

**Diocese of Dunkeld**  
Scottish Charity No SC001810

## *St Peter and St Paul*

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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 22nd February 2009*

*SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]*



### SUNDAY MASS

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

SUNDAY : 9.30am and 11.00 a.m.

*Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*

*Tuesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*

*Wednesday: ASH WDNESDAY— Lent begins*  
*Mass at 9.30 a.m. [School Mass]*

*Mass at 7.00 p.m.*

*Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.*

*Lenten Evening Mass at 7.00 p.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 First Sunday of the Year

Rite of Enrolment for Sacramental Initiation at 11.00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after Morning Mass

Saturday from 5.30—5.45 AND ON REQUEST AT ANY TIME

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### From next Sunday

***Masses are at***  
***9.30 a.m.***  
***and***  
***11.00 a.m.***

**Last Sunday's Collection was £866.24.** Many thanks for your generosity  
A **SECOND COLLECTION** for the African Missions will be taken up today - the last Sunday before Lent

### **PARISH CENTRE**

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

#### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

*First Reconciliation will be celebrated tomorrow, 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 next 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](http://www.mancunia.com) or e mail at [office184@mancunia.com](mailto:office184@mancunia.com)

#### **DUNKELD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY**

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

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays**

#### **SCIAF**

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

#### **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: **Magnes Smith, Hazel Provost & John Scullion**, recently deceased; for **Peter Duff, Andy Greig, James Dailly, Margaret Dailly & John Macgregor** whose anniversaries occur at this time; and for all who are in hospital [*Nan Grant, David Donnett, Nessie McNaughton, Mary McIrvine, Gloria Thomson*]

#### **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 has been 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.

Please take a copy of the leaflet and read about the work of Proclaiming our Faith and, if you would like to subscribe, please contact Brida or Fr Ken.

#### **KEEPING LENT**

During the Season of Lent 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 6.30, in St Joseph's on Wednesdays at 6.00 and in St Peter and St Paul's on Thursdays at 7.00.**

## 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 this Thursday, 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.

## OBERAMMERGAU

It is with regret that the trip to Oberammergau in 1010 has been cancelled due to lack of interest. All deposits will be returned.

## ST PATRICK'S NIGHT SOCIAL EVENING

There will be a Social Evening to mark St Patrick's Day on Friday 13th March, from 7.30—midnight in the Parish Centre. Light supper, bar and great Irish Music. Tickets are £6.00

## THANKS

The Parish Centre Management thank Moyra Foley for the donation of the piano she won in the Classic FM Competition. We are now looking for someone to play it on Wednesdays from 1.00—2.30 after the Lunch Club, to entertain our friends from Wellgate Day Care service. Contact John on 858942 if you can help.

## St Peter and St Paul's Gift Aid – 2009

Our Gift Aid scheme will continue as before with the Parish receiving tax back on all monies given to the Church by those who have signed up and are putting their offerings in the envelopes provided. If you have not already done so please get an application form from Brida Tennant or Margaret Macbeth for the Gift Aid scheme. I would ask you to please consider this. It is so easy and brings in much needed revenue for our Church. There are approximately 73 parishioners (active) enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme [They will receive a confidential note of the number of envelopes used and their total contribution for the year at the end of the tax year], and from that amount we collect on average £6,000 per year from the taxman – think how much more we would collect if everyone who pays tax joins up

We have 600 parishioners registered in our Parish. The Gift Aid form is simple to complete and all it requires is that you state that you want the Church to be able to claim, from the government, the tax on any donations you ever make. This declaration lasts all your life, although you can cancel it (in writing) at any time if you choose. You will then be given envelopes with a number and not your name and your donation is recorded each week against that number. There is complete confidentiality and all paperwork for the Gift Aid scheme is kept in a locked cabinet. We must, of course, be able to tell the Inland Revenue each year exactly how much has been given - there can be no doubt about the total. Along with the weekly envelopes we will also include envelopes for Christmas, Easter, Holydays of Obligation and Second Collections – it does not matter how little or how large your contribution. It is also possible to make a “one-off” donation – the Church is entitled to claim for all monies given. Please note that there is no demand upon you to give extra – as always, only give what you can afford.

In previous years we have received 28 pence for every £1 you give, this has now been reduced to 25 pence from the taxman for every £1 you give. So we need more people who pay tax, to sign up. A Gift Aid form increases the value of your offering enormously and costs you nothing; If you are a tax payer (and this is not just income tax) will you please consider signing up for this scheme?

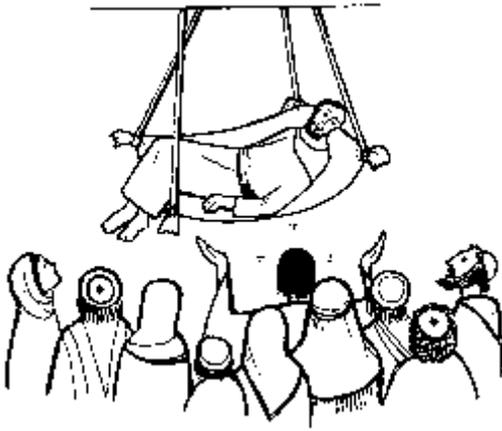
There is no need :  
to state what you will donate  
to state how regularly you give  
to fill in lengthy forms  
to renew annually

And you can opt out at any time you wish. Application forms are also held in the Sacristy

*Please consider using the Gift Aid Scheme.*

## THE POWER OF GOD - A GOD WHO SAVES

During the course of a day we use thousands of words and take them for granted, without giving much thought to the gift of speech. In this gospel we see the power of the word of God at work in a memorable scene, when four men arrive with their paralytic friend whom they lower to the feet of Jesus through an opening in the roof. This man had been a burden to his neighbours and Jesus sensed the deep distress behind the faith of those who carried the stretcher. When he uttered the healing words: **'Your sins are forgiven,'** God's power flowed through the paralytic, freeing him of spiritual paralysis as well as bodily sickness. There was a moment of supreme suspense as the man rose to his feet, picked up his mat and walked outside. The cure of his illness was the sign that his sins had been truly pardoned. The scribes, who were spokespersons for traditional Jewish belief, stated that only God was capable of forgiving sin and questioned what Jesus had done.



In an age when it has become fashionable to ignore the reality of sin as an offence against God, our sins are ever before us, placing a barrier between Christ and ourselves. Like the **sick man in the gospel we are in need of Jesus'** healing words, to free us from the burdens of our past and to enable us to live in a new way. His words heal the sickness of our souls and restore fullness of life to our personalities, crippled and blunted as a result of past wrongdoings. We should not be surprised to **find forgiveness of sin at the heart of Christ's**

ministry, for his mission is to bring the peace of God and wipe out the tyranny of evil. Sin is a form of paralysis that effects us all.

It places a barrier between God and ourselves. However, Jesus understands our weakness as sinners and is concerned about curing our spiritual illness. His aim is to set us free, to walk in friendship with God. Despite our ingratitude, he persists in loving us and wants us to stop looking back and clinging to the memory of past sins. He makes it quite clear that he does not want to imprison us in our past or close us up in our failures.

Forgiveness is a wonderful thing and the most profound healing a person can experience. One of the greatest gifts Christ gave to his church was the power to forgive sin, which is available through the ministry of any priest. The words of forgiveness spoken to the paralytic are with us in the sacrament of reconciliation. All of us are crippled by some type of sin and are more in need of the healing words of Jesus than we would care to admit. We would be foolish to remain spiritually paralysed through sin because of our fear of approaching the priest. Our return to grace is always eagerly awaited by the Lord.