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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 HELP

This lesson is appropriate today, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) Sunday. All the gospel is joy, even when it talks about death and hardship. Over the next six Sundays, we will hear Jesus teaching his disciples— and us—about what it truly means to be a disciple. Recently, we have heard Jesus perform miracles, heal the sick, and face down the scribes and Pharisees. But now he teaches a very difficult lesson. First, he tells them that he will suffer and be killed. Then he tells them that each disciple must take up his or her cross and follow him. They must sacrifice their lives for his sake and for the gospel. Not even Peter, perhaps his closest disciple, can accept all this. Can we?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

What cross of mine can I commit to carrying without complaining?

Will I accept help when necessary?

Whom can I assist in carrying their own cross?

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

DENYING YOURSELF

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that anyone who wants to be his follower has to deny herself. She has to take up her cross daily.

But how do you do this?

You might think that denying yourself requires you to give up any desires of your own and just accept whatever God sends. If God wants you to live, you are happy to live. On the other hand, if God wants you to die, you are happy to die. *Anything whatever* that happens is fine with you.

But if *anything whatever* is always fine with you, you will never have a desire that is frustrated. Nothing that happens will ever cause you sorrow; nothing will make you weep. You will be content with anything whatever.

This is to try to deny yourself by having no desires of your own, in fact, no self of your own at all. But then, how could you count as crucifying yourself? You can't crucify a self you don't have. And so this can't be the kind of self-denial Jesus is calling us to when he tells us to take up our cross daily.

If we take Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane as our model, we see a different kind of self-denial.

In that prayer, Jesus asks God to let the cup pass from him. Jesus has a desire of his own. *Anything whatever* is definitely not fine with him. He wants to live. He does not want to die.

But Jesus finishes his prayer this way: "not my will but yours be done." He wants God's will to win out over his own will, if his own will and God's will are in conflict. He wants his own will to be frustrated if it has to be frustrated in order for God's will to be done.

So here is what Jesus' prayer teaches us. To deny yourself requires first having a self to deny. It requires having desires for ordinary good things, for life rather than death. But it also requires trusting the love of God and wanting God's will to win out over your own, when God's will is opposed to yours.

This self-denial is compatible with frustration and sorrow; it allows for tears when you lose the good things you wanted and your desires are denied. But if you crucify your self in this way, then your sorrow and tears come with trust and love for the Lord who carried his cross for you.

Eleonore Stump

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**CHOOSE KINDNESS
FOR IT CREATES A RIPPLE EFFECT OF GOODNESS**

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. That's quite a mouthful, but it means that by dying on the cross, which he willingly accepted, Jesus was exalted. In today's Gospel, Jesus confides in his disciples for the first time that he would be persecuted and killed. Then turning to the entire crowd, he tells them that they must take up their crosses, for it is in sacrificing their lives they can save them. Are you willing to accept your cross, difficult as it may be? As you ponder that question, remember this: your cross, the cross Jesus calls you to shoulder, is linked to the Holy Cross itself, which is the most beautiful sign of our salvation.. Today is *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*, which used to be called Home Mission Sunday. Substituting "*The Joy of the Gospel*" for a rather bureaucratic title seems to be an advance.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah, attacked and rejected for speaking out, assuredly had a difficult cross to bear. But today we hear him insisting that he is willing to face all his opponents, for he trusts in GOD. James writes that faith must be put into action, which may lead to carrying a difficult cross. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd that each person must take up his or her cross if they wish to save their life. As we listen to the readings, let us ponder which crosses we are reluctant to carry and pray for the strength and resolve to shoulder them.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 50: 5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 114

**'I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.'**

Second Reading James 2: 14-18

If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 8: 27-35

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Marlene Kenny, Peter Angus, Cathie Donnelly, 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 Say Ly, who has died recently, and James Crighton, Enrico Soave, James Dye, Noel McGivern and Edward Marra (Jun), whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

ST JOSEPH – PROTECTOR OF THE CHURCH – PRAY FOR US

SAY LY – R.I.P.

We are shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the death of one of our beloved parishioners, Say Ly, on Thursday 12 September, at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences to Say's family members and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Saints of God, come to his aid

Hasten to greet him, angels of the Lord.

Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024 – BALGAY CEMETERY

On Sunday 3 November, the day after All Souls, we are planning to have a parish service at Balgay Cemetery and to walk and visit graves of family and religious associated with St Joseph's. This would take place in the early afternoon and would possibly last for about an hour and a half. This will need careful planning and participation by those who would like to attend and remember loved ones who have gone before. Can we quickly determine who and how many would like to support this by letting Pauline Veal know of your interest – direct or by email: pjveal11@gmail.com

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 08/09/24

Loose Plate £128 Gift Aid Envelopes £210

**Standing Orders £259 Mortuary Chapel Refurbish £100
TOTAL £697**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

2nd Collection TODAY for SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

Please remember our former priests and give kind and generous support today if you can.

FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

ST NINIAN – FEAST

Monday 16 September

**ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GON AND PAUL CHONG HA-SANG
AND COMPANIONS – MEMORIAL**

Friday 20 September

ST MATTHEW – FEAST

Saturday 21 September

CHURCH CLEANING - Just to remind our cleaning team that the next church clean will be on Thursday, 19 September, from 9.00am to 11.00am. New help welcome.

200 CLUB 2024 – SEPTEMBER DRAW – held last Sunday

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize £100 Ticket Number 7 – Margaret Forsyth

2nd Prize £25 Ticket Number 114 – Colette Gethins

Margaret has generously donated her winnings to the Mortuary Chapel refurbishment fund – many thanks.

2024 National Pilgrimage – Sunday 22 September

To pray for the Beatification of

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair

St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, EDINBURGH EH1 1NA

Starts at 12.30pm through to Mass at 4.30pm.

See full poster on the noticeboard in the church porch.

Did you know that Margaret's parents were married in this church in 1896 before moving from Dundee to Edinburgh.

DOORS OPEN EVENT – Saturday 28 September. Thanks to those who have offered support. I need a few more to help – door greeters and general support. Please talk to me direct or email: john.sinclair9@outlook.com Many thanks.