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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)

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 17/11/24

Loose Plate £162      Gift Aid Envelopes £166

Standing Orders £259      Mortuary Chapel £0

**TOTAL £587**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE - £81**

**NEXT SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – POOR MISSION FUND**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**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

**SCIAF ADVENT SERVICE 2024** - for peace in the Holy Land will take place on Sunday 15 December at 3.00 pm.

**CECILIAN CHOIR AT CHRISTMAS** – a concert will be held on Monday 16 December at 7.00pm in the church.

# St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

### THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW

In the Gospel Reading, Christ is being held by Pilate, who holds him in his power. In the next part of the story, as we know, Christ is on the cross: poor, dishonoured, in pain, and dying.

Christ's willingness to accept these afflictions sets the standard for all Christians, and it turns all worldly standards upside down. What most people reject as the worst things in life turns out in Christ's crucifixion to be the prize-winning goods. On the cross Christ makes manifest that real *winning* is what looks to the world like losing. And *vice versa* too, of course. There is something small and unworthy about a life lived totally at ease.

That is why Paul says that all things work together for good for those who love God—*all things* (Rom. 8:28). Our sins are included in that "all things," not just our suffering. When Paul pleaded with God to right then take away a sin of Paul's that Paul was impatient with, God told him, "My grace is sufficient for you." (2 Cor. 12:9).

But now notice in the Second Reading the very different picture of Christ and of the standard of excellence for Christ's people.

The Second Reading shows us Christ not as poor, dishonoured, and suffering but as the king of kings, the most powerful and honoured of all rulers. And it shows us Christ's people in the same way: not as afflicted with Christ-like suffering, but glorious in Christ's kingdom. In that picture, all Christ's people are honoured priests for God, and they are also freed from their sin— not some of their sins, but *all* of them.

So which of these two pictures—of Christ, of Christ's people—should set the standard for us, the goal at which we aim?

The answer, of course, is "Both of them!"

There is a time for suffering, when all worldly values and all earthly desires are turned upside down, a time when we struggle with sin and suffering. But there is also a time when things turn right-side up again and then all struggle ends.

At that time, each one of Christ's people will say of every affliction, "*That was then; this is now!*" Only that "now," when all sin and suffering falls away, is an everlasting now.

And the cross is the way to it.

*Eleonore Stump*

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### WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S – 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 2024

We are so pleased to welcome Monsignor Ken McCaffrey to St Joseph's today to lead us in our Sunday Mass.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

On the final Sunday of the Church year we celebrate Jesus Christ's unique role as ruler over the entire world. He did not become king by conquering other nations, nor by popular acclaim. No, he became king by willingly suffering and dying for our sins and leading us to eternal glory with God. He gave us a glimpse of the kingdom during his earthly life, but we know that he continues to reveal himself in the poor, the weak, and the marginalised; in the Church as we gather in his name; and in the Eucharist we receive and consume each Sunday.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In today's first reading, we hear Daniel's vision of a Son of man receiving kingship from God over an eternal dominion. As Christians, we understand this prophecy to be fulfilled in Jesus, who often referred to himself as the Son of Man. We also hear a vision from Revelation in which Jesus comes again in glory. The Gospel narrates the scene in which Jesus is questioned by Pilate about his kingship, which he cannot understand. Let us listen to God's word, aware that Jesus came into the world to testify to the truth.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Daniel 7: 13-14

I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 92

**'The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.'**

**Second Reading** Apocalypse 1: 5-8

Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 18: 33-37

It is you who say that I am a king.

## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 24 NOVEMBER 2024

**Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish** – Marlene Kenny, Kath MacPherson, Margaret Mackie, Elinor Crichton, 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 Mary Traynor and Marjory Robson, who have died recently, and William Wylie, Terry Foy, Frances McFarlane and Edward McShane, 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.**

**CAROL SINGALONG** – this will be held on Tuesday 3 December, in the church porch, at 7.00pm. There will be a mixture of traditional Christmas carols and other seasonal Christmas songs. Refreshments will be served. This event is joyous so if you are planning to come, please add your name/s to the list on the porch desk. Not to be missed!

## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU AND CELEBRATION!

This October marks three incredible years since I and my family joined the vibrant community of St Joseph's RC Church. I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for the unwavering support that we have received from the parish, SVDP, J&P, Sisters of Charity, and countless individual members and families within the parish. Your kindness has provided my family and me with essential necessities, including food, clothing, toiletries and more. Your generosity has been a constant source of comfort and encouragement. I'm thrilled to share that I have recently completed my nursing studies and I attribute this achievement to your collective support. I invite you all to join with me today for a Thanksgiving celebration. Me and my husband and children will dance to the altar today with the offertory and there will be light refreshments to enjoy after the Mass. Please support us today, join in the dance, stay after Mass for a short time. Your love and support have made a profound impact on my life. With our love - Chinwe, Ignatius and our children, Vera, Emily and Michelle.

## FEASTS AND SOLEMNITIES

**Memorial of St Fergus**

**Wednesday 27 November**

**ST ANDREW – SOLEMNITY**

**Saturday 30 November**

St Andrew the Apostle is Principal Patron of Scotland. Born in Bethsaida at the Sea of Galilee, he was a follower of John the Baptist before he was a disciple of Christ, to whom he brought Peter, his brother. Along with Philip, he presented some Gentiles to Jesus and, in the gospel, is named as the person who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes. It is said that he evangelised in Asia Minor and Scythia before being crucified in Achaia, Western Greece. The iconography of the martyrdom of Andrew – showing him bound to an X-shaped cross – does not appear to have been standardised until the later Middle Ages.

## SCIAF CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL – STARTS TODAY!!!

**BARGAIN GIFTS - BARGAIN PRICES – JUST LOOK AND BUY**

We have loads and loads of unused gifts that have been donated and all the monies raised is for a great cause – SCIAF, the Scottish member of the worldwide Catholic charity Caritas. The gift stall will be here again next week, so if you have any further new and unused items that you want to donate – THERE IS STILL TIME! Come and visit us in the porch after Mass – support SCIAF and bag some bargains! Thanks to donators and buyers. *Maggie Newell*

## WINTER WARMERS CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

Appeal by the charity Eagles Wings, who supports rough sleepers and other homeless persons in Dundee. Please support this year's appeal for hats, gloves, thick socks and scarves. If you have any unused items that you can spare, or items that you could buy and then donate, please bring them along to the church. There will be a collection box for them in the porch. Our grateful thanks - *J & P Group*.

**INSTEAD OF A CHRISTMAS CARD...** why not send greetings to your parishioner friends in this newsletter? For a small contribution to SCIAF you can put your unique Christmas seasonal message to all and support our vital Scottish Catholic charity work – fuller details next week.