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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

LIFE'S STORMS - We all experience different types of violent storms in our lives: physical storms, emotional storms, and spiritual storms. We face storms of sorrow, doubt, anxiety, worry, temptation, and passion. Only Jesus can still these storms.

Jesus can give us real peace in the storm of sorrow. When we are totally depressed with sorrow Jesus assures us of the glory of the life to come. He consoles us at the loss of our dear ones with the assurance of eternal life for them in the Heavenly home of God the Father where we, too, will live one day.

When the storms of doubt seek to uproot the very foundations of our Faith, Jesus is there to still that storm, revealing to us His Divinity and the authority behind the words of the Holy Scripture.

If we will ask, and respond with loving trust and obedience, Jesus will give us peace in our tempests of doubt, tension, and uncertainty, peace in our storms of anxiety and worry about ourselves, peace about the unknown future, peace about those we love, and calm in the storms of passion when our hearts grow hot and our tempers blaze.

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

HEY, YOU!

In the Gospel Reading, there is a squall at sea, and the apostles' boat begins to take on water. They are very afraid; and they wake up Jesus, who is asleep in the back of the boat. He calms the sea. And then he asks his disciples two questions:

Why are you terrified?

Don't you yet have faith?

Why are they terrified? Well, because that boat is filling up with water, the wind is fierce, the waves are high, and there is an excellent chance that everybody in the boat will die by drowning. What is not to fear here?

And why does Jesus ask them *if they have faith?*

The First Reading is from the book of Job. Job certainly had faith—and he lost all his children and his possessions in one day, shortly before he came down with a loathsome skin disease. If having faith won't save a person from the fate of Job, then why wouldn't the disciples fear, even if they had faith?

The solution lies in seeing how Jesus rescues his disciples from shipwreck. He doesn't issue decrees about the weather. He talks directly to the sea. "Be still!" he says to the sea. And notice that in the First Reading this is exactly how God deals with the ocean. Just as Jesus says "you" to the sea, so God says "you" to the ocean: "So far shall you come and no further." For God, for Jesus, even inanimate objects such as the ocean and the sea have an I-Thou relationship with their Lord. Even the sea and the ocean are in direct second-personal relationship with the loving God who made them.

And if this is true of the ocean and the sea, then how much more is it true of each one of us? So, faith is not the bare belief that there is a God. Faith is the willingness, in trust, to say "you" to God, as God says "you" to each one of us.

In this I-Thou relationship with the good and loving Creator of all there is, what is left to fear?

Whether we live or die, whether we sorrow or are at ease, we stand in joy in the love of our Lord.

And that is why we do not have to be afraid.

Eleonore Stump

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Why are you terrified?

Don't you yet have faith?

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus calm the raging sea as his disciples cling to the storm tossed boat. The disciples were terrified that they would die, but Jesus suggests that their faith should have reassured them. Many of us can probably recall a time when our father came to our rescue, protecting or supporting us, making everything all right. Last Sunday was Father's Day, a time when we think about those who have been like fathers to us. Let us remember and give thanks.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

God's ability to still the waves of a storm in the first reading reassures Job of God's awesome power. When Jesus calms the violent squall in the Gospel, his disciples can't believe the power they just witnessed. As God admonished Job, the Lord asks them to have faith, no matter how terrible the storm. May our faith be strengthened as we listen to God's word, so that we may constantly find assurance in the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Job 38: 1, 8-11

Here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 106

'O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.'

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

Now the new creation is here.

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 4: 35-41

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 23 JUNE 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Deacon Charles Hendry, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Behl, Fletcher Ditchburn, Andrew Fyffe, Lyn Fyffe, Lisa Gillespie, Gerard Halliday, Margaret McDonagh, 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 John MacPherson and Michael Fernando, who have both died recently, and Angus MacPherson, Ida Peters and Russell Stewart, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

LOVE AND THANKS – FROM BOB AND ANNE IRELAND

We would like to thank Father Gregory and all the parishioners of St Joseph's for helping to make our 40th Wedding Anniversary such a special day. From the beautiful Mass, renewing our vows, having our family celebrating with us, the same hymns played from our wedding, the lovely gifts that we were given, the beautiful decor at the back of the church and so many lovely, good wishes - well we couldn't have asked for anything more. Our love and heartfelt thanks to you all.

LIFE MESSAGES: WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT JESUS IS ALWAYS WITH US IN THE BOAT OF OUR LIFE

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.

ELECTION THOUGHTS

The General Election presents an opportunity for Catholics and all Christians to engage by encouraging a trajectory that witnesses to the transformative power of Jesus in the world. By loving our neighbours, praying fervently, and voting responsibly, sowing seeds of hope, we can contribute to a society that better reflects the values we find in Jesus. Let us heed the call to Love, Pray, and Vote guided by the values we find in Jesus's teachings. In doing so, we can contribute to positive change in our world, reflecting God's love and justice in every action we take.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 16/06/24

Loose Plate £131 Gift Aid Envelopes £222

Standing Orders £259 Additional Offertories £0

TOTAL £612

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

2nd COLLECTION LAST WEEK - DAY FOR LIFE - £124

You can still give to Day for Life – collection box in porch

2nd COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 30 JUNE - PETER'S PENCE

LIVE OUR LIFE

We have to live our life, not someone else's.

We have to hold our own cup.

We have to dare to say:

"This is my life, the life that is given to me, and it is this life that I have to live, as well as I can."

My life is unique. Nobody else will ever live it.

I have my own history, my own family, my own body,

my own character, my own friends,

my own way of thinking, speaking, and acting—yes,

I have my own life to live.

No one else has the same challenge.

I am alone, because I am unique.

Many people can help me to live my life,

but after all is said and done,

I have to make my own choices about how to live.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

CHILDRENS LITURGY – there will be children's liturgy today and then there will be a short break for the summer. This will re-commence on Sunday 11 August. Happy holidays!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – the minutes from the last meeting from 4 June are now displayed on the porch noticeboard. Please take some time to read and understand what issues your PPC Group are addressing on your behalf.

ST PETER AND ST PAUL – this Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation has been transferred to next Sunday, 30th June.

WE PRAY FOR MGR BASIL O'SULLIVAN, who celebrated his 68th anniversary of his ordination, on 17 June. Next month he celebrates his 92nd birthday, and is one of the oldest, if not the oldest working Parish Priest in the UK. May the Lord continue to bless him with good health and many graces.