

*Welcome to the Parishes of
St. Mungo's, Alloa and St. Serfs, High Valleyfield*

Sunday 21st September 2025—Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)



Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer.

In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favour for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money. © *Loyola Pres*

A gentle reminder for those who enter this church:

be thoughtful - be silent - be reverent

Before Mass: speak to God

During Mass: let God speak to YOU

After Mass: speak to others

Baptism

This Sunday during Mass in St. Mungo's, we will have the baptism of Eilidh Stevenson. We welcome her family and friends, as they join us for Mass and celebrate a new member of the family of St. Mungo's.

Primary 1 Welcome Mass—St. Mungo's

Next Sunday, we will welcome to the 9.30 a.m. Mass in St. Mungo's the new Primary 1 children, their families and teachers from St. Mungo's Primary. Tea and toast will be served in the hall after Mass.



*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

IN YOUR PRAYERS....

We pray for all who are ill/housebound: in particular we remember:

Veronica McCluskey, Ann Gray, Richard Donald, Eden Smyth, Maureen Malkiewicz, Matthew Kelly, Brian Bell, Susan Dyball, Lewis McArthur, John Ferguson, Maria Benei, Angie Mortimer-Farthing, Fr Martin Smith, Susan Malcolm, Andrea McGregor, Fr Malcolm Hutchison, Anne McEvoy, Mary Alexander, Jeanette Mournian, Maureen Gianandrea, Rosanna James.
Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them!

We pray for those who have died recently:

Joseph Pellicci (*Funeral Mass in St. Mungo's on Monday 6th October at 10am*)

We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Bishop Angus MacFarlane (Bishop of Dunkeld 1901-1912), Mgr Robert Clapperton, Canon Thomas Crumley, Canon Ian Mullen, Fr Joseph Roche, Peter Dowd, Paula Argo, Kathryn Green, Jean Bradley,
Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen

PARISH INCOME

St. Mungo's		St. Serf's	
Offertory	£616.15	Offertory	£277.10
Standing Orders	£315.50		
Hall Income	£16		
TOTAL	£947.65	TOTAL	£277.10

Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parishes.

This weekend there will be a special collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund

Sacramental Preparation for Children

If there are any families in the parishes who have children at non-Catholic schools and they would like them to be prepared for First Confession and First Holy Communion (P4) or Confirmation (P7) during the coming year, please email me to let me know.

Concert in Memory of St. John Paul II

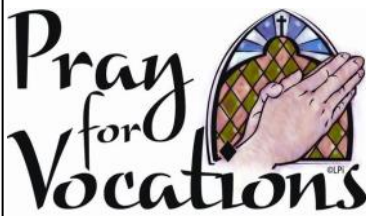
A concert of classical and religious music dedicated to the memory of St. John Paul II will be taking place in St. Mungo's Church on **Saturday 18th October at 1 p.m.** It will feature several Polish musicians and singers. Tickets will be on sale this weekend (Adults £15/Children £7)

Knights of St. Columba Charity Concert

The Knights have organised a charity concert featuring Leona Hens. The concert will take place on **Friday 10th October at 7 p.m. in St. Mungo's Church Hall.** Tickets £5 will be on sale this weekend.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

The Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on **Sunday 21st September** from 12:30-6:00pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12.30pm-1.30pm Refreshments & sale of candles/goods; 1:30pm-2:30pm Holy Hour; 3:00-4:00pm Reflection; 4:30pm Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley. Confessions available all afternoon.



Diocesan Vocations Mass

After an absence of a couple of years, the annual diocesan Vocations Mass will take place on **Monday 22nd September at 6 p.m. in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee.** Bishop Andrew will be the main celebrant and Fr. Jim Walls will preach.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - Sunday 14th—Sunday 21st September

Every year, the Church in Scotland sets aside a week in which we are invited to reflect on our Christian vocation, which flows from our the call made to us in Baptism to grow in holiness and in service of others. We are also invited to pray for those who might be considering a call to follow a particular path of service within the Christian family, in the priesthood, as a deacon or in religious life. Lastly, this week invites some to consider whether God might be calling them to follow one of these particular paths. So, we might:

- ◇ pray for a renewed and strengthened sense of vocation among all God's People;
- ◇ consider what my own vocation is in life and how I might be responding to the call that God has made to me;
- ◇ pray for a generous response in the hearts of those called to serve the Church in priesthood, consecrated life and diaconate;
- ◇ consider – as appropriate to my own stage and situation in life – whether I might not actually be one of those called to be a priest/religious or to encourage someone, whom I think might be showing the signs that they have such a vocation, to consider discerning or pursuing such a call;
- ◇ pray for and offer support and encouragement to our priests, the religious women and men who serve in our communities, and seminarians and others in formation or discernment of their vocation in the Church.

For more information please contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Jim Walls on 01382 611282 or email stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This week we recommence in both parishes our periods of Eucharistic adoration. Please try to come and spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. *"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."* St. Teresa of Calcutta.

New Weekday Missal

After several delays, CTS have finally published the updated Weekday Missal, which contains the new lectionary translation readings. It costs £55. If anyone would like to order one, please add your name to the lists in the church.

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION
Sunday 21st September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Preface of Sundays; EP 64th anniversary of Consecration of St. Mungo's	6 p.m. (Sat)	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	Robert Hutchison (Anniversary)
	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	People of the Parish
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	Catherine Trias (RIP)
Monday 22nd September	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 23rd September St. Pius of Pietrircina, Priest	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Jessie Scullion (Anniversary)
Wednesday 24th September	10 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	Donor's Intention (TH)
Thursday 25th September	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's Oratory	Mass	Andy & Connie Graham (Anniv)
Friday 26th September Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs	10 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Donor's Intention (TG)
Saturday 27th September St. Vincent de Paul, Priest	6 p.m.	St. Mungo's	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)	9.30 a.m.	St. Mungo's	Mass	Daphne Pritchard (RIP)
	11.30 a.m.	St. Serf's	Mass	Catherine Trias (RIP)

Sacrament of Confession this week

Wednesday in St. Serf's after 10 a.m. Mass
 Friday in St. Mungo's after 10 a.m. Mass
 Saturday in St. Mungo's 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday in St. Serf's 9.30 a.m. to 9.55 a.m.
 Friday in St. Mungo's 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.

St. Mungo's Prayer Group

Resumes on Tuesday 14 October

Teas/coffees

Tuesday after 10am Mass in St. Mungo's
 Wednesday after 10am Mass in St. Serf's
 Last Sunday of the month after 9.30 a.m. Mass
 in St. Mungo's Hall

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