



St Peter & St Paul Catholic Church

Byron Street, Dundee DD3 6QN

Diocese of Dunkeld, Registered Charity SC001810

Website: www.stpeterandstpaul.co.uk

Telephone: 01382 825067

E-mail: stpeterandstpaul@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

Parish Priest: Fr Malcolm Hutchison

Assistant Priest: Fr Emmanuel Odeh

Deacon: Rev. Jim Leary

Safe-guarding: Rev. Jim Leary

27th September, 2026: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Monday:	9.30 am	
Tuesday:	9.30 am	<i>Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i>
Wednesday:	9.30 am	<i>St Jerome</i>
Thursday:	9.30 am	<i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>
Friday:	9.30 am	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
Saturday:	6 pm (Anticipated Mass of Sunday)	
Sunday:	10 am	<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Confessions: Thursday 7-7.45 pm; Saturday 5.30-5.55 pm; or by request.

Baptisms: By arrangement with the Parish Priest

Marriage: By arrangement with the Parish Priest

Anointing of the Sick: Please request the sacrament from one of the priests if you are sick or going into hospital. Please do not hesitate – we are happy to offer it!

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:: 10-11 am on Wednesday;
7-8 pm on Thursday (Benediction at 7.50 pm)

The Holy Rosary: 9.10 am on Weekdays

If you are going to, or someone you know is in, hospital, please contact the hospital chaplain on 07821 624124 or through the hospital switchboard on (01382) 660111.

Please Pray for the Dead:

Recently Deceased: Saul Sangster

Anniversaries: Catherine Findlay, James Findlay, and Margaret McCabe

Requiescant in Pace

Please Pray for the Sick:

Allan Davidson, and Linda & Sam Ewart

Parish Finances

Sunday Collection:

£893 (of which Gift-Aided £365; not Gift-Aided £528)

Thank you for your generosity

The Kiltegan Fathers (St Patrick's Missionary Society) will be collecting for their missions this weekend

Legacy Received: Many of you will remember the late John Tennant who died in July last year. The parish has received a bequest from his will of £10,000, for the Parish Maintenance Fund – this has contributed greatly to the payment for the roof repair works. We are thankful for his generosity and continue to remember him in our prayers.

Gift Aid: If you are a tax-payer, please sign up for Gift Aid – it allows the parish to claim 25% back from HMRC of the value of your offering, without any cost to you, apart from the time it takes to fill in a form!

Standing Orders: The parish currently receives around £1300 each month by standing orders; if you would like to contribute by standing order, there are forms available from the Sacristy; alternatively, the parish banking details are:

Trustees of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld No 3 Charitable Trust
St Peter and Paul Mission
Account no.: 28042063
Sort Code: 80-22-60



Cashless Donations: Just scan the “QR code” image above with your mobile phone and you can make a one-off donation (or payment for the repository), if you do not have any cash.

Parish Notices

Are you thinking of become Catholic? If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please come along to an enquirer's evening on **Monday 12th October** in the Parish House. This will just be an opportunity to meet Fr Malcolm and perhaps others who are making the same journey, and have a chat as an initial step before we begin the RCIA programme.

Small Scripture Group: This will meet next Tuesday 29th September in the hall at 10am after Mass. We will look at the following Sunday's Gospel – Matthew 21:33-43. All are welcome; tea/coffee before we begin.

St John's High School Weekly Mass: Holy Mass is celebrated weekly in St John's High School on Fridays at 8.20 am, in addition to the school's usual devotional schedule. Pupils and Staff are encouraged to make the most of this opportunity to begin the day with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Children's Sacramental Preparation: If your child is in P4, and you have not already done so, please speak with Fr Malcolm about arranging First Confession and First Holy Communion; or in Primary 7, arranging the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy for children from P1-P4 takes place in the Children's liturgy room behind the Sanctuary. Please bring your children down before the start of Holy Mass if you would like them to participate! If you have not already signed a consent form, please do so.

Church Cleaning: The next day scheduled for cleaning the Church is Monday 12th October (N.B. the change

of date!), at 10 am, just after the morning Mass. Please do come along and join the group of volunteers who help make our Church building a fitting place for the celebration of Holy Mass.

Soup & Sandwich kitchen: We have had an enquiry from the Order of Malta (A Catholic religious order and charity) who would like to run a monthly soup kitchen in the Hall, for the homeless and needy in the area. If you have any thoughts about this, please speak to Fr Malcolm, and thank you to those who have done so already.

Dunkeld Lourdes Pilgrimage: If there are any young people who are interested in joining the pilgrimage next year (aged 17 and over), please speak to Fr Malcolm. It would be good to arrange fundraising activities to support the youth volunteers who assist the sick.

Post-Mass Tea & Coffee: Tea, coffee, and cake are served in the Hall after the 10 am Sunday Mass: please join us for an opportunity to meet fellow parishioners.

Food Bank: We continue to take donations in support of one of the Food Banks in the city centre. Please drop off anything you would like to donate in the baskets at the back of the Church.

Repository: There is a selection of holy items and cards available for a donation, at the back of the church.

Holy Communion for the Sick & the House-Bound: If you, or someone you know, is sick and house-bound, whether long term or for even only for a shorter period, we can arrange for a home visit with the Blessed Sacrament so you can receive Holy Communion, either from one of the parish clergy or from one of the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Please speak to the Parish Clergy.

Hall Enquiries: For any enquiries concerning hosting a private event in the Church Hall, please contact Fay Martin on 07932 432577. For anything Church-related please speak to Fr Malcolm.

Fr Emmanuel is on holiday until 23rd October. There may be some alterations to the week-day sacramental schedule; these will be announced in the Newsletter and at Sunday Mass.

Diocesan Notices

Dunkeld Youth “Get-together”: “The Dunkeld youth Association warmly welcomes you to our Youth Get together 2026 on Sunday, 27 September 2026 at St Andrew’s Cathedral, Dundee. Holy Mass begins at 6.00pm, followed by an exciting time of fellowship, fun music, sharing and celebration in the cathedral hall. Come along and meet other young people from across the diocese of Dunkeld, make new friends, share your faith, and celebrate the joy of being young and catholic. Everyone is warmly welcome. 18+”

Diocesan Mission Event: Our annual mission awareness event on Saturday 17th October at St Mary’s, Forebank. The Saturday before Mission Sunday. We begin at 9.30am with reception, teas & coffees. We will work through to 3.30pm the latest. The theme is Catholic Social Teaching (CST) led by Lorraine Currie, chief executive of SCIAF. In the afternoon, she will focus a little more on lobbying. Looks like an informative and exciting day. Bishop Andrew will celebrate the noon mass. Please feel free to join us!

National Family Conference: The Agency for Marriage, Family and Life of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland have organised a Conference. Married couples and families are invited to a day at **Saint Augustine's, Coatbridge** on the **24th of October 2026!** Come along for family adoration, Mass with Bishop John Keenan, formative talks, children's catechesis and so much more! Please book your place at <https://bcos.org.uk/NFC26>

Parish Mission Appeal: Kiltegan Fathers

Fr Patrick McCallion joins us to celebrate the Weekend Masses to make a Mission Appeal, 26th and 27th September, on behalf of St Patrick’s Missionary Society, better known as the Kiltegan Fathers. Fr Patrick, who has ministered in Malawi for 19 years, will invite us to the mission awareness and solidarity through spiritual and material support of the missionary work of the Lord.

Within the context of “synodality”, we can see an additional importance of supporting the missionary work of

congregations like the Kiltegan Fathers: “The principle of synodality is the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God.” (*Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church*, ITC, 2008) The work of the Missionary Societies, like the Kiltegan Fathers, and our support for it, is an important part of “synodality”.

Consultation on Diocesan Structures: Update from the Bishops

At the request of the Holy See, we the Bishops of Scotland have been considering how our diocesan structures can best serve our shared mission in the years ahead. This is not simply a question of boundaries, administrative adjustments or the sharing of resources more effectively. Primarily it is about how we can better proclaim the Gospel, support our clergy, religious and lay people, and strengthen our parishes and communities for evangelisation.

As part of this discernment, and informed by the diocesan feedback summaries, we considered a range of possible configurations. The following options are now being presented for further reflection and consultation across all our eight dioceses:

1. **Argyll & the Isles and Paisley merge**
2. **Argyll & the Isles and Glasgow merge**
3. **Paisley and Galloway merge**
4. **Galloway and Motherwell merge**
5. **St. Andrews & Edinburgh and Dunkeld merge**
6. **Motherwell, Paisley and Galloway merge**
7. **Maintain the current diocesan structures but with greater sharing and collaboration**

These are possibilities for further discernment, not decisions or an agreed map for the future.

As your bishops, we recognise that dioceses are communities of faith with their own histories, relationships and traditions. Any change must therefore be approached with prayer, sensitivity and care for the people and communities involved.

Synodal discernment also asks each of us to look beyond our own self-interests and to consider what will best serve the Catholic Church in Scotland as a whole. Everyone in every parish is encouraged to make their voice heard when opportunities for consultation are announced locally by their diocesan bishop.

Information packs will be made available in each diocese to support this next phase. These will provide an opportunity to learn more about each of Scotland’s eight dioceses, including important statistics and demographic information, so that the consultation can be informed by a fuller picture of Catholic life across the country. The fruits of the consultation will help us to formulate a concrete proposal to the Holy See.

For completeness, the following options were considered but **will not** be taken forward:

1. Split Aberdeen at the Great Glen. Argyll and the Isles to merge with the territory north of the Great Glen and Dunkeld to merge with the territory south of the Great Glen.
2. Dunkeld and Aberdeen merge
3. Argyll & the Isles and Aberdeen merge
4. Argyll & the Isles and Dunkeld merge
5. Glasgow, Motherwell and Paisley merge
6. Glasgow and Paisley merge
7. St. Andrews & Edinburgh and Galloway merge
8. Glasgow, Paisley and Argyll and the Isles merge

Finally, we encourage everyone to actively engage in this process, and to keep this central question at the heart of our prayer and reflection:

How can we best equip the Catholic Church in Scotland for mission, evangelisation and the service of God’s people?

With every blessing, (Signed, the Bishops of Scotland)

When we receive the Information Packs mentioned above, there will be arranged the opportunity to discuss this question once more.