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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

If we put ourselves into the position of one of the people in the crowd, we can appreciate how Jesus' words not only deter us from condemning others but also force us to look at our own failings. Our failings may not seem as great as those whom we condemn, but they still require God's mercy and forgiveness to restore our relationship with God and with others. One hopes that no one from this crowd, now cognisant of their own sinfulness, are part of the crowd whom we will hear next Sunday calling for the death of Jesus.

HOMILY HELP

In the first reading, Isaiah uses the image of water to describe God's grace. Like water, God's grace is necessary to sustain us. God causes it to flow where it is needed the most, like "water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland" (Isaiah 43:20). So it is with God's mercy. Just as we plead for and receive mercy from the Lord at the beginning of every Mass ("Lord, have mercy"), we are called to extend that mercy we have received to those in need of our forgiveness and compassion. We honour God when we direct the flow of God's mercy where it is needed the most.

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

CAUGHT AND SHAMED

In the Gospel Reading, the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They make her stand in the middle of the crowd, and they announce that she was caught in the very act of adultery.

The law of Moses prescribes stoning as the punishment for adultery. But it does not permit your doing anything you want to a person caught in adultery. It is clear, however, that the scribes and Pharisees are using this woman just as bait to catch Jesus, and they have no hesitation about shaming her terribly in the process.

Maybe that is one of the reasons Jesus looks down at the ground to write in the dirt. If he is looking down and she is standing up, then he isn't looking at her. And so he is protecting her in her shame by helping her be hidden from him, alone of all those men staring at her. In caring for her in this way, Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors.

And here's another thing to see. If this woman was caught in the very act of adultery, as her captors say, then there had to have been a man with her when she was caught. Where is he? Why isn't he here with her? Did the scribes and Pharisees just let him go? The law of Moses prescribes stoning him too.

The scribes and Pharisees are hypocritical, then; and Jesus catches them in it. He makes clear that they don't care enough about the law of Moses to keep it themselves. They melt away when Jesus tells them to let the ones without sin be the first to cast stones.

By that move, Jesus diminishes the woman's shame considerably, doesn't he? Only when it is clear that her accusers have been caught in their hypocrisy and shamed by it, does Jesus lift up his eyes and look at her.

And so, by his justice for her, and his mercy, Jesus catches her for the Lord. Of all those who came to Jesus because of her, she is the only one left standing by him at the end of the story. And she is the only one who calls him "Kyrie" ("Lord," "Sir").

Eleonore Stump

QUIET MOMENT

Martin Luther King Jr.

Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it, because those who are searching forget that the surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

This week, to whom can I extend the mercy that God has extended to me?

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

This jubilee year reminds us that we are pilgrims of hope. Our lives are a pilgrimage and the season of Lent is a concentration of that journey. This time of penitence, of sacrifice, and of suffering is our pilgrimage to the cross, the scene and sign of Jesus' greatest sacrifice. But our faith tells us that neither the cross nor death is the end. Therefore, we can be pilgrims of hope, confident that our journeys through Lent and through life will not end in death, but in new life. May our hope for salvation encourage us as we approach the holiest week of the year.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Even as the Israelites recall their rescue from Egypt, Isaiah pleads with them to notice that God has rescued them once again, leading them out of the desert of exile. Paul confesses to the Philippians that his faith in the Lord is more important than anything else he has. In the Gospel, Jesus saves the life of the adulterous woman, rescuing her from certain execution and giving her a new chance at life by forgiving her. Truly, as we sing in the psalm, the Lord has done great things for us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 43: 16-21
See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 125
**'What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.'**

Second Reading Philippians 3: 8-14
Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ.

Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Gospel John 8: 1-11
If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 6 APRIL 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 Marie Anderson, Helen Foy, Mary Curran, Helen MacPherson, Cathy Fraser, Bob Galloway and Bishop-elect Martin Chambers, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

LENTEN RECONCILIATION & GENERAL ABSOLUTION

This will take place on Wednesday 9 April at 7.00pm with Fr Greg. There will be an opportunity afterwards for individual reconciliation if anyone so requires.

HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON 07821 624 124

PARISH FINANCE INFORMATION FOR 2024

There is a handout today which provides information for all parishioners on the income and expenditure for our parish for 2024. Please make sure that you receive your copy and that you take a little time to review the detailed information provided by the St Joseph's Finance Group. There will also be a short verbal presentation by John Sinclair at the end of today's Mass to assist with the handout detail. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to talk to myself or John. Many thanks – *Bob Ireland*.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 30/03/25

Loose Plate £143 Gift Aid Envelopes £199
Standing Orders £259 Additional Offertories £20
Lectionary Donations £5
TOTAL £626

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT
SECOND COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY
PAPAL & EPISCOPAL CHARITIES (including SCIAF) £166**

REFLECT WITH SCIAF THIS LENT

This Lent, your prayers and donations are making a **BIG** difference to people in Columbia and around the world. As you prepare for Easter, SCIAF has created several prayers and reflections to use as part of your Lenten worship. Please visit sciaf.org.uk/resources to download your prayer resources today.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2025

Palm Sunday 13th April

10:00am Sunday Mass (start in car park, weather permitting)

Holy Thursday 17th April

10:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper
Altar of Repose after Mass
Night Prayer at 9.15pm

Good Friday 18th April

10:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 19th April

10:00am Morning Prayer
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 20th April

10:00am Easter Day Mass

Easter Monday 21st April

10.00am Mass

NEWS AND INFORMATION

SPECIAL MASS – on Thursday 10 April we will mark the first anniversary of the death of Dunkeld Bishop-elect Father Martin Chambers RIP. Bishop Andrew will celebrate Mass for Father Martin's eternal rest in St Andrew's Cathedral that day at 1.00pm. Please join us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – this Sunday at 3.00pm in the Church with Fr Greg. Please try to come and support.

ETERNITY IS A LONG TIME TO THINK ABOUT
WHERE YOU WENT WRONG