

Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

Parish Newsletter 11th October 2026

28th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME A

An Invitation To God's Table



Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel (*Matthew 22:1-14*), Jesus tells the parable of a king who prepares a wedding feast for his son. Invitations are sent, everything is ready, yet many of those invited refuse to come. The king then sends his servants into the streets to invite everyone they can find.

God's invitation is generous and open to all, but it calls for a personal response. He does not force anyone to accept His love. He in-

vites us freely, patiently and continually, even when we are distracted by the many concerns of daily life.

The wedding feast reminds us of the Eucharist, where Christ gathers us around His table and nourishes us with His own Body and Blood. Yet the Gospel also reminds us that accepting God's invitation involves more than simply being present. We are called to allow His grace to change our hearts and shape the way we live.

As we continue preparing for our **Parish Eucharistic Revival**, this Sunday's Gospel offers us an important question: ***Do we truly recognise the privilege of being invited to the Lord's table?***

Our parish is more than a place where we attend Mass. It is a community in which we learn to recognise Christ, support one another and grow together in faith. Every person has a place in this mission, and each of us can help others discover the joy of belonging to the Church.

May our celebration of the Eucharist deepen our gratitude for God's invitation and strengthen our commitment to live as His faithful disciples.

With every blessing,
Fr Leszek

GOSPEL PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You have invited us to Your table, not because we are worthy, but because Your love is greater than our weaknesses.

Thank You for calling us by name, for welcoming us into Your Church, and for nourishing us with Your Word and Your Body. Forgive us for the times when we have been too busy to listen to You, too distracted to recognise Your presence, or too hesitant to follow Your call. Give us hearts that are grateful for Your invitation and generous in sharing it with others. Teach us to recognise those who feel forgotten, to welcome those who are searching, and to encourage those who have lost their way.

As we prepare for World Mission Sunday, renew in us the spirit of Your mission. Unite our parish communities in faith and love and make us witnesses of Your goodness wherever we go. May we never forget that there is a place for us at Your table, and that Your invitation is meant to be shared with the whole world. Amen.



As we prepare for our Parish Eucharistic Revival, let us renew our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. May every Holy Mass deepen our love for Christ and inspire us to share His love with others.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be a second collection in support of Missio Scotland as part of the annual World Mission Sunday Appeal.



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WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays: 9.30am Holy Rosary; 10.00am Holy Mass.
Tea and coffee in the hall.

Thursdays: 9.30am Holy Rosary; 10.00am Holy Mass

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.**

FRIDAY DROP-IN GROUP

Fridays, 1.00–3.00pm, in the church hall.
Refreshments provided.

FRIDAY - A QUIZ NIGHT ON FRIDAY

The Fundraising Group invites you to a Quiz Night on Friday, 30th October at 7.00pm in the church hall. Tickets: **£5 per person** (teams of four; teams can be formed on the night). Prizes: **£20 for the winning team** and a **lucky-ticket prize**. Refreshments served during the interval. Tickets available at the back of the church or on the night.

All proceeds support the new lighting project.
Thank you.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

'The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22) **R1**

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Second reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.'

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

'Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'



As we commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi (1226–2026), we are reminded of his simplicity, humility and deep love for Christ. His life encourages us to seek peace, care for those in need and recognise God's

presence in all creation.

May the example of St Francis inspire us to live the Gospel with greater joy, gratitude and love.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

A sincere thank you to everyone who attended the introductory meeting on Parish Pastoral Councils, led by Paul Allaker on Tuesday 29 September. Your interest, participation and willingness to contribute to the future of our parish are greatly appreciated. We look forward to continuing this journey of prayer, discernment and shared responsibility for the life and mission of our parish.

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MISSION AWARENESS EVENT

Faith in Action for a more just world

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026
(DAY BEFORE Mission Sunday)
Forebank Pastoral Centre, Dundee
9.30am ending before 3.30pm

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (C.S.T.)
Day led by Lorraine Currie, sciaf Chief Executive

"Here there is a challenge from Christ to the goodness of humankind. It is not enough to be good. It is not enough to not do evil. My Christianity is something more positive; it is not a negative. There are many who say, 'But I don't! I don't steal, I don't do anything bad to anyone.' That's not enough. You are still lacking a great deal. It is not enough to be good."

St. Oscar Romero