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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

Because God is Father, Son, and Spirit - three persons in one God - God is by nature relational. Also, each relationship among the three persons is unique. For instance, the relationship between Jesus and the Father is different from the relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit. When God created the world, God created humans in God's own image. This means that we are also relational beings, with a unique relationship to each other, as well as a unique relationship with God. We imitate God when we treat others with love and mercy, for God treats us with love and mercy. But more than that we imitate the relationship of the three persons of the Trinity.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Who is someone I am strongly bonded with?
How is our bond suggestive of those of the Trinity?
Who is someone I'm barely bonded with?
How can I strengthen and nurture that bond?

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PERSONS ALL THE WAY DOWN

Christians believe in one God and only one God. But at the heart of Christianity is the belief that this one God is three Persons, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We count only one God. But when we count divine Persons, we count *three*.

But notice that you can't divide the one God into three more fundamental things, which make up the one God. God isn't a compound of anything more fundamental. *One* is all there is, when it comes to God.

And yet you still have to count three. The three Persons of the Trinity are not *really* anything else. They aren't roles of God, or modes of God. You can't reduce the three Persons of the Trinity to some more fundamental something in order to get—at bottom—just one. In themselves, they are Persons, and there are three of them.

Some secularists suppose that *everything whatsoever* is reducible to elementary particles. For secularists, at the ultimate foundation of reality there is just the impersonal, the cold and uncaring bits of matter and energy that make up the material world.

What the doctrine of the Trinity tells us is just the opposite. At the ultimate foundation of reality, irreducible to anything else, there are the three Persons of the Trinity, who are one God.

There is a story told about an old lady who believed that the world is flat and rests on the back of a giant turtle. She was challenged with the following question, "Yes, but what does the turtle rest on?", but the question didn't trouble her. She just replied carelessly, "Oh, it's turtles all the way down!"

She was wrong, of course, and the secularists are wrong, too. The whole cosmos rests on the loving and caring Persons of the Trinity. For Christians, it's Persons all the way down.

This is a doctrine worth celebrating. **Eleonore Stump**

**VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME
THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART**

MINUTE MEDITATION - The mystery of the Trinity is a mystery we cannot hope to truly penetrate with our limited human intelligence and from our limited human perspective. But this makes perfect sense. A God who can be fully explained is a God who is less than our intelligence.

Remember – that the Order of the Mass is shown in the first few pages of the hymnbook to assist you.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Did anything so great ever happen before? Moses asks in today's first reading. After celebrating Easter and then Pentecost, we may ask the same question. Throughout Eastertide, which has just come to a close, we recalled how the Son made the ultimate sacrifice for us, the Father raised him from the dead, and then they sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always. Indeed, as we celebrate the Holy Trinity today, we realise that nothing so great as all this has ever happened before. And that those events of two thousand years ago continue to happen for us each day.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In each of today's readings, the speaker points out God's remarkable uniqueness. Moses tells the people that no other god had ever done all the one-of-a-kind wonders that the LORD had done for them. Paul writes that through the Holy Spirit we have been adopted as God's own children, a relationship with God that is like no other. In telling the disciples to make disciples of all nations, he commands them to baptise in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, a new way of baptism. How fortunate we are to receive the grace we do from our unique God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40
The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 32

'Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.'

Second Reading Romans 8: 14-17

You received the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, "Abba, Father!"

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28: 16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 26 MAY 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – John MacPherson, Rena Samson, 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 Bogdan Palka, Fr Martin Chambers, Jessie Boyce, Agnes Dye, Catherine Dye, Kathleen McGivern, Cathy Pole, Daphne Spink and Pauline Veal, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

ONE OF THE GREATEST GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE IS YOUR TIME

CHURCH CLEANING - Just to remind our cleaning team that the next church clean will be on Thursday, 6 June, from 9.00am to 11.00am. New volunteer help most welcome.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 19/05/24

Loose Plate £164 Gift Aid Envelopes £169
Standing Orders £259 Additional Offertories £0
TOTAL £592

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

DIOCESAN BLESSED SACRAMENT CELEBRATION ON THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

There will be a Procession and Celebration in honour of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction, in St Andrew's Cathedral on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, Sunday 2 June at 3.00pm. It will last about one hour. Canon Kevin invites all parishioners to attend.

HOME BAKING EVENT

This will be held next Sunday, 2 June, after the 10.00am Mass. Please support us on the day by providing baking and other goodies and also by purchasing from our stall. This will be the last event until September, after the summer holidays. Many thanks – *Margaret Sinclair*.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

ST JOSEPH'S CENSUS – a copy of this new form will be available at the desk in the porch if you missed the distribution last Sunday. Please make sure that you complete the form and return ASAP. Any questions – speak to a member of the PPC or to John Sinclair. Many thanks.

NEXT TAIZÉ SERVICE – please join us for an hour of Taizé chant, music, Adoration and prayer in **St Joseph's Church** on Thursday 6 June at 7.00pm. All are most welcome.

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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Fr Greg :- stjosephdundee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk
John Sinclair :- john.sinclair9@outlook.com
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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*.