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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

Each version of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that we hear to-day starts in the same setting, with a detail that is easily overlooked or taken for granted. The disciples were gathered together in one place. This was not inevitable. After all, they had scattered like leaves in the wind when Jesus was crucified. They were afraid then and they were still afraid now, on Pentecost. Still, they came together as one. Perhaps that was the work of the Spirit even before its manifestation. Similarly, the Holy Spirit draws us together today. Despite our various fears or concerns or preoccupations, we gather here as one to worship the Lord.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

How do I carry out the Christian mission in what I say and do?

How can each of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord—aid in my mission?

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

THE COMING OF THE SPIRIT

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus foretells that he will send the Holy Spirit on his disciples. And this Sunday we celebrate that coming of the Spirit at Pentecost.

But Genesis tells us that the Spirit was in the world from the beginning of creation. The Spirit moved upon the face of the waters when God first made heaven and earth. From that beginning all throughout the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is present in the world. For example, the Spirit of God came upon Balaam (Num. 24:2), Joshua (Num. 27:18), Gideon (Judges 6:34), Jephthah (Judges 11:29), Samson (Judges 13:25), Saul (1 Sam. 11:6), David (1 Sam 16:13), and others as well.

So why in the Gospel Reading does Christ say that he will send the Spirit? How does he send the Spirit if the Spirit was already in the world in Old Testament times?

The first thing to notice is that, in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is mentioned as coming only on a few particular people, often just people marked out for some particular purposes by God. But after Christ sends the Spirit at Pentecost, the Spirit comes on every single Christian. As the Second Reading explains, every person who says (and believes) that Jesus is Lord has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.

Furthermore, after Pentecost, the Spirit that comes is the Spirit of the resurrected Christ, as well as the Spirit of the Father. And so when, after Pentecost, Christ's followers are filled with the Spirit, they are unified with Christ, because his Spirit is within them.

At Pentecost, then, the Spirit comes on all those who believe in Christ; and it comes on them forever, for their whole lives, provided only that they remain in Christ. Those who have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them are made into the body of Christ, because the Spirit of the resurrected Christ is in them.

So that is why the Spirit comes at Pentecost, to inaugurate the new age which God promised long ago. Through his prophet Joel (Jl 2:27), God promised that in the messianic age God would pour out his Spirit on all his people; and then God himself would be the hope and the strength of his people (Jl 3).

We are included in that promise too. By God's spirit that dwells in us, we are made one with our risen Lord; and his peace remains with us because he himself is with us and within us always, as he promised.

Eleonore Stump

PRAYER IS THE KEY THAT OPENS THE HEART OF GOD

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

On this day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our world to stay with us always. Three months ago, we began our journey from Lent to Easter, from winter to spring, from darkness to light, from death to new life. It is a journey of conversion and transformation, not only for those who were baptised, confirmed, or received their first communion during this time, but for all of us. The arrival of the Holy Spirit fulfils Jesus' promise to his disciples and blesses us as we live our new lives in the Risen Lord.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We hear two different versions of how the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. One takes place after Jesus has ascended to the Father. The Holy Spirit appears as tongues of fire, leading them to proclaim God's mighty acts in different tongues. In the other, Jesus himself breathes upon the apostles, gently releasing the Holy Spirit upon them. Listening to God's word, may we be reminded that the Holy Spirit comes to us and our neighbour in different ways and at different times.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 2: 1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103

**'Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.'**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised.

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel John 20: 19-23

As the Father sent me, so I am sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 19 MAY 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Gerard Halliday, Leanne Walker, Pat Smith, Charlie Welsh, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Behl, Fletcher Ditchburn, Michael Fernando, 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 Fr Martin Chambers, Bill Sinclair, Donald MacPherson, Lesley Edwards, Netta Mordente and David Parry-Richards, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

THE PURPOSE OF OUR LIVES IS TO FIND
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OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 12/05/24

Loose Plate £162 Gift Aid Envelopes £251

Standing Orders £233 Additional Offertories £10

TOTAL £656

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

SECOND COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY

THE APOSTOLATE OF COMMUNICATIONS £71

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.

200 CLUB 2024 MAY DRAW – held last Sunday

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize £100 Ticket Number 56 – Kevin Veal

2nd Prize £25 Ticket Number 133 – Shelia Lothian

There are ticket numbers available if you wish to join or add a further number. Pro-rata rate for remainder of year. Available numbers on noticeboard - speak to Linda Gow.

FEAST AND SOLEMNITIES

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH Monday 20 May MEMORIAL

Pope Francis inscribed the **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church** in the Roman Calendar in 2018 hoping to remind all Christ's disciples that, if they want to grow and be filled with the love of God, it is necessary to plant their lives firmly on three great realities: the Cross, the Eucharist, and the Mother of God.

PARISH NIGHT OUT IN NOVEMBER

Broughty Ferry Amateur Operatic Society are to stage Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Production of 'Evita' at the Gardyne Theatre, Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 November 2024. Ticket prices £18 and £16 concession. However, we can get £2 off these prices for the opening night of Wednesday 27 (£16 and £14). I am going to arrange a block booking for Wed 27. If you want to come, please put your name and number of tickets required on the sheet on the porch notice board or contact me directly on 01382 669598 – text 07751 542496 – email: hwyl@talktalk.net I know it is early but I think the tickets will sell fast. 'Don't cry for me Argentina', if you miss out! *Helen Wylie.*

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

NEWS AND INFORMATION

SCHOOL CHILDREN CONFIRMATION – we were all delighted that Bishop Stephen presided at this Mass which made it so special for the 16 children who were confirmed on the night. He asked us all, at this time of increasing conflict, to pray for peace in the world and to pray for Fr Martin Chambers, our recently deceased Bishop-Elect.

1st HOLY COMMUNION – this joyous Mass was presided over by Fr Gregory on Saturday morning when 10 boys and girls received their 1st Holy Communion. Thanks to all who prepared the children so well. Please remember to keep these children, and the confirmed children, in your prayers.

END OF PASCHALTIDE – after our Sunday Mass today, the paschal candle will be moved from its central position on the altar signifying the end of Paschaltide.

ST JOSEPH'S CENSUS – a copy of this new form will be handed out to all parishioners after Mass today. There will be a short verbal presentation at the end of the Mass to explain to all of us how this census information and completion of the form is important to the Parish.