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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

HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON - 07821 624 124

HOMILY HELPS

Jesus would not have prayed specifically to his Father that his disciples may be one if he hadn't realized that this would be difficult, that their unity would be fragile. Already he knew one disciple would betray him and another would deny him. Soon he would send them out into the world, where they would have to deal with people and issues that would prove difficult. So, he prays to the Father for their unity and their protection. Then he sends the Spirit to remain with them, to bind them together, to protect them in their faith.

HOMILY HELPS

By remaining in love with each other, the early Christians committed themselves to taking care of each other, supporting each other, and defending each other, especially important in a fledgling community that was persecuted by the authorities. We too commit ourselves to caring for one another even when that places us in a difficult position.

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

TRAVELLING MERCIES

In the Gospel Reading, before his ascension, Christ gives his disciples a last command. Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. And he adds a list of things that will characterize those of his followers who obey this command: they will drive out demons, speak new languages, handle snakes safely, drink deadly things without harm, and heal the sick by the laying on of hands.

Why *this* list? Isn't it supposed to be just *love* that characterizes Christ's followers?

Well, think of it this way.

Once when one of my children was travelling to Bangladesh, I made a list of dos and don'ts for him. It was a list intended to help keep him safe.

Finding housing with English speakers was on the list, so that there wouldn't be language problems. "Don't drink the water!" was definitely on the list, and so was "Stay away from people who are obviously sick!" The list finished with this prohibition: "Whatever you do, don't come into contact with the ground!" I know it sounds ridiculous; but hookworm is endemic in that part of the world, and you can get full of worms if you let a body part with an open wound come into contact with infected ground.

You can see that what was on my list of things to worry about are on Christ's list of things not to worry about: language problems, deadly drinks, sicknesses, even snakes—well, hookworms, anyway. (Demons weren't on my list, but maybe they would have been if I could have thought of anything to say about them.)

So, the things on Christ's list are the things that you (or your mother) might worry about if you were travelling in dangerous places. Since Christ is commanding his followers to head out to all the world, maybe it is only fair of him to tell those who obey him that they don't need to worry about any of these things. Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his travelling people, and in his mercy, he has made provision for them all.

So here is one way to understand Christ's list of the things that characterize those who believe in Christ and obey him. Whatever roads the journey of their lives takes them on, the care of the Lord encompasses those who travel in his name.

Eleonore Stump

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I reconcile with those whom I disagree with?

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Saint John wrote that when we love one another God's love is brought to perfection in us. What an appropriate reading as we think about our own mothers. For many of us, our mother's love may have seemed to be close to perfection, our first and greatest model of selfless love. As we worship God, who is love, let us pray for all those blessed women who have brought God's love to perfection in our lives.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The apostles prayed to the Lord for guidance before choosing a replacement for Judas. In the Gospel, Jesus prays for all the disciples, whom he loves. In between, John tells us that because God loves us, we must love one another in turn. Jesus has shown them the way, the early Christian community has put it into practice, and now we are told to do the same. In so doing, as John says, God will remain in us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26

We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102

'The Lord has set his sway in heaven.'

Second Reading 1 John 4: 11-16

Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel John 17: 11-19

That they may be one like us!

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 12 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 Behl, Fletcher Ditchburn, Gillian Donnelly, Geoff Earnshaw, 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 Bill Kane, Catherine Robertson, Paddy Swifte and Freda Cardosi, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

ASPIRE NOT TO HAVE MORE - BUT TO BE MORE

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 05/05/24

Loose Plate £155 Gift Aid Envelopes £324

Standing Orders £233 Additional Offertories £0

TOTAL £712

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

THERE IS A SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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.

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.

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. If you want to add someone to the list, please send me their details. Please ensure that they are aware and agree to their name being included. Thank you for your assistance.

John Sinclair – john.sinclair9@outlook.com

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.

QUIET MOMENT

May I give you some advice for you to put into practice daily? When your heart makes you feel those low cravings, say slowly to the Immaculate Virgin: Look on me with compassion. Don't abandon me. Don't abandon me, my Mother!
St. Josemaria Escriva

IN THE DARK? FOLLOW THE SON

MINUTE MEDITATION

Henri Nouwen

Am I afraid to die? I am every time I let myself be seduced by the noisy voices of my world telling me that my "little life" is all I have and advising me to cling to it with all my might. But when I let these voices move to the background of my life and listen to that small soft voice calling me the Beloved, I know that there is nothing to fear and that dying is the greatest act of love, the act that leads me into the eternal embrace of my God whose love is everlasting.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

SCHOOL CHILDREN CONFIRMATION – this Mass will be held on **Thursday 16 May at 6.30pm**. All are welcome.

1st HOLY COMMUNION – this will be held here in the church on **Saturday 18 May at 10.00am**. Please come to this lovely Mass and support our school children on their special day.

CARDS & GIFT STALL – please remember to visit for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts.

HOME BAKING EVENT – was held last Sunday and raised £80.50 for the Social Group. Many thanks for your support.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S CENSUS – a copy of this new form will be handed out to all parishioners after Mass next Sunday, when reasons why we would like this detail will be provided and encouragement for your full support will be requested.