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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)

**HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON 07821 624 124**

### HOMILY HELP

Luke's version of the Passion includes three examples of Jesus' mercy toward sinners that are not mentioned by the other evangelists. First, for Peter: Even as Jesus tells Peter that he will deny him three times, he also tells him that when he turns back, he must strengthen the other disciples. Implicitly he forgives Peter for the cowardice he knows that he will show under duress, going so far as to rely on this disciple who will show terrible weakness to be a source of strength in the future. Later, Luke alone writes that when the cock crowed, Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Without saying anything more, we know that Jesus did not look at him in anger or disappointment, but with sympathy and mercy. Second, for those who played a role in his death sentence: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Finally, for the penitent criminal on the cross, whom he assures will be with him in heaven. Right up until his final breath, Jesus offered unconditional mercy to those who needed it. We are those sinners in need now.

Who can I forgive with the Lord's mercy this week?

# St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

### THE SMALL THINGS AND THE GREAT KING

In the Gospel, Jesus is acclaimed as King of Israel by a crowd of people as he rides to Jerusalem on a donkey. It is a great triumphal parade, a high point of local fame and popular success for Jesus.

But I want to ask about the donkey.

It's not Jesus' donkey. How did he get it?

The Gospel says Jesus sent his disciples to a neighbouring village to untie it and take it away. But why would anyone let the disciples of Jesus simply make off with somebody else's donkey? As far as that goes, how did Jesus even know a donkey was there in that village?

Here's one possible answer.

The Gospel says that Jesus was near Bethany when he sent his disciples to get the donkey. So maybe that donkey was in Bethany. Bethany is the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Like the donkey, which is a humble beast, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are small and ordinary people. Nobody would acclaim them in great parades. But they are nonetheless the particular friends of Jesus.

Maybe the donkey belongs to them or to their friends. Maybe Jesus knows exactly where that donkey is because he has seen it when he was visiting Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Maybe the villagers are so ready to let the disciples of Jesus take the donkey because they know and trust Jesus.

On this way of reading the story, with the people shouting and acclaiming him King, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the small beast which comes from the village of his particular friends, two ordinary women and their equally ordinary brother.

And here's the sequel. The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his crucifixion. That's how much fame and popular success are worth. And here's what particular friendship with the Lord is worth. When Jesus ascends to God the Father, do you know what place he chooses as the site for his ascension? It's Bethany (Luke 24:50), where his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus live.

And so, in his royal procession, on that little donkey, our Lord shows us what is truly worth caring about, the small things, the particular things so dear to us and to our great King.

*Eleonore Stump*

Thank you once again to everyone who contributes to the Offertory Collection and to all those who make payments direct to the Parish Bank Account.

## INVITATION TO THE BLESSING OF THE BRANCHES

We begin the holiest week of the year by holding palm branches in our hands, which recall the palm branches the crowds used two thousand years ago to welcome the Lord into the holy city. Our palm branches are blessed, for they also welcome the Lord to this holy place. Though the people of Jerusalem had no idea what the true nature of Jesus' triumph would soon be, we do and so we anticipate Jesus' ultimate victory while recognizing the intense suffering and profound grief that will accompany it. Let us raise our voices along with our branches as we sing out as even the stones will, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sing some of the saddest words in all of scripture in the psalm today: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Isaiah resisted this despair as he was struck and spat at, professing his confidence in God. Paul testifies that Jesus was willing to empty himself, to humble himself, accepting even death on a cross. In the Passion, we hear Jesus pray to the Father, "not my will but yours." May today's readings reassure us that even in our worst despair God will never truly abandon us.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Outside Gospel Reading** Luke 19: 28-40  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Procession Hymn**

**'All glory, laud and honour,  
To thee, Redeemer King.  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.'**

**First Reading** Isaiah 50: 4-7  
I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 21  
**'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'**

**Second Reading** Philippians 2: 6-11  
He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

***Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.***

**THE PASSION** Luke 22: 14-23:56

## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 13 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 Johanna Daniels, Canon Hugh Sreenan, Seth Schor, Bernadette Farquharson, John Lander and Ian MacPherson, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM 17-20 APRIL 2025

Please do your best **NOT** to miss this.  
Please do your best **NOT** to minimise the Triduum by skipping any part of it  
– the Easter Vigil is the climax;  
Please **DO** try to reorganise your life around the events of these three days which are the centre of our Christian life.

## 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

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 06/04/25

Loose Plate £168      Gift Aid Envelopes £170

Standing Orders £259      Lectionary Donations £10

**TOTAL £607**

## THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**SECOND COLLECTION ON FRIDAY 18 APRIL**

**GOOD FRIDAY – HOLY PLACES**

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

**PALM CROSSES** - our palm leaves have been lovingly made into palm crosses for us today by Pauline Veal. We are grateful and thank her for this work.

**WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE** – with your support, a peaceful world is possible, in this final week of Lent, please continue to pray for the work of SCIAF – and use your WEE BOX to make BIG CHANGE.

**PARISH FINANCE** – handouts of the 'Parish Finance Update 2024', along with copies of the verbal presentation given last Sunday, available today. Please make sure that you receive this information. This is important - thank you.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – the last Stations of the Cross for this Lent will be held today at 3.00pm with Fr Greg. Come?

**ASSIST US TO LIVE, NOT TO DIE** – please see the cards in the porch and take one to complete and send. Thanks.

**CATHEDRAL** – on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday there will be sung Vespers and Benediction at 4.00pm.

**THE MASS OF CHRISM** - will be celebrated this year on the Wednesday of Holy Week, 16 April at 7.00pm in the Cathedral. Please come to this very special yearly Mass.