



Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

Parish Newsletter 19th July 2026

16th Week in Ordinary Time Year A

The Patience Of God



This Sunday's Gospel presents us with the parable of the wheat and the weeds. A servant notices weeds growing among the good seed and immediately wants to pull them out. The master, however, responds: "Let them both grow until the harvest."

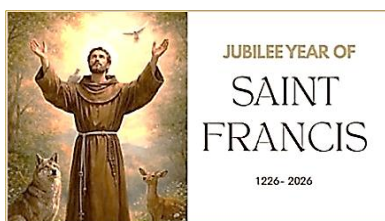
These words reveal the extraordinary patience of God. We often want quick solutions, clear divisions and immediate judgement. We may be tempted to decide too quickly who is good and who is bad, who belongs and who does not, or who is worthy of another chance. God sees more deeply. He knows the human heart, understands our struggles and gives us time to grow, change and return to him.

The field in the parable may represent the world, the Church, our parish community and our own hearts. Within each of us there is good seed planted by God, but there are also weaknesses, habits and attitudes that need healing. God does not abandon us because we are imperfect. Instead, he patiently cultivates what is good within us and invites us to cooperate with his grace.

The Gospel also speaks of the mustard seed and the leaven. Both begin in a hidden and seemingly insignificant way, yet they gradually produce something much greater. The Kingdom of God often grows quietly: through a sincere prayer, an act of forgiveness, a visit to someone who is lonely, a word of encouragement or a small act of service within the parish.

At Our Lady of Lourdes, we are invited to become a community that reflects God's patience and mercy. Let us encourage what is good in one another rather than concentrating only on faults. Let us allow God's grace to work in its own time, trusting that even small seeds of faith can bear abundant fruit.

May Our Lady of Lourdes help us to remain patient, hopeful and faithful as God's Kingdom grows among us.



POOR MAN OF ASSISI - Saint Francis

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year of St Francis, from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027, marking the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. During this year, we are invited to follow his example by living more simply, caring for creation, serving those in need and becoming faithful witnesses of peace.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the call to love God and our neighbour with all our heart, soul and strength. In the spirit of St Francis, we are encouraged to live this Gospel message through acts of kindness, humility and compassion, recognising Christ in every person we meet.

May St Francis help us to recognise Christ in every person and to become instruments of God's peace in our families, parish and world.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *Please Note*

There will be no Children's Liturgy this or the following two Sundays due to holidays – we will recommence on Sunday 2nd August. **Wishing you all happy holidays.**



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DUNKELD NEWS

The latest issue of *Dunkeld News* is now available in our parish. Please take one copy for your family.

We thank everyone who contributed to this edition and hope you enjoy reading the latest news and reflections from across the Diocese of Dunkeld.

TODAY IS OUR DEANERY MISSION APPEAL

WELCOME TO FR MARK CONNOLLY

This weekend, we warmly welcome **Fr Mark Connolly** from *St Joseph's House, Cardonald*, who is visiting our parishes for the Deanery Mission Appeal on behalf of the Mill Hill Missionaries.

Fr Mark will celebrate and preach at our weekend Masses, including the Polish Mass at St Mary Magdalene's. We are grateful for his presence among us and for the opportunity to learn more about the missionary work of the Church.

We assure Fr Mark of our warm welcome, prayers and generous support during his visit to Perth.

ON THE WEEKEND OF 25–26 JULY 2026

as we celebrate the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the Church will also observe the **Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**.

May our grandparents and elderly parishioners always know that they are valued, loved and never forgotten by God or by the Church.

As a sign of our care and appreciation, we warmly invite everyone, especially elderly parishioners to join us on Tuesday 28th July for Holy Mass at 10.00am, followed by tea, coffee and some sweet treats.



EXPERIENCING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

*Parish Eucharistic
Revival Project*

In August, our parish will begin a new programme of prayer, formation and spiritual renewal focused on the Eucharist.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

"You give repentance for sins."

Responsorial Psalm Ps86(85) R 5a

"O Lord, you are good and forgiving"

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

"The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. **Alleluia**

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

"Let both grow together until the harvest"

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays: Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass at 10.00am followed by coffee/tea in the hall.

Thursdays: Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass at 10.00am.

ALPHA IS FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO EXPLORE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH



We continue the ALPHA Course on Wednesday **22nd July at 6.30pm** in Our Lady of Lourdes, in the church hall. *You are warmly invited to come along, to bring a family member, friend or anyone who is curious, to share some food and to get to know each other.*

Come along and see what you think

ON THE LOOK-OUT IF YOU HAVE A BABY'S HIGH-CHAIR

that you no longer need and can donate for use at parish functions in the hall, please speak to Fr Leszek or parish secretary at ololadmin@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

HOSPITAL VISITS BY A PRIEST

If you know someone in hospital who would like a visit from a priest for prayer, spiritual support, Holy Communion (*Viaticum: communion for dying*), Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Priest on call, at 07842 538056 ASAP.