical and spiritual sickness. Spiritual leprosy is a reality in every age. It's a sickness of the soul which cuts us off from God and is much more serious because it remains invisible and goes unnoticed for a much longer time.** The really good news for all of us is

that just as Jesus reached out to touch and cure the leper, he stretches out his healing hand to bind up the wounds of all our sins.

It's a day to be mindful in our prayers of people who are victims of Aids, that modern plague which threatens the health and lives of thousands all over the world. The Aids generation has come of age and they are the social lepers of our times. What is often forgotten is that they are still people. As yet, there is no cure or vaccine to prevent the infection. Anyone who makes self-righteous statements with - deep conviction like 'Aids is the wrath of God' or 'Serves them right, they have made their bed, let them lie on it,' does not have the heart and mind of Christ. By the very nature of our discipleship, the Lord sends us out to heal, reconcile and love unconditionally. God's power is in its kindness which reaches hearts in ways beyond explaining. While we might feel a pang of moral outrage at the treatment received by lepers in the time of Christ, if the need arose could we be counted upon to bring his healing and compassion to a friend threatened by the dreaded disease of Aids?

