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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](http://www.stjosephsdundee.org.uk)

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GOD SPEAKS IN THE SILENCE OF THE HEART  
LISTENING IS THE BEGINNING OF PRAYER

### HOMILY HELPS

In both the first reading and the Gospel, the person who originally provides the food remains unnamed. The author of the second book of Kings tells us where the man with the barley loaves came from (significantly, a region named for a pagan god, Baal), but not his name. We learn even less about the boy in the crowd who had five loaves and two fish. But it is their anonymous offerings that allow God to perform the miracle of feeding multitudes from a small amount of food. Today, we look not for personal recognition of our contributions, but that God may use the little we are able to offer to perform great things. 11

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

What can I offer this week, without expecting anything in return, that could provide more than it would if I kept it for myself?

# St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

### WHAT DO YOU NEED?

The hand of the Lord feeds us, the Psalmist says; the Lord answers all our needs. In fact, the Psalmist says, the Lord satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Is the Psalmist blind? Or is he a shameless liar? The whole earth is soaked with the tears of the suffering. People don't suffer when their desires are satisfied, and they don't weep when their needs are met.

But here we might pause to consider: what actually *are* our needs? If I say that I need red shoes to complement my outfit, are red shoes a need of mine? Ridiculous thought, isn't it?

A need is something without which we cannot live, in one sense or another. But anybody can live without red shoes. Food, water, clothing, shelter—these are our needs, because without them we will die.

But these are not our only needs, are they? We need education, too. And that's not nearly all. We need the beauty of nature and of art. And what are these to us if we can't share them? We need company as well. We need love most of all.

And so, we need more than food and shelter to live. We need truth and beauty, love and care, too. That is because there is more than one way to die. We can die in the body, but we can also die in our minds and hearts. A person adequately fed and sheltered but deprived of love will wither away.

In fact, the needs of the soul are primary. As long as they are met, even the death of the body cannot kill us. As the martyrs of the Church show us, a person can die in the body and still live, as long as his soul is nurtured and sheltered by the love of the Lord.

Our greatest need, then, is for the Lord himself; and our deepest desire is for him too. Whatever we get, we will drown in disappointment if we do not get him.

And that is why the Psalmist concludes by saying that the Lord is near to all who call upon him. Even in our worst suffering, what we most greatly need and desire, the Lord himself, is always at hand for us.

And so, in the sufferings of this world, our greatest need is met in the Lord. Through this life, the hand of the Lord will feed us until, finally, in the afterlife, we will want no more.

*Eleonore Stump*

YOU CAN'T GO BACK AND CHANGE THE BEGINNING  
BUT YOU CAN START WHERE YOU ARE  
AND CHANGE THE ENDING

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

From five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus was able to provide a wonderful feast for thousands of people. All of them had plenty to eat and what was left over filled twelve wicker baskets. The people realized they had just witnessed a miracle, a sign to bring them to faith. We gather today for the Eucharistic feast, where we are invited to have our fill of the bread of eternal life. May the miracle we witness today bring us to a deeper belief in the Lord and his saving gift to us.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading today foreshadows what Jesus will so memorably do centuries later. Elisha insists that twenty small barley loaves, given as an offering to God, would feed a hundred people with some left over. Jesus tells his disciples the same thing when all they could offer to the thousands of pilgrims who gather to see him are five barley loaves and two fish. God nourishes and sustains us always, no matter how impossible it seems.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** 2 Kings 4: 42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 144

**'You open wide your hand, O Lord,  
and grant our desires.'**

**Second Reading** Ephesians 4: 1-6

One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 6: 1-15

Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.

## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 28 JULY 2024

**Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish** – Marlene Kenny, Say Ly, 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 Claire-Marie Crighton, Bob Low, George Curran, Fr James Malaney, Tam Rodgers, Ben Platts, William Dye, Charles Devlin, Margaret Fitzpatrick and Mollie Petrie, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

## UPDATES REQUIRED PLEASE

If you wish to add anyone to the Parish Prayer Intentions, please email Fr Greg or John Sinclair direct with the information. For prayers for those who are sick, please ensure that the individual or family are content to have the name in the newsletter. Many thanks.

## WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S – 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 2024

We are happy to welcome everyone, for Sunday Holy Mass, to our beautiful church of St Joseph's, here in Dundee.

## INSTALLATION OF BISHOP ANDREW MCKENZIE

This special service will be held on Saturday 10 August at St Andrew's Cathedral. Whilst this is an occasion that many of us would like to attend, regrettably parish numbers will be limited, and entry will only be by ticket. At present, it is not known exactly how many tickets will be allocated to St Joseph's Parish, but it would be helpful to know who would want to attend. Please add your individual name to the sheet at the desk in the porch to assist with this. It is Fr Greg's intention to allocate the parish tickets on a draw basis.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 21/07/24

**Loose Plate £192      Gift Aid Envelopes £147**

**Standing Orders £259      Additional Offertories £0**

**TOTAL £598**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY – 4 AUGUST**

**BISHOPS' MENSAL FUND**

## FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

**Monday 29 July**

**SS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS – MEMORIAL**

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus, these three siblings lived in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem, and were friends of Jesus. On one visit, Jesus had Mary sitting at his feet and listening to him when Martha complained that she was not helping her to prepare the meal. Jesus chided Martha, telling her that her sister 'had chosen the better part'. Later we hear the graphic account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead to the delight of the two sisters. In 2023 Pope Francis decreed that henceforth the three siblings should share this feast day.

**ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA – MEMORIAL Wednesday 31 July**

Originally a soldier who was seriously injured in battle and during long recuperation he received the gift of spiritual conversion. He read about the lives of Christ and the saints and realised their worth, compared to the lives of so many people like himself. He, with others, founded the Society of Jesus – the Jesuits. Pope Francis is of this Order.

**ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI – MEMORIAL Thursday 1 August**

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

**GIFT AID CONTRIBUTIONS** - many thanks to those of you who can, and then choose to, contribute your offertory with gift aid. We have just received £6,750 from our claim in 2023/2024. This makes such a positive difference to our church finances here in St Joseph's.

**NEXT TAIZÉ SERVICE** – our next service will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Please join us then for an hour of Taizé chant, music, Adoration and prayer in **St Joseph's Church** at 7.00pm. All are most welcome.

**VOTIVE CANDLES** – don't forget to light a candle and say a special prayer at one of the side altars before or after Mass. This is a long-standing custom among Catholics and has such a special meaning. Make time regularly to do it.

**CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER** – by email to:

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