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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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 20/10/24

Loose Plate £86 Gift Aid Envelopes £115

Standing Orders £259 Mortuary Chapel £0

TOTAL £460

2nd Collection last Sunday 20 October

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – MISSIO SCOTLAND £156

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2025 - It's that time of year again when annual subscriptions to St Joseph's 200 Club are due for renewal to cover you till December 2025. Money raised helps with the general running costs of our church. Each number is £25 per annum and can be paid (in instalments if you wish) in cash or by cheque payable to 'TRUSTEES RC DIOCESE DUNKELD 1'. £2 per number each month January-November and £3 December is also an option. Numbers are entered into our monthly draw with prizes of £100 and £25. In the December Christmas draw there are 3 prizes - £200, £100 and £50. There are over 50 lucky numbers currently available so see me if you wish a new number. Thanks for all your support - *Linda Gow*.

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

In the Gospel blind Bartimaeus will not stop yelling for Jesus to have pity on him, until Jesus finally calls for him.

At this point the funny parts of the story start. Why doesn't Jesus go over to Bartimaeus? Why wait for the blind man to find his way to Jesus? And when Bartimaeus does find his way to him, Jesus asks him what seems like the dumbest question: "What do you want me to do for you?" What on earth would anybody suppose Bartimaeus wants? He's blind!

And when Jesus heals him and Bartimaeus can see, Jesus says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. But why? What does Bartimaeus's receiving his sight have to do with his being saved?

Here we need to notice what Bartimaeus actually says to Jesus in answer to Jesus' question to him. Bartimaeus does not say to Jesus, "I want my sight." He says, "I want to see." To want sight is to want a capacity which can be used for all kinds of purposes—raising sheep, making money. But to want to see is to want the connection with reality that the exercise of sight makes possible. Wanting to see is wanting to know the true nature of reality, hidden in one way from a person when he is blind.

Once we see what Bartimaeus asks for, the funny parts of the story make more sense. When Jesus calls Bartimaeus to himself, he gives Bartimaeus a small period of time to consider what he *really* wants before Jesus asks him. Then the presence of the Lord and that question serve as a call to Bartimaeus to commit himself to just one heart's-desire—and Bartimaeus finds it: I want to *see*.

Seeing isn't limited to seeing the blue of the sky or the road to home. It is also a matter of seeing the truth about things, or even of seeing the Truth himself.

So Jesus gives Bartimaeus all that he asks for. Bartimaeus sees not only the world around him but also his Lord. And in seeing Jesus, Bartimaeus accepts the Giver together with the gift of sight. Although Jesus gives Bartimaeus the option of going away, Bartimaeus stays by Jesus and follows him. Bartimaeus came to Jesus and he saw the Lord, because seeing was what he really wanted. And that's why Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him. *Eleonore Stump*

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

What will I do this week to discern the way for me?
What else do I want to see?'

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

This week will feature two parades of sorts. On Halloween, we'll see a parade of children dressed in costumes going from door to door. On All Saints Day, we sing of a parade of saints who "go marching in." In today's first reading, another parade: "the remnant of Israel" whom the LORD gathers from all over the world. As we celebrate Mass today, let us praise a God who gathers us together, ready to march to our promised land, to the eternal kingdom.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jeremiah delivers an oracle of salvation, giving his people hope that there would be an end to their exile. Hebrews points out that God called every high priest for generations, but since he was God's Son, Christ became high priest forever. Glory and wonder culminate in the Gospel, where the blind man Bartimaeus is healed by Jesus and immediately follows him on his way to Jerusalem and the cross. Wherever we are on our personal journey, may we heed the Lord's call and follow him, like the faithful in the final verse of the psalm, who "come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 31: 7-9

I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 125

**'What marvels the Lord worked for us.
Indeed we were glad.'**

Second Reading Hebrews 5: 1-6

You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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 10: 46-52

Master, let me see again.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 27 OCTOBER 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Marlene Kenny, Saul Sangster, Peter Angus, Margaret Forsyth, Gillian Donnelly, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Behl, Fletcher Ditchburn, Andrew Fyffe, Lyn Fyffe, Lisa Gillespie, Gerard Halliday and Margaret McDonagh. **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 Gwynne Bailey, Norman Allan, Sylvia Delnevo and Fr Tom O'Rourke, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

LIFE IS TO LIVE IN SUCH A WAY
THAT WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO DIE

HOLY YEAR 2025

As parishioners, we have been asked to revisit and promote the documents of Vatican II in preparation for the Holy Year in 2025. Fr Tom Magill has produced some videos on the four major themes of the Council, and these are available on the Diocesan webpage at:

www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk/holy-year-2025/

These are suitable for parish discussions or individual use.

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. Lists will be placed on the altar and remain there for the month of November.

FEASTS AND SOLEMNITIES

ST SIMON AND ST JUDE - FEAST

Monday 28 October

ALL SAINTS - SOLEMNITY

Friday 1 November

On the Solemnity of All Saints, we honour the countless number of people who fall into the category of being blessed by God. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. There is a School Mass at 10.00am (led by Primary 6 pupils) in the Church and an evening Mass at 6.00pm in the Crypt Chapel.

Saturday 2 November

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The experience of mortality – bereavement, tragedy, terminal illness, loss – is universal and painful. Perhaps that explains why today's commemoration is so important and powerful for us, as we pray for our beloved dead, who are in purgatory, awaiting their entry to heaven. It is a day of remembrance and of prayer for them, as well as Masses offered especially to God for 'the holy souls in purgatory'.

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER – BALGAY CEMETERY – FROM 2PM

There will be a parish service at the cemetery, visiting about four set locations and having a short service at each point. This will hopefully also include blessings of some family graves. Please let us know if you are attending by adding your name to the parish list on the welcome desk in the porch. Please help by giving **your** fullest support to this.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

CRYPT CHAPEL – all weekday and Saturday Masses will now be held here in the crypt chapel over winter – bit warmer!

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 – such a lovely visit by Edzell Parish Church parishioners and minister, Rev Dr Wayne Pearce, last Tuesday. We are grateful for their friendship and spiritual support and hope that our parish can reciprocate the visit.

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.

TAIZÉ SERVICE – join us for an hour on Thursday 7 November at 7.00pm in the church crypt – 42 Wilkies Lane.

HOME BAKING EVENT – the next planned event, on Sunday 3 November, has been **postponed**. Further detail later.