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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

HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON – 07821 624 124

ADVENT CALENDAR – full programme on noticeboard

22/12/24	Sunday	10.00am	Mass in Church
24/12/24	Tuesday	7.00pm	Carols in Church
24/12/24	Tuesday	7.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
25/12/24	Wednesday	10.00am	Christmas Day Mass

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 15 DECEMBER 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Marlene Kenny, Margaret Mackie, Saul Sangster, Peter Angus, Rena Samson, 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 Antoinetta Roszowski, who has died recently, and for Fay Sinclair, Honor Conway, Wendy Davis, Canon Augustine Klein, Tom Brown, Fr Ned Durkin and George Veal, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN SUPPORT OF SCIAF

Thank you to Fr Gregory and all my friends at St Joseph's for your prayers and intentions for me during these last months.

May you have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Marlene and Brian Kenny

Monica and Kevin Veal and Family send their best wishes to all fellow parishioners for Christmas and 2025.

Albert and Cathie Soave would like to wish all of the parishioners of St Joseph's (those who are able to attend and those worshipping at home) a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Wishing all at St Joseph's a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Linda Gow

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Love, Joy and Peace.

Ron and Helen Wylie

Elinor Crighton and family wish all friends and parishioners at St Joseph's a joyous Christmas.



Margaret Forsyth would like to wish all friends, Fr Greg and the congregation of St Joseph's a very Holy Christmas and best wishes for 2025.

Moira Farquharson wishes everyone a happy Christmas and peace and good health in the new year.

Wishing Fr Greg, Deacon Ron, Mrs Wylie and all parishioners and friends – Merry Christmas and very best wishes for 2025. **Irene Blaney**

Jack and Patricia Smith wish Fr Greg and all St Joseph parishioners a "Happy and Holy Christmas and a merry and prosperous New Year".

Graeme and Theresa Prophet would like to wish Father Greg, friends and parishioners a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Christmas Greetings to all parishioners and friends at St Joseph's and may you all have a Happy New Year.

Betty Page

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

We will hear it at least a few times over the next two weeks: "It's better to give than to receive." We recognize this when we see the expressions of joy in a child's face or tears of appreciation from a parent or spouse when they open a gift we've given them. Jesus himself said the same words to his disciples, though in a context more like the one we hear today with John the Baptist preaching to the crowds to share what they have with those who have less. As we prepare for the Lord's coming, let us share from the bounty the Lord has blessed us with and give to those in need. In our hearts, may we continually relearn the blessings of giving.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We hear Paul say, "The Lord is near," in the second reading today and we can count so many ways this is so. We're just ten days away from Christmas, for one. In a little while we will receive the Lord in the Eucharist. The Lord is here when two or more gather in his name. The Lord is near to us always, by virtue of our baptism. Right now, the Lord is here in the form of God's word. Warmed by the Lord's presence, let us listen for his voice in the words of scripture.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Zephaniah 3: 14-18

The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12: 2-6

'Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Second Reading Philippians 4: 4-7

The Lord is very near.

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3: 10-18

What must we do?

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 08/12/24

Loose Plate £134 Gift Aid Envelopes £170

Standing Orders £259 Lectionary Donations (new) £30

TOTAL £593

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

NEW LECTIONARY – can you assist us with this cost?

A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, came into use in Scotland on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. If you can assist us with the parish cost of **£1,365** for these new books, envelopes are available on the porch desk, and you can also give with Gift Aid. **Please try to help us with this if you can.**

JUSTICE & PEACE SERVICE – 15 DECEMBER - TODAY

This service shall take its usual form and start at 3.00pm and should last about 40 minutes. In addition, from 1.30pm the members of our group will be giving Advent readings and playing music to prepare us for the coming of our Saviour at Christmas. Please take the time to come along to both or one of these parts, and escape from the frantic hustle and bustle which now surrounds Christmas. Thanks -*Jack Smith*

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Enjoy an evening of Carols, old and new, in St Joseph's Church, Wilkies Lane, Dundee.

Monday 16 December at 7.00pm.

Performance by the Cecilian Choir and Dundee Harp Group.

Light refreshments after will be provided.

There will be a retiral collection for St Joseph's organ fund. Please join us for this special music event – all welcome.

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 Scottish Catholic charity work – so vital across the world today. The cost will be a donation amount of your choice. Just write out your greeting, put it in an envelope with your donation and drop it into the offertory collection basket, or give to a member of the SCIAF group. You can also email your message direct to john.sinclair9@outlook.com All messages will go in the newsletter on Sunday 22 December.

LAST CHANCE - YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO SEND EMAIL!

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. **The 3-prize Christmas draw will take place next Sunday.** Thanks - *Linda Gow*.

EAGLES WINGS WINTER WARMERS – during this past week your donations were taken to their support centre and the volunteers were delighted and send their grateful thanks. As the weather turns even colder, there will be more demand on their services. If you have any serviceable winter clothes, coats, jackets, shoes, boots for both men and women they would be happy to receive them. Also, there is demand for toiletries for the showers that they provide. Box will be left out over the next two weeks if you can assist more. Many thanks – The Justice & Peace Group

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR GIFT IDEAS? What about looking at the range of Real Gifts that SCIAF has available through their catalogue on display at the back of the church. Can also be viewed on-line at SCIAF Real Gifts Store. These Real Gifts will help change lives and support families.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS GREENERY – please assist us in decorating the church starting at 10.30am tomorrow. Come and help.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – latest final minutes displayed on the porch noticeboard. Please read these.

FUNERAL MASS – the funeral of Antoinetta Roszowski will take place here on Monday 23 December at 10.00am.

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.