

Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

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23rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME A

Caring Enough to Speak



Today's readings remind us that **Christian love is more than being kind and pleasant to one another**. Sometimes love also means having the courage to speak when something is wrong.

God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a watchman for his people. Jesus gives similar advice in the Gospel: if someone has hurt us or done something wrong, we should first speak to that person privately.

This is very different from gossiping, complaining about someone to others, or allowing resentment to grow. **Jesus asks us to speak to one another, not about one another.**

Of course, this requires wisdom and humility. We are not called to correct every fault we notice. But

when something truly matters, love should give us the courage to seek understanding and reconciliation.

St Paul gives us the key: **"Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour."** If our words come from anger or pride, they can easily wound. But when they come from genuine concern, patience and prayer, they can help to heal.

May Our Lady of Lourdes help us to build a parish community where we listen to one another, forgive one another and, when necessary, have the courage to speak the truth with love and for the good of one another.

God bless you all, Fr Leszek



2026 SEASON OF CREATION

Immersion in Living Water
Ezekiel 17:9,12

The Season of Creation began on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and continues until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

During this **Season of Creation**, we are reminded that our responsibility extends not only to one another but also to **the world God has entrusted to our care**.

Our choices affect others, especially the poor and vulnerable, as well as generations still to come. Caring for creation is therefore part of loving our neighbour.

May we learn to receive the earth with gratitude, use its gifts responsibly, and leave to those who come after us **a world that still speaks of the beauty and generosity of its Creator**.

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.**

The annual **Mass for Vocations** takes place on 17th September at 6.00pm in St Andrew's Cathedral in Dundee. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the religious life.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026:

For The Care of Water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Please pray for repose of the soul of **Joseph Poonoly** (Fr Abraham's Dad) whose anniversary occurs about this time. May He rest in peace.



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

“If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand”.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94) R7c, 8a

“O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.”

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

“Love is the fulfilling of the law.”

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **Alleluia**

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

“If he listens to you, you have gained your brother”

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR



Today's Gospel calls us to seek **reconciliation rather than division**. St Francis of Assisi understood that peace begins with the way we treat the person beside us.

During this **Franciscan Jubilee Year**, let us ask for the grace to become instruments of Christ's peace: **to listen before judging, to forgive rather than hold resentment, and to build bridges where relationships have been broken.**

May our homes and our parish communities be places where Christ's words become a reality: **“Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.”**

FINANCIAL MATTERS

June Information

7/6 - £887.27 + d/d £70.00 - £957.27
15/6 - £563.70 + d/d £70.00 - £633.70
21/6 - £482.45 + d/d £70.00 - £552.45
28/6 - £574.75 + d/d £70.00 - £644.75

Special Collections

21/6 - Day for life - £187.44

28/ - Peter's Pence - £224.75

100 Club Winners - £10 - (44) Lynne Mendes, (36) Gwyneth Pearson, (47) Maureen Hally, (34) Brian Pearson. **£50.00** - (65) Ann Walker. **£500.00** - (99) Teresa McGregor.

July Information

5/7 - £561.60 + d/d £72.20 - £634.30
12/7 - £616.02 + d/d £72.20 - £688.72
19/7 - £429.00 + d/d £72.20 - £501.70
26/7 - £646.00 + d/d £72.20 - £718.70

Other collections

12/7 - Stella Maris - £202.12

19/7 - Missions - £363.00

26/7 Candles - £164.26

August Information

2/8 - £468.95 + d/d £70.00 - £538.95
9/8 - £538.20 + d/d £70.00 - £608.20
16/8 - £576.60 + d/d £70.00 - £646.60
23/8 - £679.50 + d/d £70.00 - £749.50
31/8 - £552.75 + d/d £70.00 - £622.75

Other collections

23/8 - Collection for Pallottine Fathers - £322.09;

30/8 - Bishops Mensal - £213.95

100 Club Winners

£10 - (2) Margaret Laurie, (69) Alan McPhee, (85) Kathleen Krause, (63) Ann Johnson, (28) Gerard Rodgers, **£50** - (77) Liz Judge.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

There are no weekly services this week as I am on Retreat. We are taking this opportunity to replace the lights in the church, which, for safety reasons, requires the use of scaffolding. Fr Leszek

The Friday Drop-in Group resumes in the church hall in Our Lady of Lourdes, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

The group plan to have more active afternoons, with games, quizzes etc. and are open to suggestions and new ideas, so please come along – all are very welcome.

PREPARING FOR OUR PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



Every time we gather for Mass, we experience this promise in a unique and profound way. Christ is truly among us, and **in the Eucharist he gives us his very Body and Blood.**

As we prepare for our **Parish Eucharistic Revival**, let us renew not only our understanding of the Eucharist but also our desire to meet Christ personally in the Mass.

The more deeply we recognise whom we receive, the more deeply the Eucharist can shape the way we live.