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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)

**HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON – 07821 624 124**

### FEASTS AND SOLEMNITIES

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MEMORIAL

**Thursday 21 November**

Mary spent much of her childhood in the Temple and we are reminded in the readings today of her total dedication to God's will. She is celebrated because she put God first always.

#### ST CECILIA – MEMORIAL

**Friday 22 November**

St Cecilia is venerated as a virgin and martyr of Rome. In the second or third century she refused to worship the pagan gods and was beheaded. In the Trastevere church of Santa Cecilia, there is a recumbent sculpture of the martyr with three fingers extended, still proclaiming the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity; this image reproduces how her body was found when the tomb was opened in 1599.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I balance the vigilance I am called to exercise in anticipation of the end of the world with the comfort I take in God's merciful presence?

# St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

### WINNING AND LOSING

In the First Reading and also in the Gospel Reading, there is a prophecy about a time to come that will be very bad. The First Reading says that in that bad time God's people will escape the trouble. In another Gospel, Jesus says that in that bad time Christians will be hated, afflicted, and killed (Mt 24:9).

So what does happen to Christians in bad times? Do they lose and lose and lose, as the Gospel of Matthew says? Or do they win by escaping the trouble, as the First Reading says?

But what is losing? Is losing a matter of being hated, afflicted and killed? Christ was hated, afflicted and killed, too. And yet Christ did not lose on the cross, did he? He won.

And here we should notice that, in both the First Reading and the Gospel Reading, there are *two* endings of the story of a human life, not just one. There is the end of the story in this world, when Christ's true disciples will be hated and afflicted. And then there is the real and final end of the story, at the last judgment, where each person will see himself as he really is.

At that last chapter of each human story, the First Reading says, some people will be seen as the horror and disgrace that they really are. Others will shine like the splendour of the stars.

The winners in the battle of life, those who shine like stars, are those who have turned many to justice, the First Reading says. Acting with courage and integrity for justice, goodness, and truth can get a person hated, afflicted, and even killed, can't it?

And now we can see what it is to escape bad times. Escaping is not a matter of living at ease in prosperity, honoured by the world around you. Escaping is managing not to be turned into a horror and a disgrace by your own cooperation with the evil all around you that masquerades as good.

*This* is an escape that God will give anyone who is willing to take up his cross daily.

And so the losing that is the cross, the willingness to be hated and afflicted for the sake of justice—that is the way to the final winning where God's people shine with the splendour of the stars.

*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

Today and next Sunday we celebrate the final Sundays of the liturgical year. The readings at this time of year traditionally focus on the last days: the time when this world will come to an end. Consequently, we hear of tribulations and horrors, of "a time unsurpassed in distress." We may scoff at such "The world is ending!" paranoia, but in the back of our minds we know that one day, one way or another, the earth will be no more. May our trust in a loving and merciful God console us. Today is also the World Day of Prayer for the Poor., instituted by Pope Francis in 2016.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today we hear two great examples of apocalyptic literature, a style of writing that prophesies about the end of the world. Both Daniel and Jesus hope to arouse a sense of urgency if not fear in their listeners. Phrases like "everlasting horror" and "stars . . . falling from the sky" will do that! Even as we hear the many foreboding visions, let us also listen for words of hope, trusting in a God whose generosity remains unsurpassed.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Daniel 12: 1-3

When that time comes, your own people will be spared.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 15

**'Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.'**

**Second Reading** Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mark 13: 24-32

He will gather his chosen from the four winds.

### PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 17 NOVEMBER 2024

**Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish** – Marlene Kenny, Kath MacPherson, Elinor Crighton, Saul Sangster, Peter Angus, 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 Marjory Robson, who has died recently, and Eileen Marra, Sandy Lonie, Stanley Pennycook, Findlay Harvey, Patrick McAvoy, Alfie Byrne, Kevin Foster, Joe Gallagher, Susan McAllister, Bridie McCabe and Leslie Robson, 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.**

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 10/11/24

Loose Plate £132 Gift Aid Envelopes £187

Standing Orders £259 Mortuary Chapel £0

**TOTAL £578**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection TODAY – CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

### SCIAF CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL – NEXT 2 SUNDAYS

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 where you can put your donations, which must be **brand new**, please. Come and support your parish SCIAF group on these Sundays - and do some bargain Christmas shopping! Many thanks for your support. *Maggie Newell*

### 200 CLUB 2024 – NOVEMBER DRAW

Congratulations to the winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100** – Ticket number 31 – Katherine Galloway

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £25** – Ticket number 117 – Catherine Blues

Big 2024 draw in December – prizes of £50 - £100 - £200.

Please remember to renew your ticket numbers for 2025.

**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 AND DIARY DATES (DD)

**NEXT SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER** – Fr Greg is attending the Mass at the Cathedral and Mgr Ken McCaffrey will be the celebrant at our Sunday Mass at 10.00am.

**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.

**PRISONERS WEEK – 17 to 23 Nov – HEAR MY VOICE** - visit [www.prisonersweek.co.uk](http://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!

**SCIAF UPDATE AT ST JOSEPH'S** – Lorraine Currie, the new SCIAF Chief Executive, will be holding a meeting here on Thursday 28 November at 12.00 noon. Please come along and hear about SCIAF's work worldwide. All welcome. (DD)

**CAROL SINGALONG** – on Tuesday 3 December at 7.00pm. This event is a real treasure so do come along and enjoy. More details in next week's news. (DD)

**SCIAF ADVENT SERVICE 2024** - Our annual Advent Service for peace in the Holy Land will take place on **Sunday 15 December at 3.00 pm**. More than ever, we need to come together to pray that a lasting solution can be found. (DD)

**CECILIAN CHOIR AT CHRISTMAS** – a short concert is being planned, to be held on **Monday 16 December at 7.00pm** in the church. More details will follow shortly. (DD)

**SECOND COLLECTION** - this supports the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which **promotes and protects our Catholic schools** in issues of national significance, and supports our schools, parishes and dioceses.