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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

HOMILY HELP

Just last weekend we heard Jesus call his first disciples: Simon Peter, James, and John. Today we hear him talking to a much larger audience, though Luke says he was looking at his disciples when he spoke. Much as he explicitly called them to follow him on his mission, today we hear him implicitly call them to live by a different set of values. Then, as now, people naturally valued wealth and happiness and sufficiency. If Jesus had preached in support of these, many people would have been pleased. After all, wasn't success in life a sign that God smiled upon them? But no. Jesus tells them just the opposite. It is the poor who will inherit the kingdom of God. It is the hungry, the grief-stricken, and the maligned who will "rejoice and leap for joy" (Luke 6:23). This radical, countercultural call to his disciples then is his radical, countercultural call to us disciples now.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

What about my life is Jesus calling me to change so that I may be blessed? If I have plenty of money, food, and happiness, what can I do to be blessed?

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St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

THE END OF THE STORY

Eleonore Stump

In the Second Reading, Paul says that if Christ is not raised, your faith is in vain.

This is a hard saying. Faith is meant to make a person fruitful, like a tree planted by running water, as the Psalm says. Why would a person not be fruitful if he thought there was no resurrection?

Well, the fruits of a life are the fruits of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Here are the first four: love, joy, peace, and patience. If God is indwelling within you, then he is present in love to you; and love, joy, and peace come from the presence of your Lord. It is easier to wait in patience through the afflictions of this life if God is with you, too.

And here we should notice that you can lose the fruits of the Spirit and become a fruitless person whose faith is in vain in different ways.

The First Reading says that you will be like a dried up plant if you put your trust in the things of this world. You can lose your job or your health or your spouse, for example. And then, if you trusted in the things of this world, you would become bitter because your career or your life or your relationships would have failed to be what you trusted they would be. You wouldn't be fruitful in love, joy, and peace in that condition.

But you can go wrong another way too. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that those who are hungry and weeping and hated are blessed. If you think there is no resurrection, you will think that being in so miserable a condition is the best you will ever have. And then you will certainly lack love, joy, peace, and patience. Then you will be both bitter and self-congratulatory in the mistaken view that you are spiritually advanced because you are taking the denying of yourself as a good in itself.

So for your faith to be fruitful, you do need to believe that there is a life after this one, where there is no more hunger, weeping, or hatred. If you grasp that, after the crucifixion of this life, there is the life of the resurrection when God himself will wipe all tears away, then and only then will you be fruitful in love, joy, peace, and patience.

HOMILY HELP

St Paul reminds us that our belief in the resurrection gives us the hope that we may live eternally in the kingdom of God. Jesus himself lived a life involving no possessions, much grief, and strong opposition, which eventually led to his execution. His reward is indeed great in heaven. That reward is now our reward, for he has won us our salvation.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Jesus teaches us today about the kingdom of God, our eternal hope. There, those who are now poor or hungry or grieving or maligned will be rewarded. Luke adds that Jesus warns the people who came to listen to him that those who are rich and satisfied will suffer later. God's values are not society's values. Whose values do we imitate? Let us pray that we may align our values with those of God's kingdom and live them out in bringing Jesus' Good News to those in need.

Today is Racial Justice Day which draws attention to our willingness to be open and welcoming to everyone whatever their origin or colour.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jeremiah warms us up for the Gospel today by speaking of whom God blesses and whom God curses. Using imagery from nature, he drives home his message: trust in the LORD. Jesus' message echoes Jeremiah's, blessing those whom society treats as outcasts and warning those who have it made by social standards. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us put our hope in he who has power over death itself, a hope rejected by those who live life, as Paul wrote, "for this life only."

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 17: 5-8

A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 1

'Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.'

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

If Christ has not been raised, your believing is useless.

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you. Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6: 17, 20-26

How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 16 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, Ina King, Ian Armstrong and Margaret Armstrong, who have died recently, and Liliias Coyle, Brian Smith, John and Margaret Clink, James Smith and Thomas Gallacher, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

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. Canon Kevin will concelebrate at the Requiem Mass. Please come to support Marlene's family at this time.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

LAST SUNDAY 09/02/25

Loose Plate £112 Gift Aid Envelopes £302
Standing Orders £259 Lectionary Donations £70

TOTAL £743

Lectionary Donations - £40, £20, £10 = £70

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

THE ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENT FUND

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

200 CLUB 2025 – FEBRUARY DRAW – held last Sunday

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize £100 Ticket Number 110 – Susan Thomson

2nd Prize £25 Ticket Number 88 – Iris Stirrat

SCIAF LENTEN MEETING 2025 TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Michael Hamilton, a SCIAF Community Engagement Officer, will be coming to St Joseph's Parish, Dundee to give a talk on this Jubilee Year's project, "**Pilgrims of Hope**". The Meeting will start at 11.00am and should last for about an hour. These meetings are very informative so please try to find time to come along. You will be made most welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided. Meeting in the church porch area. Many thanks – *Jack Smith*

FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE – FEAST Saturday 22 Feb

The Chair of St Petter the Apostle is a feast which emphasises the teaching authority of the Pope. The chair or cathedra is the place from where each bishop teaches his people and gives us the word "cathedral". The Pope presides over the whole Church and teaches us the Faith which unites us with each other.

FINANCE MATTERS – support for our Parish

Don't carry cash but want to make a donation?

Scan this QR code with your phone to make a donation. If you are a UK taxpayer then you can also Gift Aid your donation and the parish will be able to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate.

ST JOSEPH, DUNDEE



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MINUTE MEDITATION

The most dangerous type of atheism is not theoretical atheism, but practical atheism - that's the most dangerous type. And the world, even the church, is filled up with people who pay lip service to God and not life service. And there is always a danger that we will make it appear externally that we believe in God when internally we don't. We say with our mouths that we believe in him, but we live with our lives like he never existed. That is the ever-present danger confronting religion. That's a dangerous type of atheism.

Martin Luther King Jnr