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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

Today's Gospel has a lot to say about our eyes and our brother's (or sister's). But there is another pair of eyes to think about today: God's eyes. Over the last few weeks, we have heard Jesus teaching his disciples how to see the world through God's eyes. He told his disciples that God does not see poor people as misfortunate, but as the inheritors of the kingdom. Those who are hungry, grieving, or maligned will end up joyful. God foresees what we cannot. God calls us to love our enemies because God does not see enemies but fellow children of God. God sees us stumbling from the wooden beam in our eye and wants us to be healthy and whole. Let us pray for the grace to see our lives from God's eyes. How much differently will we see?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

What beam in my eye will I remove this Lent?

What fruit will I produce during Lent?

In other words, what two concrete things will I do to see more clearly and to contribute to Jesus' mission?

WHEN YOU FEEL YOU'RE 'DROWNING' IN LIFE'S SITUATIONS
DON'T WORRY - YOUR LIFEGUARD WALKS ON WATER

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

A GOOD TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUITS

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that every tree is known by its fruit. You can tell the difference between the good and the rotten trees by their fruits, he says; but he is really talking about us. But what are the good fruits that you have to bring forth to count as a good tree?

They are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Every person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells has the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Scripture lists nine fruits (see Galatians 5:22-23), but traditionally the Church has listed twelve.

Here is that list:

Love	Goodness	Modesty
Joy	Benevolence	Continence
Peace	Mildness	Chastity
Patience	Fidelity	
Longsuffering		

You'll see that I have divided the twelve into three unequal parts.

The first part has five fruits that have to do with your relation to the Lord. When you are a good tree, you have the Holy Spirit indwelling in you. With the indwelling Holy Spirit, you are your beloved Lord's, and he is yours in love and joy and peace. In that loving relationship, you can also bear better the troubles of this life, and so patience and long-suffering are on the list too.

The next four fruits have to do with your attitude towards your neighbour. When you are inclined to wish the good for your neighbour, you have goodness; and when you are inclined actually to help your neighbour in good ways, you have benevolence. You have mildness when you put up with a neighbour who is troublesome, and you have fidelity when you are inclined to forego getting revenge on him when he has been unjust to you.

Finally, the last three fruits have to do with your attitudes about yourself. You have modesty when you are inclined to be content even if you are not the centre of everyone's attention. You have continence if you are inclined to discipline yourself with regard to morally acceptable things. You manage to get your exercise in because you got yourself to turn the TV off, for example. And you have chastity if you are inclined to discipline yourself about those things that tempt you but that are not morally acceptable.

If you have all these good fruits of the Spirit, it will be easy to recognize you as the good tree that you are!

Eleonore Stump

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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

As we approach the penitential season of Lent, we hear a warning from Jesus about sin. Don't focus on the sins of your brother, your sister, or your neighbour; look at your own sins. Every year, Lent affords us the opportunity to recognize our sinfulness and our need for God's forgiveness, which Jesus offers us most dramatically on the cross. Gathered for Mass today on the eve of Lent, let us commit ourselves to recognizing our own faults and failures, repenting of our sins, and resolving to follow the Lord more faithfully.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We begin our journey into God's word today with some ancient proverbs, collected by Ecclesiasticus to teach morality. What we say and what we do reveal the kind of person we are. Paul explains that because of Jesus, sin has been defeated, and death cannot win in the end. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples about being blind to one's own sins while at the same time judging others for theirs. May today's readings lead us to examine our words and actions and reflect on what they reveal to others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Sirach 27: 4-7

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 91

'It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.'

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6: 39-45

A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 2 MARCH 2025

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – His Holiness Pope Francis, Albert Soave, Peter Angus, Bethany Williamson, Irene McKay, Margaret Forsyth, Saul Sangster, 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 Kevin Kane, Rev John Mackay, Ferdinando Soave and Thomas McBride, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE – 2025 - LAUNCHES

On Ash Wednesday, SCIAF launches the WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Appeal. This year's Lent Appeal focuses on the country of Columbia. In Columbia, violence lurks around every corner, displacing families, forcing children into crime, and leaving communities dominated by armed gangs. In Chocó, the poorest region, people face conflict, poverty and isolation, and feel forgotten by the world. This Lent, in this Jubilee year, let's give in hope and use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE.

To find out more, please visit – www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox

SEASON OF LENT – starting from Wednesday

Lent prepares for Easter, for the Lenten liturgy disposes both the faithful and catechumens to celebrate the Paschal mystery as the centre of the liturgical year and of the Christian life. Violet is the colour of the season.

Wednesday 5 March

ASH WEDNESDAY Fasting and Abstinence

The words that accompany the imposition of ashes on our foreheads at Mass are very similar to the words of the priest holding a handful of earth at the graveside: "for we are dust, and unto dust we shall return"; we are reminded of our mortality, and thus our need for God. The alternative words: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" invite us to turn from the ways leading to death and to embrace life in Christ.

There is a Church Mass at 10.00am for St Joseph's Primary School and parishioners/visitors on Ash Wednesday.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 23/02/25

Loose Plate £142 Gift Aid Envelopes £201

Standing Orders £259 Additional Offertories £100

Lectionary Donations £40 + £10 = £50

TOTAL £742

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

SPUC Dundee Branch with Dunkeld Diocese invite you to an **Afternoon for Life on Saturday 8 March** from 1.00pm until 4.30pm at Our Lady of Victories, Forebank Road (bottom hall). Tea and coffee from 12.30pm.

Speakers – Sr Roseanne, Sisters of the Gospel of Life, and Dr Eileen Riley, Consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology, plus an update on Assisted Dying Legislation.

For full details – see notice on porch noticeboard.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

NEXT TAIZÉ SERVICE – please join us for an hour of Taizé chant, music, Adoration and prayer in **St Joseph's Crypt Chapel** on Thursday 6 March at 7.00pm. All welcome.

HOME BAKING EVENT – this event is on **TODAY** so please support as you leave the church after Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – The World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday 7th March 2025 at 2.00pm in Barnhill St Margaret's Worship Centre in Broughty Ferry. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church hall.

SAFEGUARDING MEETING – would all parishioner volunteers who currently hold PVG accreditation advise John McKay if they **would / would not** be able to attend a short meeting in the church on Tuesday 1 April at 7.00pm.

ORGANATHON 2025 – Please support Friends of the Caird Hall Organ on Sat 8 March. See notice on board in the porch.

DEACON RON PRESENTATION

On Monday 24 February, Deacon Ron was presented with a Papal Blessing, gift vouchers and other gifts in thanks and recognition for his dedicated service to St Joseph's church and parishioners over the last 50 years. This 'surprise event' for Ron (after the shock) was well received and he thanks everyone for their love and support. His Papal Blessing is on display in the porch – so please have a look at it today.