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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

Again and again in his letter, James commands Christians to put faith into action. Today we hear an explicit warning: "Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts" (James 5:4). For us to store up treasure for ourselves while those who do the work that allows us to have such treasure is sinful. Let us imitate the generosity of the Father, as we have seen in so many of Jesus' parables, working toward a world where everyone from migrant workers who literally harvest our nation's fields to those who cannot seem to break out of the cycle of poverty are compensated with a just wage.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

In what way am I like the one who stores up treasure?
In what way am I like the one whose wages are withheld?
What can I do from my position to properly reflect the lessons Jesus taught?

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TRIBALISM

It is part of Christian doctrine that only Christians can be saved. No one comes to the Father except by Christ (John 14:6). This is a view that can encourage tribalism.

In the Gospel Reading, the apostles see someone who is not among the group of Christ's disciples but who is casting out demons in the name of Christ anyway. When the apostles perceive the man doing a miracle in Christ's name, they tell him to stop it. As the apostles see it, unless a person is a member of their group, their tribe, he is an outsider; and, as an outsider, he is not among the saved. In the view of the apostles, that is why there is something wrong about that outsider's using God's power to do miracles.

In response, Christ defends the outsider and rebukes the tribalism of his apostles. "Whoever is not against us is for us," Christ tells the disciples. The outsider has not joined the disciples, and he doesn't know the doctrines or customs that the disciples are learning from Christ. But, in Christ's view, he is still one of Christ's own.

So, it is true that no one comes to the Father except by Christ.

But this requirement makes Christ the one necessary and sufficient condition for salvation. It doesn't say anything about any of the other ways by which members of a group usually identify themselves. As Christ sees that outsider, the man meets the one requisite condition for salvation: he is for Christ. And so, in Christ's view, that outsider counts as one of those who come to the Father by Christ, even if he is not an official member of Christ's disciples.

But then, you might say, who doesn't count as one of Christ's own? Who actually is against Christ?

In effect, Christ answers these questions by giving an example of a group destined for perdition. It is the group of those who draw children away from the Lord or who make the vulnerable and helpless worse than they otherwise would be. Those in that group would be better off being dropped into the sea with millstones around their necks, Christ says.

So here is what we need to remember. Even Judas was a member of the official tribe of Christ's disciples; but in the end Judas was not one of Christ's own. Real membership in the group of those who are Christ's own depends on being for Christ, and for those he loves. *Eleonore Stump*

Please note – that the Order of the Mass is shown in the first few pages of the hymnbook to assist you.

REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

We come together today to worship God, to receive our Lord in the Eucharist, to encounter him in each other, and to open ourselves to God's continuing revelation in the word. Today's Gospel is a difficult one, with severe warnings about sin and hell. The second reading isn't much easier to take, warning of the corrosive effects of wealth and pleasure. Let us accept the challenge of taking a good long hard look at our lives and deciding what we need to cut from it in order to remain on the path to the kingdom.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Moses' loyal lieutenant Joshua and Jesus' beloved disciple John each protest that seemingly undeserving people are acting in the Lord's name. Moses and Jesus both respond by basically saying that the spirit blows where it will and we humans cannot bottle it in. We also hear both James and Jesus warn us of the consequences of sin. May we heed their warnings as we take comfort in the Holy Spirit's presence within us, guiding us in the right ways.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Numbers 11: 25-29

Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 18

'The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.'

Second Reading James 5: 1-6

Your wealth is all rotting.

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Marlene Kenny, Saul Sangster, Kath MacPherson, 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 Patricia Lindsay, who has died recently, and Marion MacPherson and Jack Callard, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 22/09/24

Loose Plate £128 Gift Aid Envelopes £200

Standing Orders £259 Mortuary Chapel Refurbish £0

TOTAL £587

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

HOME BAKING EVENT . . . Our next Home Baking Event will be held next Sunday, 6 October. Please support with your baking and purchasing of delicious products. Many thanks. *Margaret Sinclair*

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

FEASTS AND SOLEMNITIES

ST JEROME – MEMORIAL **Monday 30 September**

St Jerome (c.342-420). An ascetic and a scholar, ordained priest at Antioch in 379, he went to Constantinople where he and St Gregory Nazianzen became friends. In 382 he moved to Rome, becoming secretary to Pope Damasus and being known for his sanctity, learning and eloquence. He chose to live in Bethlehem in 386 and to complete his writings: letters, treatises, commentaries on Scripture and, especially, the 'Vulgate' translation of the Bible into Latin. He is one of the Fathers of the Church.

Wednesday 2 October (SCHOOL MASS ON THIS DAY)

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS – MEMORIAL

The Holy Guardian Angels: Without being specific regarding details, the Church teaches that God assigns an angel or angels to guard us during our life on earth. The belief illustrates God's providential care for each of us.

Friday 4 October

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – MEMORIAL **Friday 4 October**

St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226). Son of a rich Assisi merchant, his early ostentation ceased when, in 1205, he began to devote himself to care of the sick and the poor. Francis chose to renounce his patrimony and live as a hermit in total poverty. His zeal was infectious; soon he had eleven brothers, and he drew up a rule which laid down the basic rules of chastity, poverty and obedience. At his first general assembly, 5000 brothers were present. In 1223, Francis visited Egypt and preached before the sultan.; from this came the special privileges which the Franciscans have, called the 'Custody' of the Holy Land, viz., being guardians of the Holy Sepulchre and other shrines. Through his example and advice, St Clare founded the Franciscan way for women, initially the Poor Clares. Saint Francis was the first to introduce the Christmas crib in churches. He is associated with a love for animals and an esteem for the natural world. He died in 1226, leaving letters, sermons, treatises and hymns.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

NEXT TAIZÉ SERVICE – our next service will be on this coming Thursday 3 October. Please join us then for an hour of Taizé chant, music, Adoration and prayer at St Joseph's starting at 7.00pm. All are most welcome.

CHILDRENS LITURGY – there will be no childrens liturgy class on Sunday 6 and 13 October during school holidays. Re-commences on Sunday 20 October.

PPC MINUTES – latest displayed on porch noticeboard. Please take a few moments to read and support this group.