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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

Change is difficult. Difficult for us humans. When we try to make a transformation in the way we are, the way we act, or the way we feel, no matter how much we want to, it can be tough to achieve lasting change. We are reminded of this every New Year. Our power, even over our own selves, has its limits, like it or not. Last week, we heard Jesus tell his disciples, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18). Indeed, it has, for today we see Jesus transform a loaf of unleavened bread into his body and a cup of wine into his very blood. And not just in the Gospel, for we also witness that power, come among us through the Holy Spirit and expressed by the presider, acting in the person of Christ the high priest, in the Eucharist today. For God, change is not difficult. For God, all transformation is possible. With God, we can be transformed.

VOLUNTEERING IS AT THE VERY CORE OF BEING HUMAN
NO-ONE HAS MAKE IT THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT HELP

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

The Second Reading says that the blood of Christ cleans our consciences from dead works.

Anybody who does laundry can tell you that one of the hardest stains to get out is blood. Why would anybody think you could *clean* things with blood?

The answer is that it depends on what you are trying to clean. The Second Reading is talking about cleaning dead works out of the conscience.

But what is a dead work?

Well, a thing that is dead just lies there, without moving. So dead works are works that don't go anywhere. And where would works be going except where the person who does the works wants them to go?

And now we have a better idea of what a dead work is, don't we? In Romans 7:15, Paul says, "I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate." Is there anyone who doesn't understand this problem? Examples of it are easy to come by. Here's one: you set out bravely to give up smoking, and day after day you smoke.

It's not hard to see why dead works stain a conscience. Whose conscience would not feel stained by endless daily failure to do what he himself wants to do?

This is what the blood of Christ cleanses us from.

Blood is the life of a thing, scripture says (Deuteronomy 12:23). If in the Eucharist the blood of Christ comes into us, then Christ's life comes into us too. By his life, we are made into one body with him, one living body, with a living Spirit, the Spirit of Christ.

What we could not do on our own, because our works are dead and our consciences are stained, the blood, the life, the Spirit of Christ can do in us.

When we are united with Christ through his body and blood in the Eucharist, our works live, too, through him. And if our works live, then our consciences are cleansed too.

In fact, it turns out that even our dirty laundry is cleaned by the blood of Christ. The saints in heaven have made their clothes white in the blood of the lamb (Revelation 7:14).

The old Spiritual hymn is right: there is power in the blood!

Eleonore Stump

DIOCESAN REQUIEM MASS

For the repose of the soul of Fr Bogdan Palka S.D.S. on Tuesday 4 June at 7.00pm in St John the Baptist's RC Church, Perth. May he rest in peace. Principal Celebrant Canon Kevin Golden and Homilist, Fr Edward Wanat S.D.S.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Every time we gather for the Eucharist, we offer simple gifts of bread and wine that become Christ's Body and Blood for all to share. These basic staples of food and drink that we bring to the table become the flesh and blood of our Saviour. His Body and Blood nourish us as we carry out his mission. Most of us realize now how much we miss receiving the Eucharist for an extended period of time. Therefore, let us approach the table of the Lord today in joy and gratitude for God's abiding presence in this sacred meal.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Blood and sacrifice are bonded throughout today's readings. When the Chosen People promise to follow the Lord's commands, Moses sanctifies that vow with the blood of bulls that had been sacrificed to the Lord. The author of Hebrews explains that Christ's sacrificial blood cleanses us of our sins. Jesus, who will soon become the Passover lamb sacrificed for us all, shares a cup of his Blood with his disciples before facing his arrest at the Mount of Olives. Anticipating the sacrificial meal we will share, let us listen to God's word.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Exodus 24: 3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 115

**'The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.'**

Second Reading Hebrews 9: 11-15

The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 2 JUNE 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Andrew and Lyn Fyffe, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Behl, Fletcher Ditchburn, Michael Fernando, Lisa Gillespie, Gerard Halliday, Margaret McDonagh, John MacPherson, Rena Samson, Pat Smith, Leanne Walker and Charlie Welsh. **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 and Fr Martin Chambers, who have died recently, and Jack Ireland, Gerald Fox, Peter Connor, Douglas Crighton, Lyn Mair, Fr John Nolan, Philomena Gagan and Findlay Sinclair, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT FOR ACROSS (Lourdes Pilgrimage)

will be held at "The Complex" 37 Blackness Avenue on Friday 7 June 2024 - 6.30 for 7.00pm start
£ 5.00 per person (Refreshments provided)
Tickets available from Pauline Veal

DUNKELD'S NEW BISHOP IS ANNOUNCED

Last Monday, 27 May, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis had nominated Canon Andrew McKenzie as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Dunkeld.

Reacting to his appointment, Fr. Andrew said:

"I am humbled by the trust that Pope Francis has placed in me by inviting me to be the next Bishop of the Diocese of Dunkeld. With faith in God's guidance, and with some nervousness, I accepted his invitation.

I look forward to getting to know the priests and people of the Diocese and to joining them in the work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I take courage in the understanding that I will not be working alone, for each of us has a role to play in the work of evangelisation.

I know that this has been a difficult time for the Diocese of Dunkeld with the unexpected death of Bishop-Elect Martin Chambers. We remember him and continue to pray for his eternal rest."

Responding to the joyful news, Dunkeld's Diocesan Administrator Canon Kevin Golden said:

"The priests, religious and lay people of the Diocese of Dunkeld assure Bishop-Elect Andrew of a very warm welcome, and we promise him our prayers and loyalty. We look forward to his leadership and his shepherding of the flock in this Diocese."

DIOCESAN BLESSED SACRAMENT CELEBRATION

There will be a Procession and Celebration in honour of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction, in St Andrew's Cathedral **TODAY** at 3.00pm. It will last about one hour. Canon Kevin invites all parishioners to attend.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 26/05/24

Loose Plate £156 Gift Aid Envelopes £238
Standing Orders £259 Additional Offertories £0
TOTAL £653

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

GIFT AID LETTERS

All parishioners who contributed to the church through gift aid in the financial year 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024 will receive a letter giving detail of the amount of their donations and the amount of tax that will be claimed shortly by St Joseph's. These are available **TODAY** and can be collected from the desk in the church porch. Many, many thanks for this additional support to our church.

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.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

ST JOSEPH'S CENSUS – please remember to return your completed form. We have received back about 50% of expected number so far. Forms available at porch desk.

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.

TICKETS for EVITA - see poster in porch for full booking info.

HOME BAKING EVENT – will be held **TODAY** after Mass. Last event until September. Thanks for your help and support.