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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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GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO

HOMILY HELP

Throughout his Gospel, Saint Mark emphasized how difficult it was for the disciples to truly understand Jesus and his mission. Jesus had just told them for the third time that he would be arrested, put to death, then rise on the third day. So what do James and John do? They ask him for a special place in the kingdom. The others get indignant, but is it just because they thought of it first? Therefore, Jesus repeats what he did back at the beginning. "Jesus summoned them," Mark writes (10:42), calling them to discipleship all over again, but this time immediately explaining to them that being a disciple means being the servant of all.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Looking at my life right now, how is Jesus summoning me?
How can I be of service in my family, my parish, my community?

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH

In the Gospel Reading, James and John ask Jesus if they can sit on his right and on his left in his glory. The other ten apostles are indignant when they learn of it.

In response to the apostles' indignation, Jesus gives them a lesson in glory.

On worldly views, the great ones are the rulers. On Jesus' view, the servants are the truly great ones. Real glory doesn't come from lording it over others, but from serving others. Jesus is most glorious in his crucifixion, when he has lost everything but love.

So Jesus' response to the indignation of the apostles shows us that they were thinking of glory as kingship. And they were indignant with James and John, because they thought that kind of kingship was what James and John were asking Jesus for.

But notice that Jesus does not respond to James and John by explaining to them what true glory is. What Jesus says to James and John shows us what those two apostles were thinking, just as Jesus' response to the others shows us what they were indignant about.

To James and John, Jesus says, "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" This is the cup that Jesus prayed might pass from him. It is his crucifixion. So James and John have the right idea of glory. They are not asking for thrones in heaven, as the other apostles think they are.

They are asking whether they might be crucified with Jesus, on either side of him. And here is the most powerful thing to notice in this story. Jesus does not rebuke James and John for their request. He grants it. They *will* drink his cup with him.

But Jesus denies them their request to be beside him in his glory. That gift is already prepared by God for others, Jesus says. And which others? Well, for those two thieves, crucified on either side of Jesus. Who else?

God gave that great gift that James and John wanted, not to any of the apostles, including James and John, but to two unknown, low-down, petty criminals.

And what happened?

One of those thieves wasted the gift. The other one was glorious, wasn't he?

Eleonore Stump

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary every day. It will bring great peace and holiness to our life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion and for us to honour Mary.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today is World Mission Sunday, a day on which we bring to mind the missionaries who preach and live the gospel to those who have not yet heard or understood it. In the gospel, we hear Jesus ask James and John, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' Their response betrays their self-centeredness. We ought to remind ourselves that what Jesus has already done for us exceeds all we could possibly ask. Rather than following the example of these two disciples, let us look to the author of Hebrews, who called us to approach Jesus to receive mercy and to find grace. Let us do so as we receive him in the Eucharist.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The theme running through today's readings is service and our Lord's commitment to be the servant of all. Isaiah prophesies about a servant, who will suffer and give his life as an offering for sin. The reading from Hebrews reminds us that Jesus was tested in every way, willing to become weak for our sake. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples he came not to be served but to serve. Let today's readings inspire us to serve others as we live out our faith.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 53: 10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 32

**'May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.'**

Second Reading Hebrews 4: 14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

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 10: 35-45

The son of man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 20 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 Bishop William Hart, Molly Gorrie, Antonio Soave, Edward Marra (Sen), Rose Wright, John Flynn, Rene MacPherson and Michael Marra, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

FAITH IS NOT HOPING GOD CAN, IT IS KNOWING HE WILL

200 CLUB 2024 – OCTOBER DRAW – held last Sunday

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize £100 Ticket Number 130 – Sheila Lothian

2nd Prize £25 Ticket Number 15 – Jessica Crighton

NOVEMBER LISTS 2024

We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in November, the Month of the Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to prayer for the dead. We should start with those closest to us—our mother and father, for instance—but we should also offer prayers for all the souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

If you would like your beloved dead to be remembered during Masses in November, please complete a November list and return it (with your offering) to the church as soon as possible. Put your envelope in the offertory collection or in the basket at the front of the altar. All lists will be placed on the altar and will remain there for the entire month of November.

As discussed, and agreed from last year, the November lists are available earlier in 2024. Also, please think about supporting our special service at Balgay Cemetery on Sunday 3 November. Add your name to the parish list **TODAY** – list on the welcome desk in the porch. Thanks.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 13/10/24

Loose Plate £139 Gift Aid Envelopes £167

Standing Orders £259 Mortuary Chapel Refurbish £100

TOTAL £665

2nd Collection TODAY Sunday 20 October

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – MISSIO SCOTLAND

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024

World Mission Sunday collection is one of three annual Papal collections when the global Church comes together to support our Catholic brothers and sisters who are in need of our help. Every collection and donation on this day supports churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Through our prayers and financial support two things happen. Firstly, it helps struggling Catholic communities survive and flourish and secondly, it strengthens the bond which unites the whole Church so that we can truly say we are a family. Please give your prayers and financial support **TODAY**.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

CRYPT CHAPEL – from next Monday, 21 October, weekday and Saturday Masses will be held here – bit warmer!

PPC MEETING – this coming Wednesday 23 October. Do you have any questions to raise for their discussion? Speak to one of the members – list on the porch noticeboard.

ACROSS BINGO – please support this event at St Mary's Church Hall on Friday 15 November. Doors open from 6.30pm – 'eyes down' 7.00pm Prizes galore – ticket £1.

PARISH VISIT - by Edzell Parish Church next Tuesday 22 October. Just come along and support as a parishioner from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Chat, socialise and share your faith with other Christians. Short ecumenical service together.

MESSA IN LINGUA ITALIANA – on Sunday 27 October at 5.00pm in St Bride's Church, Monifeith, DD5 4BD and on Wednesday 30 October at 12.00 noon in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, PH1 2JP. You would be most welcome to join us for these Italian Masses.

CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT SUNDAY - don't forget to change!