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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

We are called to be disciples, certainly, but we can also put ourselves in the shoes of the people who had heard about Jesus and pursued him across the sea. It is likely that many of them were eager to see him heal the sick or drive out demons, but Mark says that Jesus used this as an opportunity to teach. As we will hear next week (from John's Gospel), Jesus taught for so long that day that eventually he faced a multitude of hungry people. But this implies that the people stayed, not to see him work miracles (at least not the ones they expected), but just to learn. May we be willing to take the time to learn from him as well.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

How can I put aside a half hour a week to reflect on how I am living as a disciple and pray for God's assistance?
Can I face the Lord honestly with my shortcomings and failures?

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

SHEPHERDING

The Lord is my Shepherd, Psalm 23 says, but there are human shepherds, too.

In the First Reading God thunders against the human shepherds who are failures at shepherding.

Who are these miserable shepherds, these failures, with whom God is so indignant? Well, you can tell who they are by what God is angry at in them. They are the human beings who have not cared for the sheep, and those sheep are God's people.

Well, what did the shepherds fail to do when they failed to care for the sheep?

They didn't help the sheep get nurture; they drove the sheep away. They led the sheep in wrong directions. They scattered the sheep, so that instead of being one flock, the sheep were divided against each other into diverse small groups.

So, think about it this way.

Do you lust for someone who is not your spouse? Do you think you are caring for one of God's children when you do? Do you smoke and overeat? What impact do your bad habits have on God's children? Is there no one of God's people who will grieve over you when you get sick? Do you laze around and waste your gifts by doing nothing?

Do you spend your time on foolish, frivolous things that help nobody? Do you think you are caring for God's people when you do? Do you gossip and undermine the reputation of others? Do you sow discord in your neighbourhood, in your church, in your family? Are you a divisive presence in your community? Do you think you are caring for God's children when you are?

Surely no one of us is so benighted as to suppose that God's thundering against miserable shepherds is meant only for priests who aren't good enough. That thundering is a warning for each one of us.

Every person has many of God's children in his care. The woman who empties your trash at work, the child in the row behind you who kicks your seat on the plane, the annoying non-stop talker at your dinner table, your old and highly inadequate mother, your very imperfect spouse—each of these is one of God's children, and each of them is in your care—a little or maybe even a lot.

All these are people that we ourselves shepherd—always with our Shepherd, whose grace we need to do it well.

Let us be careful not to be miserable shepherds for him.

Eleonore Stump

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we hear Jesus invite his disciples, who have just returned from their mission, to travel with him to a deserted place to rest a while. Sounds like the perfect thing for us to do at this time of year! Even Jesus realized the need to rest and recharge. But then Jesus sees the crowds that sought him out, so he changes his plans and begins to teach them, for they were “sheep without a shepherd.” May it comfort us to know that Jesus always has time for us. We need never feel lost or forsaken.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Most of today’s selections from scripture speak of sheep and shepherds. Jeremiah denounces the shepherds of Israel, who have driven the faithful away. He prophesies that the Lord will raise up a successor to David who will shepherd wisely and justly. We believe that this prophecy points to none other than Jesus, who takes on that role in today’s Gospel. So may we sing in our responsorial psalm, “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 23: 1-6
The remnant of my flock I will gather, and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23
**‘The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.’**

Second Reading Ephesians 2: 13-18
Christ Jesus is the peace between us and has made the two into one.

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6: 30-34
They were like sheep without a shepherd.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 21 JULY 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Marlene Kenny, Margaret Forsyth, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Behl, Fletcher Ditchburn, Andrew Fyffe, Lyn Fyffe, Lisa Gillespie, Gerard Halliday, Margaret McDonagh, Rena Samson, Leanne Walker and Pat Smith. **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 Lawrence Sterpaio, who has died recently, and Sheila Sinclair, Tom Macdonald (Jnr) and Gerry Noonan, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

CHURCH CLEANING

Just to remind our cleaning team that the next church clean will be on Thursday, 25 July, from 9.00am to 11.00am. Additional new volunteer help most welcome.

REMEMBER - LET US KEEP PRAYING FOR UKRAINE

God’s plan for the world is peace, not disaster.
We pray for Ukraine and her people, and all world leaders.
No one wins in war. Everyone wins in peace. Amen.

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 14/07/24

Loose Plate £214 Gift Aid Envelopes £124
Standing Orders £259 Additional Offertories £0

TOTAL £597

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

2nd COLLECTION - APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - £122

200 CLUB 2024 – JULY DRAW – held last Sunday

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize £100 Ticket Number 89 – Chris & Luke Ditchburn
2nd Prize £25 Ticket Number 119 – Eve Elinor Crowe

FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

ST MARY MAGDALENE – FEAST **Monday 22 July**
St Mary Magdalene (Magdalene, from Magdala village in Galilee) is the most prominent of the group of women who accompanied Jesus and the Apostles and ‘provided for them out of their own resources’ (Lk 8:2-3). Often confused with other Marys in the gospels or presumed to have had a sinful past, she is named in the gospels as having seen Jesus crucified and buried and then, early on Easter morning, having met the risen Lord (Jn 20:11-18) who told her to go and tell the Apostles. Hence, she is called ‘Apostle to the Apostles’. Pope Francis raised her memorial to the rank of Feast.

ST JAMES – FEAST **Thursday 25 July**
St James and his brother John, while working on their father’s boat on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, promptly obeyed Christ’s call to follow him. After Pentecost, the history of James is told in popular belief: that he went to Spain to preach the gospel and, on a return visit to Jerusalem, was arrested and suffered martyrdom under Herod Agrippa in AD 44; that his body was taken back to Spain and buried where now the great cathedral of Santiago (‘Saint James’) de Compostela draws thousands of pilgrims.
ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE – MEMORIAL **Friday 26 July**
St Joachim and St Anne are the names given to the parents of Our Blessed Lady and, therefore, grandparents of Jesus, according to a second-century tradition. Pope Francis has declared them to be patrons of grandparents.

MINUTE MEDITATION

While optimism makes us live as if someday soon things will go better for us, hope frees us from the need to predict the future and allows us to live in the present, with the deep trust that God will never leave us alone but will fulfil the deepest desires of our heart. Joy in this perspective is the fruit of hope.

Henri Nouwen

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