PARISH NEWSLETTER

All Saints Solemnity - Called to Holiness

November 01, 2026

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A



The Church invites us to lift our eyes to heaven and contemplate the great multitude of men, women, and children who now rejoice in the presence of God. They come from every nation, culture, and walk of life.

Some are well-known saints whose names fill the pages of history, while many others are humble and hidden disciples known only to God.

All Saints' Day reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a select few. It is the universal vocation of every Christian. Jesus' words in the Beatitudes show us the path to sainthood: living with humility, mercy, purity of heart, and faithfulness even in times of suffering. The saints were not perfect people; they were ordinary people who allowed God's grace to transform their lives.

In a world often preoccupied with success, wealth, and recognition, **the saints point us towards what truly matters.** They teach us that genuine happiness is found in loving God and serving others.

As we gather for worship at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, let us thank God for the witness of the saints and seek their intercession.

Let us also remember that sanctity begins with the small choices we make each day: a prayer offered in faith, a word of kindness, an act of forgiveness, a helping hand extended to someone in need.

May this feast inspire each of us to renew our commitment to Christ and to strive for the holiness to which we are called. One day, by God's grace, may we join the communion of saints in praising Him forever.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. All the Saints of God, pray for us.

Fr Leszek

LITURGICAL 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 – led by the school pupils. Please come and join us in supporting our school community

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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.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Throughout the month of November, all Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.

The names submitted on the November List of the Dead will be remembered at every Mass.

Thank you for your offerings and for lovingly remembering your deceased family and friends.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: John Boyce, and Hermann Mikus.

May the Lord welcome them into His eternal kingdom and bring comfort and peace to their families and loved ones.

GOSPEL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, today we rejoice with **the countless saints** who stand before your throne and behold your glory.

Through your death and resurrection, you have opened the gates of heaven and called all people into communion with the Father.

As we hear your Gospel, lift our hearts above the passing things of this world and fix our eyes on the eternal life you promise.

Deepen within us the desire for holiness, strengthen our hope in your mercy, and fill us with the joy of knowing that we are called to share in the inheritance of the saints.

May your Word purify our hearts, renew our minds, and draw us ever closer to you, until the day when we join that great multitude who praise you forever in heaven.

May the prayers of all the Saints strengthen us to live the Beatitudes and follow Christ on the path to holiness.

Amen.



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ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND DEACONS

The Annual Mass for deceased clergy will be celebrated in St Andrew's Cathedral in Dundee on Thursday, 5 November, at 1.00pm. We invite parishioners to join in prayer for those who faithfully served the Church and have now gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARY'S, OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, DUNDEE

Monsignor Kevin Golden warmly invites us to join in the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of St Mary's, Our Lady of Victories, Forebank, Dundee. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Saturday, 21 November 2026, at 12 noon, with Bishop Andrew McKenzie presiding. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St Mary's Hall.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

"Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages".

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24(23)

R./ "Such are the people who seek your face O Lord."

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3 "We shall see God as he is."

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. **Alleluia**.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

"Blessed are the poor in spirit"

STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND



Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley and President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, has announced that he is stepping back from his daily duties until further notice, following medical advice.

Bishop Keenan has been undergoing medical investigations and will require further tests and examinations over the coming weeks. **During this time, Vicar General Monsignor Joe Burke will oversee the day-to-day running of the Diocese of Paisley.**

Bishop Keenan hopes to provide a further update once these investigations are concluded and is grateful for your prayers at this time.



FRANCISCAN JUBILEE 2026

800 Years
Since the Death of
St Francis of Assisi
(1226–2026)

May we, like St Francis, embrace humility and holiness, becoming joyful witnesses to the path that leads to sainthood.



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, MAY!

On behalf of the parish community, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to May Mitchell as she celebrates her 90th birthday on Sunday, 1 November.

May, we thank God for the gift of your life, your faith, and your presence among us. Ninety years is a wonderful milestone, filled with cherished memories, blessings, and the love of family and friends. May the Lord continue to watch over you, grant you good health, peace, and joy, and bless you with many happy moments in the year ahead.

Please join us in wishing May a very happy birthday and in thanking God for the blessing she is to our parish community.

Happy 90th Birthday, May! May God bless you abundantly today and always.