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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

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HOMILY HELPS

It is likely that the disciples are also troubled by guilt and grief. They had abandoned him after the Last Supper. Then they are told that he had been put to death and was already buried. Not only have they lost their friend and mentor, but their entire mission appears lost. In this passage, we see that Jesus comes to them when they are troubled. Last Sunday, in John's Gospel, we heard Jesus come to Thomas when he had doubts. So it is that Jesus comes to us when we have doubts or are troubled. And his first words each time? "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36, John 20:19). Even now, he offers peace to our troubled hearts.

HOMILY HELPS

After offering them peace, Jesus calls upon the disciples to extend his peace to all the world. How? By preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins. True repentance brings forgiveness, which can give us peace in our hearts. This is what Peter preaches in the first reading. This is what we're called to bear witness to as well.

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

Once, in perplexity, people asked Jesus, "What are we supposed to do?" (John 6:28). The Second Reading raises this question for us too.

The Second Reading says that if you don't keep God's commandments but say that you know the Lord, you are a liar.

Being a liar is bad enough. But the Second Reading also says that if you don't keep the Lord's commandments, you don't know the Lord.

That is the worst, isn't it? Especially because the test for whether or not you know the Lord is not whether you have fervent prayer or sweet religious experience. No, the test is just whether you keep the Lord's commandments. That is why you lie if you don't keep the Lord's commandments but still try to tell yourself and others that you know the Lord.

In another passage, this same Epistle (1 John 1:6-8) claims that if you say you have no sin, you are a liar, too.

And now we have a real puzzle, don't we? To avoid the sin of lying, you have to confess that you do sinful things. But then you are confessing that you aren't keeping the Lord's commandments, aren't you? And in that case, you are a liar, and you don't know the Lord.

Well, then, what *are* we supposed to do?

The answer is in what Jesus told the people when they asked him that very question. Jesus said, "Believe in the one whom God has sent."

Notice that this is a command.

And here is what it means. We can tell the truth: that we are sinful. But it doesn't follow that we don't keep God's commandments. If we believe that Jesus is the Savior, sent by God to save us from our sins, then, sinful as we are, we are in fact keeping the commandment the Lord gave the people when they asked him what they were supposed to do.

And if we keep his command, then it is also true that we know him. We know him as the Christ, sent by God to save us from our sins.

It can be true then that we are sinful and that we keep the commandment of the Lord, both, if we believe that he will save us from our sinfulness.

So, this is what we are supposed to do: know him.

Eleonore Stump

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY How do I sense Jesus' presence in my life? When do I feel a sense of peace in my heart?

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

During the Easter season, we hear how the disciples encounter the Risen Christ at different times and in different ways, all the while trying to understand the meaning of the Resurrection. We too contemplate the implications of the Resurrection and consider how we see the Risen Lord in our lives. It helps us to gather as Church, where we can seek the presence of Christ as we worship: in the assembly, in its ministers, in the word of God, in the Holy Sacrifice, and in the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may better discern the Lord in our midst.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

"We are witnesses," Peter says to the crowds, referring to the Risen Lord. We heard him preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We know he died for us on the cross. We have seen him glorified by our God. We give witness by keeping his commandments. Luke narrates one of the Risen Lord's appearances to the disciples, in which he calls them witnesses to his resurrection. Assured of his continuing presence, we too are able to sing, "Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord".

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

You killed the prince of life, God, however, raised him from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 4

'Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.'

Second Reading 1 John 2: 1-5

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24: 35-48

So, you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 14 APRIL 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Pat Esgate, Charlie Welsh, Gillian Donnelly, Geoff Earnshaw, Michael Fernando, Margaret Forsyth, Margaret McDonagh, Tony and Margaret Beck, Anya Bell, Fletcher Ditchburn, Andrew Fyffe, Luisa Gawlik, Lisa Gillespie 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 our Bishop Elect, Fr Martin Chambers and Jimmy Gibson, who have died recently, and Canon Hugh Sreenan, Anna Macbeth, Bernadette Farquharson, Seth Schor, John Lander, Frances McWilliam and Ian MacPherson, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 07/04/24

Loose Plate £152 Gift Aid Envelopes £165

Standing Orders £233 Additional Offertories £0

TOTAL £550

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

BISHOP-ELECT, FATHER MARTIN CHAMBERS

With profound shock and sorrow, we learned of the sudden death of our Bishop-Elect Martin Chambers on Wednesday 10 April. This sad news was communicated to the parishes in our diocese by Canon Kevin Golden, who said,

"It is with deep regret and sorrow that I have to inform you that our Bishop Elect, Martin Chambers, died in his sleep last evening. May he rest in peace and may his family and loved ones find consolation in the Risen Lord and the love of his family and friends."

A special Mass was held on Friday 12 April in the cathedral for Fr Martin. Funeral arrangements are not yet known. Let us all keep Martin, his family, and his friends in our prayers at this time.

I will make of my life a 'yes' to my Lord.

I will follow wherever He calls.

Special words and music by Fr Martin that he was intending to include in his Bishop's Installation Mass.

THE WEAVER

*My life is but a weaving, between my God and me,
I do not choose the colours, He worketh steadily.
Ofttimes He weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper, and I the underside.*

*Not till the loom is silent, and the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas, and explain the reasons why
The dark threads are as needful in the skilful weaver's hand
As threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.*

*He knows, He loves, He cares, nothing this truth can dim.
He gives His very best to those who leave the choice with Him.*

I found the first two lines of the second verse on a Balgay gravestone of a young pilot killed during WWII and it invited me to find the full poem and to share the words.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

VOTIVE CANDLES – don't forget to light a candle and say a special prayer at one of the side altars before or after Mass. This is a long-standing custom among Catholics and has such a special meaning. Make time regularly to do it.

SCIAF WEE BOXES 2024 – are there any more to be handed in before we send the parish cheque to SCIAF? Thanks.

CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP – re-commences today for children 4 to 8 years old who have not taken their 1st Holy Communion. Children should gather at the Sacred Heart Altar prior to the Mass commencing. All are most welcome.

HOME BAKING EVENT – the April event was held last Sunday and raised £85. Many thanks to all those who provided delicious goodies, and to Moira and Chris for the succulent plants, and finally to all of you who purchased.

CHURCH FOOD BANK – could you help by contributing regularly one or two items on a weekly basis? Please support if you can. The food bank is located in the entrance vestibule next to the side altar to Our Lady.

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