

**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 8th February 2009***

***FOURTH 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. [Our Lady of Lourdes]  
Mass for the Sick in St Mary's Lochee at 7.00 p.m.***

***Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.  
First Reconciliation at 1.30 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 Sixth 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 £991.94 Many thanks for your generosity**  
**The SECOND COLLECTION for the work of Catholic Education was £411.20**

### **PARISH CENTRE**

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

#### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

First Reconciliation will be celebrated with the children from primary 4 on Thursday of this week at 1.30 p.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



World Day of Prayer for the Sick  
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

**MASS FOR THE SICK**  
**Wednesday 11th February**  
**St Mary's, Lochee**  
**7.00 p.m.**

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

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Eucharistic Adoration will begin again this  
Wednesday 4th February

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

Please pray for: all recently deceased; for **Steven Walker, Jessie Moncur, Charles Cabrelli, Davina McGiff, Graeme McMahon, Frank Ferrie, Charlie Craig, Harry Craig, Elizabeth Morrison, John McGrath, Bernadette Chapman & Darren Walsh** whose anniversaries occur at this time; and for all who are in hospital [*Ina Scott, Sam McGregor & 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. This week :

Cardinal O'Brien and SCIAF trip to Burma  
St Mary's Home for the Elderly refurbishment completed  
St Peter & St Paul's wins Classic FM piano competition  
St Peter & Sr Paul's Prayer Group supports Zimbabwean Priest

#### **PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE**

Fatima Holy Hour  
in  
St Pius X, Balerno Street, Douglas  
On  
Friday 13th February at 7.00 p.m.

On the opposite page of this newsletter is an abridged set of the parish accounts for the year 2008. Sincere thanks to all who contribute to the upkeep of the parish by your generous weekly donations.

I intend, during Lent, to set up a Parish Pastoral Council, since the previous Council lapsed [under Canon Law] with a change of PP. Hopefully this will include a sub-committee on Finance.

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>£2000087.03</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
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Liturgy/Pastoral:	8554.53
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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.*

## *CHRIST SUFFERS WITH US*

We would have to be living the life of a hermit to close our eyes to the pain and misery of life about us. Our hearts would be of stone not to be moved by a friend's marriage on the rocks, a neighbour's child with a nervous breakdown and the suffering and heartbreak which is the common lot of so many in daily life. The grim pictures on TV of war, famine and children dying of starvation are calculated to shake even the faith of a saint. No wonder many people are forced to the conclusion that it is a punishment from God or that there is no God at all. There is no understanding why good-living people are asked to suffer and carry such heavy crosses. Nothing threatens our confidence in a caring God more than the sight of suffering.

The Book of Job is an attempt to come to grips with the problem of human suffering in a brutally direct way. Job, a good-living religious man is put to the test by God. He is stripped of his wife, family and all his possessions, and is finally struck down with ill-health. He is so overcome that he feels there is nothing to live for but misery. For all his deliberations as to why he has to suffer or why God has put his hand down so heavily upon him, Job doesn't come up with any convincing answer to the meaning of his present distress. The truth is that there is no easy answer. Job was not the first person, nor the last to be baffled by the problem of suffering.



Illness and death can be the most trying and important times of our life. Often we neglect God until we are struck down in such a crisis with ill-health and have inactivity thrust upon us. When we rise above our despair we go to him looking for his healing grace. We are driven to trust him totally, for there is no other way to face suffering than to realise that it must be part of God's mysterious plan. Sickness forces us to put aside the feverish activity of daily living and focus instead on the home which is offered us by our heavenly Father. These are the occasions which are especially critical, when we have to face up to the hopes and disappointments of life. There is no point in thinking what we might do if our circumstances were different.

In the gospel passage Jesus comes to Simon's mother-in-law, stretches out his hand and cures her. Christ gives us no answer about suffering nor does he try to explain why people have to suffer but he showed us the importance of turning suffering into joy. By identifying himself with the sick and the dying even to dying himself on the Cross, Jesus clearly revealed that suffering is part of God's mysterious plan. It all depends on how we shoulder our cross, for, by uniting our trials with Christ's we can enjoy his victory. Whatever happens to us, all things will work together for those who love God and share in the passion of Christ. The gospel does not guarantee our freedom from suffering but gives us the assurance that God is with us however great our suffering may be.