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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

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2025 – It's time for annual subscription renewal. Each number is £25 per annum and can be paid (instalments if you wish) in cash or by cheque payable to 'TRUSTEES RC DIOCESE DUNKELD 1'. £2 per number monthly Jan-Nov and £3 Dec available. Monthly draw with prizes of £100 and £25, with 3 prizes - £200, £100 and £50 in December. Numbers available, so see me if you wish to join or have a new number. Thanks - *Linda Gow*.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

EVITA – PARISH SOCIAL EVENT – payments for tickets for the block booking on Wednesday 27 November, Gardyne Theatre at 7.30pm are now required. Tickets are £14 each. To finalise the booking, contact and make payment to Helen Wylie ASAP. Helen's mobile 07751 542496. Many thanks.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – latest minutes displayed on the porch noticeboard. Please take time to read – thanks.

PRISONERS WEEK – 17 to 23 Nov – HEAR MY VOICE - visit www.prisonersweek.co.uk to learn more about those involved or affected by the justice system in Scotland. How much do you really know or understand? Hear their voices!

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

HONOUR

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus puts the scribes down. He says they wear odd clothes and make long prayers in order to get noticed; and they want to be noticed because they love being honoured. They also prey on widows.

Widows tend to have little money and less power. A person who preys on widows is really dishonourable. But the scribes are dishonourable even just in striving for honour, aren't they? If you saw your mother trying hard to get to be honoured by others, you'd be ashamed for her, wouldn't you? There is something shameful about trying to get honour.

It follows that Christians should not care about honour. In fact, if a person who seeks honour is shameful, then it seems that a person who strives not to care about honour is honourable. And so it seems that it ought to be a point of honour with Christians that they disdain honour.

But here things can begin to slide out of control.

Suppose you seek the honour of disdaining honour. Does *this* seeking after honour make you like the scribes? If it is shameful to seek after honour, is it *also* shameful to seek after the honour of disdaining honour?

And if it is shameful to strive for honour and also shameful to strive to disdain honour, is there any road at all to honour?

It is worth noticing that in the Gospel Reading, Jesus singles out a widow for honour. Poor as she is, she is giving from the little she has in order to help those who are needier than she is. Jesus praises her and points her out as an exemplar of goodness. To be praised by Jesus is to be honoured indeed!

So how did that widow get this singular honour?

The first thing to notice about her is that she wasn't striving for honour, as the scribes were. Although Jesus noticed her, she wasn't trying to get noticed.

And the second thing to notice about her is that she wasn't trying to disdain honour either. The only thing she was trying to do is to help those in need.

And so her behaviour shows the solution to the puzzle about honour. The only true road to honour is to love the good and pay no attention at all to honour one way or another.

Eleonore Stump

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

When am I like the widow, giving when it hurts?

When am I like the scribe, taking advantage of others?

When do I fail to recognize the generosity of God in my life?

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

November is the time when the Church remembers those who have gone before us. We remember today all those who have been killed fighting for their country, especially in the two world wars. The scriptures tell us that one day Jesus will return in glory as the world comes to an earth shattering conclusion. As frightening as the warnings are, they are accompanied by assurances that God remains with us. Always. Indeed, soon we will be reminded that Emmanuel means 'God is with us.' Jesus - Emmanuel - will return in glory at the end of time. Let us pray in thanksgiving today for God's abiding presence with us here on earth.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We meet two widows in today's readings who are models of generosity, giving all of what little they have. The widow of Zarephath uses the little flour and oil she has to bake a small cake for Elijah, who promises God's generosity many times over. The widow who gives two coins to the treasury is held up as an example by Jesus, for she too gave all she had. May these two poor widows from centuries ago teach us of true generosity.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Kings 17: 10-16

The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145

'My soul, give praise to the Lord.'

Second Reading Hebrews 9: 24-28

Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12: 38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 10 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 Gerard Gibson and Agnes McMahon, 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.**

ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND – FEAST

St Margaret, Queen of Scotland (c. 1045-1093) is the second patron of Scotland and was born in Hungary to an exiled family. Young and pious, she married King Malcolm III at Dunfermline; they had eight children. Noted for her generosity to the poor and recognised for her exemplary way of life as wife and mother, she also worked to bring the old Celtic Church into the mainstream of the Church in the rest of Europe. **Feast Day – Saturday 16 November.**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Sunday 10th November



Lest We Forget

We will remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and especially those 237 commemorated on the memorial tablet outside.

May they rest in peace.

At the end of the Mass today, the poppy wreath, from the altar here in the church, will be carried and placed on the memorial outside. Fr Greg will then lead us in prayer for a few minutes. A piper will play a lament.

Please join us at this time.

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 from this Sunday 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*

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 03/11/24

Loose Plate £181 Gift Aid Envelopes £182

Standing Orders £259 Mortuary Chapel £0

TOTAL £622

2nd Collection Next Sunday – Catholic Education Service

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON – 07821 624 124

LAST SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER – BALGAY CEMETERY

Many thanks to all the parishioners and friends who joined us at Balgay Cemetery last Sunday afternoon for a short service of remembrance for All Souls. Fr Greg, Deacon Ron and three altar servers – Emmanuel, Vera and Michael – led us to four service points where we had prayers, readings, blessings and sang hymns. Fr also prayed and gave blessings at family graves. It was a special way to remember those gone before us. God provided special weather to us as well! Thanks to all who helped, planned, came along and made this possible. Shall we repeat next year?

WHAT YOU ARE IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU
WHAT YOU BECOME IS YOUR GIFT TO GOD

DEACON RON WYLIE

We were all saddened when Deacon Ron made known at the end of the Mass last Sunday that he was going to retire. Even he was very emotional and upset when announcing his decision, having reached his eightieth birthday earlier in October. He will be greatly missed as the Deacon of St Joseph's. Fr Greg thanked him for his devoted service over many years and there was very warm applause from us all. We will arrange an appropriate parish celebration to mark Deacon Ron's retirement when we will have the opportunity to thank him and celebrate with him, Helen and other family members. Happy retirement blessings.