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## Welcome to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

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### SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

#### HOLY MASS – THE EUCHARIST

In Church: Sunday at 10.00am. In winter in Chapel: on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 10.00am.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** with benediction on Wednesday after 10.00am Mass.

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION** Mass: 10.00am and 6.00pm.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** - by appointment with Fr Greg. Parish Priest is available to visit sick parishioners who are sick at home and may administer the **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**. Please telephone landline or mobile to request an appointment with the priest.

For more info: webpage [www.stjosephsdundee.org.uk](http://www.stjosephsdundee.org.uk)

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### HOMILY HELPS

For years, Jesus had confounded even his closest disciples. He insisted the crowds stay for a meal when all they had were a few loaves and fish. He told them to turn the other cheek, that it is the poor and downtrodden that are blessed, and that each of them had a cross to carry. He revealed that he would be condemned to death. Now he's disappeared from the tomb they'd buried him in just three days before. Mary Magdalene is frantic. Peter and John are rendered speechless. All three are confused. What has happened? None of them yet understood that they had to look for him in a different way. Jesus may confound us as well. We may not find him where we expect, or when we expect, or in the way we expect. But let us take comfort in the confidence that no matter where we go, no matter how confounded we are, he will find us.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How has the Resurrection transformed my life?  
How can it continue to do so?

# St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

### TRUE JOY

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Above all days, Easter is a day of joy.

But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, "When we come to [our house] St. Mary of the Angels, soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: 'Who are you?' And we say: 'We are two of your brothers.' And ... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!"

Whatever we may think of St. Francis's explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis's kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, S. J. at Easter "the cross and passion past, dark night is over, bright morning comes at last!" When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear him say, "Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth." ([Song of Songs 2:10-12](#)) In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. *That* will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. *This* is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Eleonore Stump*

### HOMILY HELPS

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul gives us a clue as to finding the risen Lord: "Seek what is above" (3:1). If we have died with Christ, as we did in baptism, then we have been raised with Christ. This ought to be our perspective. There is a permanence to what is above that cannot be achieved on earth. How relatively fleeting even our happiest times have been: our wedding day, the birth of a child, a career accomplishment. The Resurrection frees us to seek love and mercy and life in a way that outlasts what is on earth.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we gather in joy to celebrate the holiest and most wonderful of days: Easter Sunday. Jesus, who sacrificed his life on behalf of us all, has been raised from the dead. Alleluia! This is the day that gives meaning to Jesus' suffering and death, and in turn to our own. Suffering and death are not the end. Jesus has led the way to his Father for all eternity. How appropriate that we gather today for the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we give thanks to the Lord for the ultimate sacrifice he made for our sins. In the Eucharist, we receive his Body and Blood, more closely uniting us with him, now and eternally. Let us celebrate the Eucharist on this blessed day as we are reborn in the Lord.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Through the gift of God's word, we get to hear how the Resurrection event gradually came to be understood by the early disciples. In the first two readings, Peter and Paul speak of how our life has completely changed because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We may receive forgiveness of sins in his name. We now seek what is above, our destiny. We have become a fresh batch of dough in the hands of the Lord. But upon first seeing the empty tomb, neither Mary Magdalene, Peter, nor John understands what happened. However, even then, a glimmer of faith was kindled.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Acts 10: 34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 117

**'This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.'**

**Second Reading** Colossians 3: 1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 20: 1-9

He must rise from the dead.

## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 31 MARCH 2024

**Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish** – Michael Fernando, Margaret Forsyth, Henry Downie, Kath MacPherson, Gillian Donnelly, Geoff Earnshaw, Margaret McDonagh, Wilfred Kandulawa, Tony and Margaret Beck, Anya Bell, Fletcher Ditchburn, Andrew Fyffe, Luisa Gawlik, Lisa Gillespie, Gerard Halliday, Marjory Robson and Leanne Walker. **May they feel the healing power of Christ, in body and in spirit.**

**Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith** – for the souls of Nessie Shields, Lorna Donachie and Bruce Kelly, who have died recently, and Mike Branney and Stuart Foy, whose anniversaries occur around this time. Today, may we also remember our foundress, Mrs Marie Bell-Dewar, especially in this year of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church opening in 1874. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU  
THIS EASTER SEASON



*On this holiest of days – Easter Sunday - may I wish all parishioners, visitors and friends of St Joseph's, a blessed, joyful and peaceful Easter.  
Alleluia, alleluia! He is risen. Alleluia!*  
Fr Greg

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 24/3/24

Loose Plate £209      Gift Aid Envelopes £226  
Standing Orders £233      Additional Offertories £83  
**TOTAL £751**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

**THANKS TO ALL** – who made our Easter celebration so special this year. To Fr Greg, Deacon Ron, John McKay and all the young altar servers for the Masses, services and Stations of the Cross that were held; to those who organised and held Lenten prayer groups in their homes; to Kevin Veal for the music; to the readers and cantors at the services; to Pat Smith and the cleaning team; to Monica Veal and the flower team; to Pauline Veal for the palm crosses; to St Joseph's Primary for their help and support; to the PPC and to everyone who contributed their time and work to the parish over Easter; and finally, to all parishioners and visitors who attended the Masses, services and morning prayer groups. Our thanks to you all.

**SCIAF WEE BOXES 2024** – thank you to everyone in the parish who is supporting SCIAF's Lenten Appeal. Please return your Wee Box to us as soon as possible. Can you add Gift Aid? If so, please fill in the declaration on your box.

**NEW PPC MINUTES** – these are displayed on the porch noticeboard. Please take the time to read and understand what parish issues the PPC are addressing at present.

**HOME BAKING EVENT** – will be held next Sunday, 7 April, after the 10.00am Mass. Please support us on the day by providing baking and other goodies and also by purchasing from our stall. Many thanks - *Margaret Sinclair*.

**CATHEDRAL** – today on Easter Sunday, there will be sung Vespers and Benediction at 4.00pm with the Diocesan Choir. All are most welcome.

**IRENE BLANEY** – would like to wish Fr Greg, Deacon Ron and all parishioners a Blessed and Holy Easter 2024.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** – next Sunday 7 April, 3.00pm in the church there will be Exposition, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. Please join us, if you can, for an hour. Come along - you would be most welcome.