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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

James warns his readers that when we ask wrongly, we do not receive. Obviously, this is the case when we ask God for things selfishly or greedily. But it is also true when we constantly ask for more in every context. Often, we receive it (a free upgrade!), but it's never enough, for before we know it we're asking for still more. We are never satisfied. Meanwhile, we obsess over what we still don't have. We can never get it all; getting it all is a fool's ambition. Even surrounded by all that we have, we will not possess eternal happiness. We've asked wrongly.

IT IS THE GREATEST OF ALL MISTAKES
TO DO NOTHING BECAUSE YOU CAN ONLY DO LITTLE
DO WHAT YOU CAN

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

When have I asked wrongly whether for material things or status?

Where has that left me?

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

TRYING TO BE FIRST

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus rebukes his disciples for arguing about who among them was first and greatest. But how do we suppose their argument went

There are two possibilities.

First Possibility: Each disciple was saying, "I am the greatest!" while the others were saying, "Oh no, you're not! I am!"

Second Possibility: Each disciple was saying to one of the others, "You are the greatest among us!" and that person was saying, "Oh no, I'm not. You are."

On the first possibility, each disciple is trying to put himself ahead of all the others. On the second possibility, each disciple is trying to be small by putting some other disciple ahead of himself. We are naturally inclined to think that the right possibility must be the first one. That is because Jesus rebukes the disciples, and we unreflectively suppose that Jesus wouldn't want to rebuke them if each one was trying to be small.

But notice that if we adopt the first possibility, then Jesus' rebuke doesn't make sense. On the first possibility, what is wrong with the disciples is that each one is trying to be first. And so, Jesus should rebuke them for trying to be first. But that is not what Jesus rebukes the disciples for. On the contrary, Jesus gives the disciples a short instruction manual for how to get to be first. If you want to be first, he tells them, you have to be the servant of all. Would Jesus have explained to them how to get to be first if he thought that trying to be first was wrong?

So, the second possibility is the right one. Each disciple was trying to be small in order to seem humble. But there is no true humility in trying to be small.

As the parable about the talents (cf. Mt.25:24-28) shows, each person is called to strive for greatness by accepting the gifts God gives him and using them to the full. True humility lies in understanding that everything is gift; and everything is meant to be given back, in service of others.

When each person strives for greatness in this way, there is no competition. No one is ahead of the others, no matter how much greatness he achieves. Rather, all together are one in the Lord, and he is Lord over all (Rom. 9:5).

This is the way in which being the servant of all makes you first.

Eleonore Stump

WHOEVER RECEIVES A CHILD IN JESUS' NAME
RECEIVES JESUS

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

As summer transitions to autumn, farmers' thoughts turn toward the coming harvest. Speaking of harvesting, in the second reading Saint James declares that those who cultivate peace will sow the fruit of righteousness. Besides the traditional autumn harvest of apples and pumpkins, may we all also savour the fruit of righteousness—that is, of moral goodness and justice—which in turn brings peace to our world, our nation, and our communities. Let us sing and praise the God who makes all this possible.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's readings can be quite unpleasant. Envious instigators plot revenge against a righteous soul. St James explains that greed and envy are at the root of conflict between people. Jesus again warns his disciples that soon he will be handed over to men intent on killing him. But there is a loving Christian response to all this. Listening to today's readings, note the difference selflessness can make.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 53

'The Lord upholds my life.'

Second Reading James 3: 16 4: 3

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9: 30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 22 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 and Patricia Lindsay, who have both died recently, and Maureen Angus, Mary Hunter and Canon Ian Mullen, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

SAY LY – R.I.P. The Reception of Remains at 5.00pm on Tuesday 24 September and Requiem Mass at 10.00am on Wednesday 25 September here at St Joseph's. Celebrant will be Canon Kevin Golden and Fr Greg will concelebrate.

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.

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WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S

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.

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 15/09/24

Loose Plate £212 Gift Aid Envelopes £171

Standing Orders £259 Mortuary Chapel Refurbish £0

TOTAL £642

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**2nd Collection for SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND
£116**

Thank you for remembering our former priests.

FEASTS AND SOLEMNITIES

Monday 23 September

ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA – MEMORIAL

St Pius of Pietrelcina (1887-1968). Born into a poor Italian farm family, from a young age Francesco Forgione desired to be a friar. When he was sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order and took the name Brother Pius (Fra Pio). He was ordained to the priesthood in 1910; six years later, joined the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in San Giovanni Rotondo. He spent many hours everyday hearing Confessions. The height of his apostolic commitment was the celebration of the Holy Mass. He described himself as "a poor brother who prays." "Prayer is the greatest weapon we have," he said. It is "a key to open the heart of God."

Friday 27 September

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – MEMORIAL

St Vincent de Paul (c.1580-1660): Born in Gascony (France), he was ordained in 1600, captured on a voyage in 1605, sold as a slave in Tunis, escaped and returned to France in 1607. He set up associations for helping the sick, leading to the foundation of the Congregation of the Missions (known as Vincentians or Lazarists) in 1632 and the Daughters of Charity in 1634 (the first female religious to work outside their convents).

DOORS OPEN EVENT – our church will be open for visitors next Saturday for Mass at 10.00am and then for tours of the church, crypt and house at 11.15am 12.15pm 1.15pm 2.15pm and 3.15pm. Kevin Veal will be providing a short organ recital each hour and the History Group presentation will be on display in the Holy Souls Chapel. Teas and coffees provided in the house. Come along during and support.