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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

If it seems as if we've been hearing about Jesus as the Bread of Life for a few weeks now, you're absolutely right! John obviously thought that this teaching was quite important. Perhaps not coincidentally, John is the only evangelist who doesn't write about Jesus offering his Body and Blood at the Last Supper. This chapter takes its place. Keep in mind that this lecture to his disciples took place before the Last Supper. Therefore, the Last Supper is actually Jesus' opportunity to remind the disciples of when he said they must eat his flesh and drink his blood and that then he would remain in them and give them life. His disciples believed in him, they followed him, and they obeyed him, but Jesus tells them that they must do more. They must consume him and truly take him into themselves.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Do I look to the Holy Spirit for guidance?

Do I take the time to discern God's will?

Will I add that to my decision-making process now?

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

TASTING IN ORDER TO SEE

The readings this week highlight the importance of wisdom. But what is wisdom? And how do you get it?

In the world of Nazi Germany everyone in the Nazi party got a party badge. Hitler's own party badge was made of gold. To the Nazis, Hitler's badge symbolized all the things in the world most worth having.

At the end of his life, Hitler gave that gold badge as a gift to Magda Goebbels and she said that it was the proudest moment of her life when he did. But he gave her that gold badge in the bunker under Berlin as Germany was losing the war. In that bunker in the last days of the war, Magda killed all six of her children and herself in an appallingly misguided act of loyalty to Hitler. When the invading soldiers of the Allied armies conquered Berlin and found her body, one of them took that little bit of a gold badge from her dress and pocketed it as a souvenir.

Magda shows us what folly is, doesn't she? She couldn't tell the real goods, the real gold, from the fake goods, the things that glitter but are worthless. The gold badge that symbolized what Magda Goebbels lived and died for is a fitting symbol of the terrible foolishness of her life.

Wisdom is the very opposite. It is the ability to discern between the real goods and the shiny fakes. But among the very best of the really good things is the goodness of God. And so, wisdom is the ability to see the goodness of God wherever it is to be found in our lives.

The Psalm tells us how we get this ability, so important to our lives. We get it by tasting! Taste and see that the Lord is good, the Psalm says.

Taste what?

The Gospel gives us the answer: Christ is the bread from heaven, and every person who tastes this bread will live. He will have the real goods, not the worthless fake goods; and he will see the difference between the two, because he will see God's goodness in Christ.

Here is the end of the story then: taste the bread from heaven and see the goodness of the Lord. Wisdom lies in this!

Eleonore Stump

SAINTLY THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

Your first task is to be dissatisfied with yourself, fight sin, and transform yourself into something better. Your second task is to put up with the trials and temptations of this world that will be brought on by the change in your life and to persevere to the very end in the midst of these things.

St Augustine

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

What a wonderful gift we have been given by our Lord! He has given himself - his very flesh and blood - for the life of the world. We are invited to this place each Sunday to receive this wondrous gift, which sustains us and nourishes us on our journey to God's kingdom. How appropriate that the Greek word for this meal - eucharistia - means thanksgiving, reminding us how eternally thankful we are for the opportunity to receive the Body of Christ, our bread of life.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

"Taste and see that the Lord is good," we sing in the psalm today, an invitation to the sumptuous banquet God lays out for us. Wisdom provides one of her own in the first reading, presenting knowledge and understanding as a meal we're all invited to eat. Calling himself the living bread come down from heaven, Jesus invites us all to eat his flesh and drink his blood, as we do in the Eucharist. As Paul advises the Ephesians, we give thanks always for this meal in which we physically taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Proverbs 9: 1-6
Eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33
'Taste and see that the Lord is good.'

Second Reading Ephesians 5: 15-20
Recognise what is the will of God.

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel John 6: 51-58
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 18 AUGUST 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Marlene Kenny, Say Ly, Peter Angus, Margaret Forsyth, Mary Kidd, Linda Jamieson, Gillian Donnelly, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Behl, Fletcher Ditchburn, Andrew Fyffe, Lyn Fyffe, Lisa Gillespie, Gerard Halliday, Margaret McDonagh, Rena Samson and Leanne Walker. **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 Frank McShane, Shelia Lowden, Frank McGivern, Patricia Stewart, David Clifford, Ian Cowan, Ina Williamson, Jack Stephen and Margaret MacPherson, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 11/08/24

Loose Plate £169 Gift Aid Envelopes £220
Standing Orders £259 Mortuary Chapel Refurbish £25
TOTAL £573

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Mortuary Chapel – if you would like to financially contribute to the recent re-furbishing work that has been carried out, main cost was the re-plastering of the ceiling at £700, we would be very grateful. 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.

FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

ST BERNARD – MEMORIAL **Tuesday 20 August**
St Bernard, Abbot, 1090-1153, became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen Abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy.

ST PIUS X – MEMORIAL **Wednesday 21 August**
St Pius X, 1835-1914, Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, then pope from 1903. Encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – MEMORIAL **Thursday 22 August**
The Queenship of Mary. During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as Queen of the Angels and Saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the memorial for the universal Church at the close of the Marian Year 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's Queenship with the Assumption.

ST BARTHOLOMEW – FEAST **Saturday 24 August**
St Bartholomew, Apostle, named only in the lists of apostles, and always in the company of Philip. Some scholars identify him with Nathaniel in John 1:47 where it is Philip who leads him to Christ.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE A RELIGION SHOULD BE GLAD
FOR NOT EVERYONE HAS THE GIFT
OF BELIEVING IN HEAVENLY THINGS

200 CLUB 2024 – AUGUST DRAW – held last Sunday

Congratulations to the winners:
1st Prize £100 Ticket Number 151 – Charlie Welsh
2nd Prize £25 Ticket Number 166 – Margaret Forsyth

MINUTE MEDITATION by Henri Nouwen

I can be happy or unhappy in all situations. I am sure of it, because I have been. I have felt distraught and joyful in situations of abundance as well as poverty, in situations of popularity and anonymity, in situations of success and failure. The difference was never based on the situation itself, but always on my state of mind and heart. When I knew I was walking with God, I always felt happy and at peace. When I was entangled in my own complaints and emotional needs, I always felt restless and divided.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

DIOCESAN SYNOD DAY - SATURDAY 24 AUGUST

"A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE OF SYNODALITY", at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, St Mary's Hall, DD1 2PF, on Saturday 24 August 2024 from 10am to 2pm. The guest presenter will be Amy Cameron, Director of Formation and Mission Development in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch – tea and coffee will be provided.

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