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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

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN SUPPORT OF SCIAF


I would like to wish my fellow parishioners a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sonia Molinari

Maggie and Alan Newell would like to send Christmas greetings and very best wishes for the New Year to all St Joseph's parishioners. Blessings and peace.

Ally and Veronica Crighton wish all St Joseph's parishioners a Peaceful and Joyful Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

St Joseph's Social Group send Christmas greetings to all

"We whisk  you a Merry Christmas!"

Have yourself a Merry little Christmas.

From John and Margaret



St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN SUPPORT OF SCIAF

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.

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

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

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



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

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

Linda Gow

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

Betty Page

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

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

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

Margaret Forsyth would like to wish Father Greg, friends and congregation of St Joseph's a very Happy Christmas and healthy 2025. I would also thank you for all your prayers during this year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Love, Joy and Peace.

Ron and Helen Wylie

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Christmas is so close now that we can nearly taste it! Children can hardly contain their excitement while adults panic about all they still need to do. But for now, let us consider Mary and Joseph, just days before she would give birth, struggling to make their way up an unfamiliar and dangerous road, hoping to make it to a warm, comfortable place to stay in the city of David. As we well know, nice warm places were no longer available, but it all worked out, even if not exactly as they had hoped. May we keep that in mind during these final days of preparing our hearts and our homes for Jesus' birth.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Drawing closer to Christmas, we sing, "Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved." Micah turned to Bethlehem and saw the face of the Messiah. Elizabeth saw and heard her pregnant cousin and recognized the face of the Lord. Even John the Baptist in his mother's womb turned to Mary's voice and leaped for joy. May we see the face of God in God's word, in the spirit of the season, and in the people we know and love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Micah 5: 1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79

'God of hosts, bring us back;

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.'

Second Reading Hebrews 10: 5-10

Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1: 39-44

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 15/12/24

Loose Plate £108 Gift Aid Envelopes £198

Standing Orders £259 Lectionary Donations (new) £155

TOTAL £720

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, just put 'GA and your name on the front of the envelope'. **Please try to help us with this if you can.**

HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON – 07821 624 124

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS – CECILIAN CHOIR – TODAY!

The annual Festival of Carols by the Cecilian Choir in the Cathedral on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sunday 22 December) at 3 p.m. Bishop Andrew McKenzie will preside.

STILL LOOKING FOR GIFT IDEAS? What about the range of Real Gifts that SCIAF has available. See catalogue in porch. These 'Gifts' can change lives and support families.

FATHER GREG'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO US ALL

May I wish all parishioners (both here and at home), visitors and friends at St Joseph's a blessed, holy and peaceful Christmas as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Greg

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 22 DECEMBER 2024

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Marlene Kenny, Irene McKay, 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 Dave Taylor, Fr Andrew Walls, Catherine Hill, Cathie Macdonald, Jack McAinsh, Findlay Sinclair, Karen Blanchflower, Theresa Ogilvie and Brenda Welsh, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AT ST JOSEPHS

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

Carol Service at 7.00pm

Holy Mass at 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

Holy Mass at 10.00am

Sunday 29th December

Feast of the Holy Family

Holy Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 1st January

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Mass at 10.00am

NEWS AND INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS GREENERY – many thanks to all those who provided greenery and helped dress the church on Monday.

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC – held last Monday and was beautiful. Thanks to Mary Veal – Cecilian Choir – Dundee Harp Group – Social Group – for a great evening!

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS – there was a presentation to Mary Veal – gifts and thanks – for the music and chorus that she composed for our special Mass last January.

200 CLUB CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW – will be held today! 3 great prizes of £200, £100 and £50 – good luck to everyone. Don't forget to renew your numbers for the 200 Club 2025.

DEACON RON – was given warm thanks and gifts by St Joseph's School for his great support to the children and staff over many years. He will be greatly missed by them all.

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

EAGLES WINGS WINTER WARMERS – still on-going and so necessary as support for homeless men and women. If you have any serviceable winter clothes, coats, jackets, shoes, boots and toiletries all required. Box in porch thanks.