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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)

**HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON - 07821 624 124**

### HOMILY HELPS

Paul quotes Psalm 118 when he states that Jesus is “the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone” (Acts 4:11). Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith, to be sure, for his life, death, and resurrection provide its foundation. We are called to make him the cornerstone of our lives as well so that we may be living temples of the Lord, embodying his message and the mission he left us. We do so when we give of ourselves to God and to others.

### HOMILY HELPS

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, willing to lay down his life for the sheep. He tells his disciples that he received this command from the Father. So too have we, called to die to our own selves to raise up the lives of others, whether sacrificing our time and energy to care for a young child, an aging parent, a loved one who is ill, or a friend in need. In doing so we are entrusting our lives to the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us and takes up our lives with his to eternal salvation.

# St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

### DOCTOR WITHOUT BORDERS

Today the international aid organization Doctors Without Borders has 27,000 medical personnel in 60 countries, and they bring essential medicines and medical care to very many people who otherwise would go without.

The medical science they use comes from the Western industrialized countries. But no one supposes that there is something exclusivist or arrogant or intolerant about Doctors Without Borders for bringing this medical care from the West to the poor and sick in third-world countries. On the contrary, in 1999 Doctors Without Borders won the Nobel Peace Prize for its work with the worlds needy.

There is an objective truth about what will heal people, and the fact that modern medicine comes from the industrialized West doesn't alter this truth. Western medicine is prized around the world because it has a power to heal which nothing else does.

What Peter says about Christ in the First Reading is a little like this. There is a sickness of the spirit as well as of the body, and it can lead to death too, a death of the spirit rather than the body. There is healing for this spiritual sickness. But, Peter says, it comes only from Christ. Christ has a power to heal that nothing else does.

That is a lesson that the First Reading teaches. To some people, this lesson is worrisome, or worth rejecting. They think it is disrespectful to other cultures and religions.

But notice what Christ adds to this lesson in the Gospel. He has more than one-fold of sheep, he says. In their varying countries, cultures, and ethnicities, all those who hear his voice and are glad of it from the different folds of sheep for whom Christ is the good Shepherd. All these differing folds together make up the one truly world-wide flock of the Lord.

And so, there is one objective truth about what heals, whether the healing is medical or spiritual; and there is only one source for this healing. But, unlike modern medicine, the healing of Christ is not another monopoly of the Western industrialized nations. Whatever his social or ethnic group, whatever the way in which Christ's voice comes to him and moves him, each person whose heart is stirred by the voice of the Lord is included in Christ's one flock.

The ultimate doctor without borders is Christ.

*Eleonore Stump*

**QUESTION -** In what specific way can I lay down my life this week for someone who needs what I can give them?

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, committed to caring for his sheep through every danger, difficulty, and trauma. He told his disciples that he would lay down his life for his sheep. In- deed, this is exactly what he did. By laying down his life for our sins, he conquered death and raises us to eternal life with him. Let us allow the risen Lord to guide us to the idyllic pasture of salvation.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we begin by hearing Peter insist that what- ever good he has done is actually the saving work of Jesus Christ. It is by his death and resurrection that we can be healed, that we can be saved. Once rejected, Jesus has become the cornerstone. John asserts that we are all God's children. Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, who will even lay down his life for his sheep. Let us listen to God's word, grateful that the cornerstone of our faith is our Good Shepherd.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Acts 4: 8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 117

**'The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.'**

**Second Reading** 1 John 3: 1-2

We shall see God as he really is.

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 10: 11-18

The good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep.

## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 21 APRIL 2024

**Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish** – Charlie Welsh, Pat Esgate, Gillian Donnelly, Geoff Earnshaw, Michael Fernando, Margaret Forsyth, Margaret McDonagh, Tony and Margaret Beck, Anya Bell, Fletcher Ditchburn, Andrew Fyffe, Luisa Gawlik and Lisa Gillespie. **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, Mary Curran and Jim Gibson, who have died recently, and Margaret Marra, David Murphie and Jack and Mary Hargreaves, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

**Please note.** Funeral Mass here for Mary Curran (nee Craig), a former parishioner, on Friday 26 April at 10.00am.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 14/04/24

Loose Plate £171 Gift Aid Envelopes £239

Standing Orders £233 TOTAL £643

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The appeal by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary raised £209 and Sister Caroline would like to pass on her thanks to St Joseph's parishioners for their warm welcome and kindness with their donations. Blessings to you all.

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful for all stewards in our parish who give without hesitation – not from their surplus – but from their substance. Maybe you have been thinking about giving to the parish in terms of your time? Please think about this as just a little from you would mean a lot to the parish.

## COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT ST JOSEPHS?

We are really desperate for more help and support **now** so here is a list of our parish needs and I ask you to consider if you can assist in some way – **please don't just dismiss!**

**CHILDRENS LITURGY** – need for further two adults (over 18) who could train to support existing team with children 4 to 8 years. This will require PVG certification, but this can be explained fully if interested. This is a lovely ministry to help.

**WEBPAGE CO-ORDINATOR** – is there anyone who has some skills to assist with updating and managing our on-line webpage? Additional support training can be provided.

**NEWSLETTER SUPPORT** – at present one parishioner manages this weekly task, and he is simply looking for some sharing of the load and a way to introduce some new ideas.

**CLEANING ASSISTANCE AND TEMPORARY CO-ORDINATOR** - to help assist with the monthly 2-hour clean of the church plus someone to co-ordinate the cleaner's rota and duties temporarily until Pat Smith has fully recovered.

**PAINTING ASSISTANCE** – we want to try to re-decorate the mortuary chapel in preparation for the 'Open Doors' Event in September. Looking for 3 to 4 hours weekly from May.

**GARDENING ASSISTANCE** – to give some time weekly throughout the summer for flower bed maintenance and grass mowing and general tidying of the grounds.

**MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE** – is there someone with basic DIY skills who would like to help and support the small existing maintenance team with church and house repairs.

## SCIAF WEE BOXES

Many thanks to all those who have returned their Lenten Wee Boxes. The total so far is £533.35 which has immediately been sent to SCIAF in Glasgow. All those who ticked the gift aid box will of course increase their donation amount by 25% which would bring the final total to **£601.18**, which is tremendous. Thanks again - *Jack Smith*.

## A BLESSING AT COMMUNION TIME

Non-Catholics, those who have not received First Holy Communion, and anyone not able at the present time to receive Holy Communion are invited to seek a blessing by simply coming forward and crossing their arms over their chest as they approach the Priest or Deacon.

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

**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.

**CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER** – by email to:

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