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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

We miss this in the selection from Acts that we hear today, but Cornelius is a Roman centurion, employed to exercise the authority of the Roman occupiers over that part of Judea. Most Judeans—whether Jewish or Christian—would avoid him. But Cornelius is no ordinary Roman centurion, as we see in the way he falls on his knees when Peter enters his home. After this display of humility, Peter tells him, “You know that it is unlawful for a Jewish man to associate with, or visit, a Gentile, but God has shown me that I should not call any person profane or unclean” (Acts 10:28). How many of us are willing to say the same about someone on the opposite side, say, of our culture wars or political wars?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

What sacrifice have I made this past week
for someone I love?

What sacrifice can I make this coming week?

What sacrifice am I willing to make
for someone I hardly know?

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

ASK IN MY NAME

In the Gospel Reading, Christ suggests a remedy for any problem we have. The Father will give you anything you ask for, he says, if you will just ask for it in Christ's name.

But what is it to ask for something in Christ's name? It can't be a matter of simply tacking the name of Christ on to any prayer. “I would like a Porsche, please, *in the name of Christ.*” Prayer isn't magic. It isn't a matter of using the right magical formulas in order to make God do what you want him to do.

It helps here to consider the homely cases in which one person asks something in the name of another. A secretary can ask for the mail in her boss's name: “I'm just here to pick up the mail for my boss!” A child can ask a neighbour for a cup of sugar in his mother's name: “Mrs. Murphy, my mother wants to know if you could lend her a cup of sugar.” In these cases, the person asking can ask in the name of another because he somehow identifies himself as in relationship with that other: *my boss, my mother*. Something—a connection of shared work, a family relation—binds the two of them together.

To ask in Christ's name is like this, too.

You ask in the name of Christ when you are in the kind of relation to him that lets you say “*my*” with respect to him. And what would bind the two of you together in this way? What should follow that “*my*”? It shouldn't be “*my servant,*” as the magician in effect says in his heart of hearts. No, not “*my servant,*” but “*my Lord.*”

Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own. He knows what to give to those who are *his* in answer to their prayers. So, if you ask the Father for something in the name of Christ, then you are doing the opposite of what the magician does: you ask being prepared to accept what *your Lord* wants to give you. What you are given will be a good gift if it is in accord with his will, even if it isn't in accord with yours.

To ask the Father in Christ's name, then, is to trust Christ with your life as you ask.

Eleonore Stump

DO NOT JUDGE OTHERS – LOVE AND BE KIND

WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S – Protector of the Church

Thank you for your interest in our parish. Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're happy you are here.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

We continue to celebrate the Easter season today, glorying in the resurrection of our Lord, who has promised to remain with us always. Jesus is with us in our waking and our sleeping, in our joys and our sufferings, in our homes and our communities. In a special way the risen Lord is with us here today as we gather in faith, in the ministers and in each other, in God's word proclaimed, and in his Body and Blood we receive. Once more, let us pledge to bring the risen Lord with us wherever we go and whatever we do, striving always to give witness to his love.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are reminded once again to love one another. Why? John says because love is of God, as witnessed by the Father sending the Son to bring us new life and the Son dying for us on the cross to save us from our sins. What greater love can there be for us to imitate? Moreover, Jesus promises his disciples that when we follow his command to love one another, we remain in his love and will receive whatever we need. Let us listen to God's word, inspiring us to put our love for God and for others into action.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48
The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97

'The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.'

Second Reading 1 John 4: 7-10

God is love.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!

Gospel John 15: 9-17

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 5 MAY 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Pat Smith, Charlie Welsh, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Bell, Fletcher Ditchburn, Gillian Donnelly, Geoff Earnshaw, Pat Esgate, Michael Fernando, Margaret Forsyth, Andrew Fyffe, Luisa Gawlik, Lisa Gillespie and Margaret McDonagh. **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 Ronald McFarlane, who has died recently, and Shelia McCallum, Fr James McGhie, Kaye Booth, Tom Grant, Catherine Gourlay, Ellen McKelvie and Frances McGregor, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

EACH DAY IS A GIFT TO BE OPENED WITH PRAYER

MARIAN DEVOTIONS – DURING MAY

In this month, the church encourages Catholics to celebrate and deepen their relationship with God through intercession of Our Lady. One way to do this is through acts of prayer or Marian devotions with one of the most familiar being the Litany of Loretto.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS – FRIDAY 10 MAY

A Month's Mind Memorial Mass will be held for Fr Martin Chambers on Friday, 10 May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. Metropolitan Archbishop Leo Cushley will be the Principal Celebrant and Bishop Frank Dougan will preach. Bishop Frank Dougan is the Bishop of Galloway and was Fr Martin's Bishop in his last parish in Troon. St Joseph's parishioners are encouraged to attend this special Memorial Mass for our former Bishop-Elect.

NEWSLETTER – PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

If **you** have requested someone to be included in our current listing, **could you please confirm by email that you wish them to continue to be on the list.** This will also allow me to know who to contact for update information. Long-term sick will always be included in the newsletter listing, although all names may not be read out at every Sunday Mass, but each name will be read out regularly. Thank you for your assistance.

John Sinclair – john.sinclair9@outlook.com

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Thursday 9 May

"I am with you always," Jesus assures his disciples even as he ascends to his Father in heaven. Jesus promised his disciples that he would not leave them orphans. We rely on that promise today and always as we seek to follow him and carry out our mission.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a morning School Mass at 10.00am and an evening Mass at 6.00pm.

GOD GIVES AND FORGIVES - MAN GETS AND FORGETS

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 28/04/24

Loose Plate £159 Gift Aid Envelopes £215
Standing Orders £233 Mortuary Chapel Refurb £100
TOTAL £707

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**THERE IS A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 12 MAY
THE APOSTOLATE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Many of us are being drawn into paying income tax due to thresholds not increasing. If you start paying tax, think about giving your offertory with gift aid as it would benefit the church tremendously. Explanatory leaflets in the porch or speak to Bob Ireland or John Sinclair direct.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

HOME BAKING EVENT – will be held today, after the Mass. Please visit our stall and purchase some goodies – thanks.

PPC MINUTES – latest minutes from our 23 April meeting are now displayed on the porch noticeboard. Please have a look to see what issues we are addressing on your behalf. Feedback to PPC members most welcome. Thanks.

SPUC PRAYER – SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

SPUC, in conjunction with the Knights of St Columba, have recently launched a new prayer initiative – *Let Life Flourish: A Spiritual Bouquet*. This is a rallying call to Catholics, the wider pro-life community and all people of good will to pray with renewed faith and trust for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. Full details on their webpage at: www.spuc.org.uk