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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 27/10/24

Loose Plate £120

Gift Aid Envelopes £234

Standing Orders £259

Mortuary Chapel £195

TOTAL £808

Mortuary Chapel Donations £100 & £95 = £195

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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.

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

In the Gospel Reading, a scribe asks Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Maybe the point of asking this question is like the point of asking, "what are the most important requirements for this course?" A student who wants that information is trying to figure out what is crucial for passing the course. In his view, if he does the most important thing, maybe he doesn't have to do everything else.

In response to the scribe's question, Jesus tells him not only the commandment that is the first of all but also the one that is second. Taken together the two commandments cover the ground. "*you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength..... [and] you shall love your neighbour as yourself.*"

So if the scribe does just the most important things, he will have done pretty close to everything, won't he? If he was hoping for a way to get through without doing everything required for the kingdom of heaven, these two commandments will show him that he hasn't got a chance. If he doesn't do everything, he will have done virtually nothing, because he will have failed at the most important stuff.

There is something that the scribe likes about the answer of Jesus: it privileges morality above ritual. And so the scribe thinks that he has found *something* that isn't crucial for getting into heaven. *Yes*, the scribe says to Jesus affirmingly, *obeying these two commandments is better than sacrifice.*

Jesus doesn't disagree. But what he says to the scribe is, "you are not far from the kingdom of God."

Not far?! How can the scribe be distant in *any* way if he understands these commandments and accepts them as most important for the kingdom of heaven?

But here is the thing to see. What person among us loves God with all his heart? Who loves his neighbour as himself? If obeying these commandments is the most important thing for getting into heaven, what hope is there for anybody?

The answer is—Jesus. He is the Savior, who came to rescue people from their failures to obey the most important commandments.

All true hope of the kingdom of heaven lies in him.

And so the scribe, who is next to Jesus, is not far from the kingdom of heaven in more than one sense.

Eleonore Stump

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

In this month of November, we Catholics remember in a special way all those who have died. We pray for and to our loved ones who have passed away, secure in the hope that they are, in the words from today's Gospel, "not far from the kingdom of God." Jesus teaches us today that loving God with all our being and loving our neighbour as ourselves will put us on the road to eternal life. Let us take that to heart as we thank and praise God for the promise of heaven.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Having just given the people the ten commandments, Moses extols them as a blessing, a way to grow and prosper and eventually reach the promised land. There they can declare their love for the Lord, as we do in the responsorial psalm. After hearing Hebrews praise Jesus as a high priest who has been made perfect forever, we hear him reveal the greatest commandment, which directs our love on two paths, toward God and toward neighbour. Listening to God's word, let us note the wonderful consequences of taking God's commands to heart.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 6: 2-6
Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 17
'I love you, Lord, my strength.'

Second Reading Hebrews 7: 23-28
Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12: 28-34
This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 3 NOVEMBER 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Elinor Crighton, Marlene Kenny, Saul Sangster, Peter Angus, Margaret Mackie, 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 Patricia Smith, David Dye and Claude Davis, whose anniversaries occur around this time. We also remember and pray for all those on our parish November lists. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON – 07821 624 124

FEASTS AND SOLEMNITIES

Monday 4 November
ST CHARLES BORROMEIO – MEMORIAL
Friday 8 November
BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS – MEMORIAL
Saturday 9 November
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA – FEAST

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER – BALGAY CEMETERY AT 2PM – STILL TIME TO JOIN US

There will be a parish service at the cemetery, visiting about four set locations and having a short service at each point. This will also include blessings of family graves. Please come and join other parishioners in remembering and praying for our loved ones at their gravesides in our 150th Anniversary Year since the founding of our church – St Joseph, Protector of the Church - in the year 1874.

SCIAF CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL 2024

It's here again! The chance to donate gifts you've received but not used: to take advantage of bargain prices: and to raise money for SCIAF, the Scottish member of the worldwide Catholic charity Caritas. The Gift Stall will be held after Mass on Sunday 24 November and again on Sunday 1 December. There will be a collection box in the church porch each Sunday before where you can put your donations, which must be brand new, please. Come and support SCIAF on those Sundays - and do some bargain Christmas shopping! Many thanks for your support.

Maggie Newell

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*.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

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.

MARGARET FORSYTH – would thank parishioners for their thoughts and prayers over the time of her recent ill health.

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

LET US REMEMBER – THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

During the month of November, we remember all who have gone before us in death, praying that they may be one with God in the kingdom of heaven. It is also a time of harvest, when farmers and gardeners in much of the country pick the last of their crops before winter comes. In another sense, we can think of our loved ones as being part of God's harvest, brought home to eternal life by God's mercy. May we too reap the rewards promised to us by our Saviour.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

 **Sunday 10th November** 
Lest We Forget