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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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IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO MAKE  
A FRESH START WITH GOD

### HOMILY HELP

When Jesus responded to the rich man, he looked to him with love. Do you think the man noticed? It's obvious he heard Jesus' words, for his face fell regarding the "selling your possessions" part. But did he realize that Jesus truly loved him? Did he realize that, out of love, Jesus extended two invitations to him? He heard the first one, but did it disappoint him so much that he missed the second: "then come, follow me"? (Mark 10:21). This, truly, is the more important one. This is the choice Jesus invites us to make today: will we follow our belongings, our bank accounts, our wealth? Or will we sacrifice those to follow him? 11

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Would my face fall if I were the person in the Gospel with many possessions?

What can I do to follow Jesus' command?

# St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

### INHERITING ETERNAL LIFE

In the Gospel Reading, a rich young man asks Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" In response, Jesus says to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor."

Selling what you own is a pretty radical thing to do. Just think what you own: a house, a car, a bed. And that's just the beginning, isn't it? There's also the computer, the cell phone, the TV—and on and on.

Early in Christian history, people who sold everything they owned set up religious orders, so that they could live together and share what they needed. And so Jesus' exhortation to sell what you have and give to the poor is usually taken as a call to religious life. Understood in that way, Jesus' advice to the rich young man is one of the counsels of perfection. It explains what you have to do to be perfect in *this* life.

But here's a puzzle worth noticing. You don't have to be perfect to go to heaven. You don't have to be a member of a religious order to go to heaven. But going to heaven is what the rich young man was asking Jesus about: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" And so the answer Jesus gave the rich young man should have explained to him what you have to do to get to heaven. A counsel of perfection is by its nature *not* an answer to the rich young man's question.

Or put it this way. If selling all he has and giving it to the poor is what the rich young man needs to do to inherit eternal life, what about everybody else? Does *everybody* have to sell what he has in order to attain heaven? If you don't sell everything you have, are you going to hell?

The solution to the puzzle is to think about the description of the man asking Jesus the question: he is the *rich* young man. In other words, his gifts lie in his wealth.

Now gifts are highly various. There are lots of gifts, gifts of learning, of music, of many other things. But whatever a person's gifts are, they are meant to be given back in service to the Lord. You cannot bury your talent—your gifts—in the ground and hope to please the Lord.

So here is what you need to do to inherit eternal life: You need to follow Jesus and use your gifts to the full when you do.

*Eleonore Stump*

### 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.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

We come here today in various states of disrepair. Perhaps we are worn down by an exhausting week of work. Perhaps we are trying to cope with family or marital difficulties. Perhaps we have been wracked by grief, or guilt, or despair. The truth is that this is the human condition. We're human; we're imperfect. We would do well to recognize this. We need to repent, to forgive, to reconcile. We need to look to God, who makes all things perfect. May Jesus' words to his disciples give us the hope we need: "All things are possible for God."

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jesus issues a difficult challenge to us today. In order to inherit life, we need to do more than just observe all the commandments. Much more. So much more that the potential disciple who asked him what he must do to inherit life turned on his heel and walked away, crestfallen. Jesus then warns his disciples how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God. But just as his disciples feel like giving up, Jesus gives them—and us—some much-needed hope. May we embrace the wisdom that the first reading encourages us to seek and discover the hope we have in God.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Wisdom 7: 7-11

Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 89

**'Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.'**

**Second Reading** Hebrews 4: 12-13

The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mark 10: 17-30

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 13 OCTOBER 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 and Rena Samson. **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 Norman Hadden, who has died recently, and Dawn Murray, Canon John Connolly, Marion MacPherson (Sen) and Fr John Mundackal, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

## 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 last for about an hour and a half. Would those interested in participating in this service please add their name **TODAY** to the list available at the desk in the porch.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 6/10/24

Loose Plate £165 Gift Aid Envelopes £234

Standing Orders £259 Mortuary Chapel Refurbish £0

**TOTAL £658**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection NEXT Sunday 20 October**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – MISSIO SCOTLAND**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

## FEASTS AND SOLEMNITIES

**ST TERESA OF JESUS – MEMORIAL Tuesday 15 October**

St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), also known as Teresa of Jesus, (her name in religion), was born in Avila and became a Carmelite nun there. Chosen as mother general of all Carmelite communities internationally, she reformed their rule, established many new convents, was a mystic and contemplative who was also highly active and practical, travelling often to visit convents throughout Spain besides writing much on spirituality and prayer. She died in Alba de Tormes, near Salamanca.

**ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH – MEMORIAL Thurs 17 October**

St Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35-c. 107) is thought to have been a disciple of St John and was the second Bishop of Antioch. On his way to Rome (and martyrdom), he wrote some letters which are extant; they extol the importance of the office of a bishop and warn against Judaism and Docetism (which held that the human form of Jesus was mere semblance, with no true reality).

**ST LUKE – FEAST Friday 18 October**

St Luke was the writer of a Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. He was a companion of St Paul (on his second missionary journey) and is called by him 'the beloved physician' (Col 4:14). There is a further mention of him with Paul in Rome (2 Tm 4:11). He is thought to have been a native of Antioch in Syria and to have been an artist. Details of his death (as a martyr?) are unknown.

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

**HOME BAKING EVENT** – many thanks to all who supported this last Sunday. £71 was raised for church social activities.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY** – there will be no childrens liturgy class this Sunday 13 October during school holidays. The class re-commences next Sunday - 20 October.

**THIS SUNDAY** – Fr Greg is away and we are pleased to give a warm welcome to Mgr Aldo who will be our Mass celebrant. He will update us on the Synod of Synodality – the 2<sup>nd</sup> session commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**DIOCESAN MISSION DAY** – on Saturday 19 October at St Mary's Forebank. See fuller details on porch noticeboard.

## PARISH VISIT BY EDZELL PARISH CHURCH

We are looking forward to welcoming Rev Dr Wayne Pearce and about 20 of his parishioners who will be visiting our church of St Joseph's on Tuesday 22 October. Arriving at about 11.30am, they will have a brief tour of the church, learn something about our church history, have some lunch and fellowship, and have a short time for joint worship, before leaving at about 1.30pm. It would be so good if some of our parishioners could be present and supportive during these 2 hours to help and socialise with our visitors.