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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)

### HOMILY HELP

When they are called by the Lord, both Isaiah and Peter initially insist that they are unworthy. After Isaiah calls himself unclean, an angel touches his mouth with an ember from the altar, purging him of his sin. Jesus doesn't explicitly absolve Peter of his sins, but he responds to Peter's protestations by saying, "Do not be afraid" (Luke 5:10), reassuring him that his sinfulness is not a deal-breaker. He wants Peter to be a fisher of others, despite his being a sinful man. We are sinners as well, but that doesn't mean Jesus wants us to wait until we are perfect before responding to his call. That would be an awfully long wait! "Do not be afraid," Jesus tells us now. Just follow.

### HOMILY HELP

We are not told what Jesus taught the crowds when he was a short distance from the shore. But when he finished, he asked Peter to "put out into deep water" to catch fish (Luke 5:4). Assuredly, it made sense to go out to deeper water to find more fish, but it also foreshadowed what Peter would come to find out over the next few years. Peter would get into deep water, sometimes literally, in following Jesus on his mission.

# St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

### LIFE AFTER DEATH

In the First Reading, Isaiah dates a religious vision not by a day but by a death: "... in the year that King Uzziah died." There are some things so painful for a person that events in his life can be dated by them: "in the year my wife died"; "in the year we lost our mom"; "in the year the hurricane devastated the town." An affliction of this sort divides a whole life into before and after: there is the life you had before your wife died, and then there is the life you have afterwards, after the death of your wife and the death of everything that made up your life together.

Sometimes in unbearable grief such as that stemming from the death of someone so loved, a person doesn't know how to stand under his sorrow. A heartbroken person has lost something central to him; and a person can fall apart when the centre doesn't hold.

In those circumstances, a grieved and suffering person can want to die then too; he can want to come to the Lord too. When King Uzziah died, Isaiah came before the Lord too, but only in a vision, where the doorposts shook and the house filled up with smoke.

The problem is that you can't really come to the Lord before your time on earth is over, and falling apart under grief gets you only an increase of sorrow. Isaiah responded to that vision of the Lord by saying "Woe is me! I am doomed!"

This is not the end of the story for Isaiah, though. An angel seared Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal.

And then Isaiah opened his mouth and offered to serve the Lord. When God asked, "whom shall I send?" Isaiah said, "Here I am. Send me." All his most important service for the Lord came after the death that dates his vision and that changed his life.

When Isaiah himself finally died and came to the Lord, three kings later, he had become the foremost prophet of Israel. Because in the end he didn't fall apart but lived after King Uzziah's death, he produced the great prophecies of the Messiah that even now give the whole world hope.

If you can stand under your sorrow, rather than falling apart, then through the searing grief can come a new life, a good life that was unimaginable to you before. If you can stand and live into the period of your life after the destruction of your heart's desire, then God's grace can bring life out of death for you.

*Eleonore Stump*

LIFE IS TO LIVE IN SUCH A WAY  
THAT WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO DIE

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### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we hear how two key figures in the Bible—Isaiah and Peter—are called. God calls Isaiah in a vision. Jesus calls Simon Peter after performing a miracle. Though both go on to great things on the Lord's behalf, each initially feels unworthy of their call. Only after being reassured do they respond affirmatively. We may well feel unworthy ourselves of a call to join Jesus on his mission. Let us consider how we can still respond as Isaiah did: "Here I am . . . send me."

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

God calls Isaiah in a vision - a vision Isaiah finds overwhelming and humbling. Once reassured, however, he volunteers to serve the LORD. Paul points out that Jesus appeared to him only after calling hundreds of disciples. Because he had persecuted Jesus' followers, he felt unworthy. Yet he accepted his call. Finally, we hear Jesus call Simon Peter, James, and John, who realized their sinfulness, but left their boats behind and followed him. May they lead us by their example.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Isaiah 6: 1-8

Here I am, send me.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 137

**'Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.'**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

**Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Luke 5: 1-11

They left everything and followed him.

### PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 9 FEBRUARY 2025

**Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish** – Bethany Williamson, Irene McKay, Margaret Forsyth, 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 Marlene Kenny, Ian Armstrong and Margaret Armstrong, who have died recently, and James Flynn, Sarah Leiper, Jack Ferrie, May Sinclair, Frank Coyle, Rita Knapp, John Patrick Mulligan, Bruce Pennycook, Martha Black, Chris Breen, May Grieve, Dave Chalmers, Marie Bell Dewar and Elizabeth Murphy, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 02/02/25

Loose Plate £123 Gift Aid Envelopes £147

Standing Orders £259 Lectionary Donations £85

**TOTAL £614**

**NEXT SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – THE ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENT FUND**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

### BISHOP ANDREW MCKENZIE

Our new Bishop will preside at our Sunday Mass today at 10.00am. I know that he is looking forward to meeting us all and will join with us for refreshments after the service. Please stay and give him a very special welcome on his first visit to our beautiful church of St Joseph's.

### MARLENE KENNY - may she rest in peace

The Reception of Remains service for Marlene will be held on Tuesday 18 February at 5.00pm and her Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 19 February at 10.00am both in our church here at St Joseph's. Please come to support Marlene's family at this time.

### FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

**ST SCHOLASTICA - MEMORIAL**

**Monday 10 February**

St Scholastica (480-543) was the twin sister of St Benedict. She set up a community of religious women near his monastery at Monte Cassino. She is honoured as founding the Benedictine Family of female members.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

**Tuesday 11 February**

**OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes commemorates the eighteen appearances of Our Blessed Lady to St Bernadette Soubirous in 1855 in her home village in the south of France. Our Lady called for pilgrims to come to pray and do penance. Pope St John Paul II made this a Day of Prayer throughout the Church for all who are sick, connecting with the prominent place given to sick people in Lourdes.

**ST CYRIL AND ST METHDIUS – FEAST Friday 14 February**

St Cyril (826-869) and St Methodius (815-885) were brothers, born at Thessalonica, Greece, who spread the Faith in Moravia. They translated liturgical texts into Slavonic, using the Cyrillic alphabet which they devised.

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – Tuesday 11 February

Each year on February 11, the Catholic Church marks the World Day of the Sick. This is a time to offer prayers for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Catholic Church marks this annual World Day on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In his Message for the 33<sup>rd</sup> World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis says God remains close to those who suffer, through encounter, gift, and sharing. Pope Francis concludes his Message with a special word for those who are sick and suffering, reminding them that they have an "especially important" part to play in the Jubilee. "Your journey together is a sign of hope for everyone, 'a hymn of dignity, a song of hope'."

### ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB – 2024 REVENUE

A very **BIG** thank you to all those who subscribe to St Joseph's 200 Club. For 2024 we can declare funds of **£1,874** towards the ever-increasing running costs of our church. Your continued generous support is truly appreciated. Many thanks - **Linda Gow**.

**NEW LECTIONARY PARISH COST** - if you can assist us with the parish cost of **£1,365** for these new books, envelopes are available on the porch desk. You can also give with Gift Aid, put **GA** and your **name** on the envelope front. **Together, we have donated £739 so far – can we raise a little more?**