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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

Note that only three disciples are mentioned in John's account of the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter morning: Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved. Where were all the others? It's possible that they were in hiding. They had every reason to fear being arrested and tried as accomplices, as associates of the man who had just been crucified. Perhaps they had sealed themselves off from the outside world as tightly as any tomb. They had to be raised from their despair. Only after they had been raised to their new life were they able to bear witness, to preach the Good News, to make disciples of all nations. We may not literally be in hiding, but we may be overwhelmed by the darkness, the dangers, and the despair in the world. Let us look to God, who has the power to raise us from our tombs, to restore us to life, to lead us to new life in the Lord.

### HOMILY HELP – With eyes of faith - (continued)

.... they may remain ever hopeful in eternal salvation. They can then bear witness to all this, as generations and generations of disciples have done over the last two thousand years.

# St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

### EASTER JOY

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Above all days, Easter is a day of joy. But what is joy?

The answer St Francis gave to this question is famous. St Francis said to his Brother Leo, "When we come to St Mary of the Angels [our house], soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: 'Who are you?'

And we say: 'We are two of your brothers.' And ... he does not open for us but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!"

Whatever we may think of St. Francis's explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis's kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, SJ, at Easter there is only "the cross and passion past; dark night is done, bright morning come at last!" When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear him say, "come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth" (Song of Songs 2:10-12). In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. That will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Eleonore Stump*

### HOMILY HELP – With eyes of faith

Yesterday evening, men and women around the world were baptised and initiated into the Catholic faith. They have chosen to see the world with eyes of faith. With eyes of faith, they are able to see meaning in their lives beyond what is visible in this world. With eyes of faith, they can see forgiveness for the sins they have committed. With eyes of faith, they may see the face of Christ in those in need. With eyes of faith, they are able to see suffering in the light of Jesus' suffering, and with eyes of faith, .... **(continued)**

## INVITATION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Alleluia! He is risen! Jesus Christ, having made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of our sins, has been raised from the dead. He has atoned for our sins and conquered death. Neither death nor sin have the final say any longer. We are a people redeemed, pilgrims of hope on a journey to new life. We gather today in joy in this holy place to hear the testimony of his earliest disciples, to renew our baptismal promises, and to partake in the Eucharistic feast and receive the risen Lord. Truly this is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

On Easter Sunday, we hear some of Jesus' earliest disciples testify to the unprecedented event they had witnessed. Saint Peter addresses an assembly of Gentiles, teaching them about Jesus and how God raised him from the dead. Saint Paul preaches about the effect Christ's resurrection has had on his life. In the Gospel, Saint Mary Magdalene, the first to see the empty tomb, frantically announces the news to two of Jesus' closest disciples. None of his disciples yet understood that Jesus had to rise from the dead, but the disciple whom Jesus loved believed at once. Let us consider how we ourselves testify to the Resurrection.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Acts 10: 34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 117

**'This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.'**

**Second Reading** Colossians 3: 1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 20: 1-9

He must rise from the dead.

## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 20 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, Anna Pilley, 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 John Millar, who has died recently, and Anna MacBeth, Frances McWilliam, David Murphie and Margaret Marra, whose anniversaries occur around this time. Today, on Easter Sunday, may we also remember our foundress, Mrs Marie Bell Dewar. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

**HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON – 07821 624 124**

**EASTER GREETINGS** - Irene Blaney and Betty Page would like to wish Fr Greg, Deacon Ron and all parishioners and friends a joyful, blessed and Holy Easter 2025.



*On this holiest of days – Easter Sunday – may I wish  
all parishioners, visitors and friends of St Joseph's,  
a blessed, joyful and peaceful Easter.  
Alleluia, alleluia! He is risen. Alleluia!*

*Fr Greg*

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 13/04/25

**Loose Plate £246      Gift Aid Envelopes £237**

**Standing Orders £259      Additional Offertories £520**

**Lectionary Donations £12**

**TOTAL £1,274**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
AND FOR YOUR UPLIFT IN YOUR OFFERTORIES IN  
RESPONSE TO RECENT PARISH FINANCE UPDATE**

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

**THANKS TO ALL** – who made our Easter celebration so special this year. To Fr Greg, John McKay and all the young altar servers for the Masses, services and Stations of the Cross that were held; to those who organised and held Lenten prayer groups in their homes; to Kevin Veal for the music; to the readers and cantors at the services; to Pat Smith and the cleaning team; to Monica Veal and the flower team; to Pauline Veal for the palm crosses; to everyone who contributed their time and work to the parish over Easter; and finally, to all parishioners and visitors who attended the Masses and services. Our grateful thanks to you all.

**ORDINATION** - All are warmly invited to the diaconal ordination of Jim Murphie, St Andrew's Cathedral, Saturday 3 May 12 noon. Refreshments in cathedral hall afterwards.

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

**PARISH FINANCE** – look at the display in the porch area and give us all your help and support. Don't forget to provide your ideas and suggestions – pop them in the box. Thanks.

**CATHEDRAL** – on Easter Sunday there will be sung Vespers and Benediction at 4.00pm. Not to be missed!

## 200 CLUB 2025 – APRIL DRAW – held last Sunday

Congratulations to the winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100** Ticket Number 155 – Ruth & Martin Smith

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £25** Ticket Number 72 – Frank Carrie

There are ticket numbers available if you wish to join or add a further number. Pro-rata rate for remainder of year. Available numbers on noticeboard - speak to Linda Gow.

## WEE BOX, BIG THANKS

From everyone at SCIAF, we wish you and your families a joyful and blessed Easter filled with peace and love. Thank you all so much for your support of SCIAF's WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Lenten Appeal again this year. **Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can.** You can also donate to SCIAF by visiting [sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://sciaf.org.uk/weebox) or by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you once again for your wonderful generosity.