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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

HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON – 07821 624 124

HOMILY HELPS

Significantly, Jesus' first words to his disciples after his resurrection were, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). This simple greeting, which may sound ordinary or even trite, meant a lot to the disciples, for they had all abandoned him as he suffered and died on the cross. But when Jesus returned, he came not only with the gift of the Holy Spirit, but also with the gift of reconciliation, restoring the bond between him and them. When he showed them his hands and his side, he was not reminding them of what they had left him to go through alone. He was giving them a share in his triumph over sin and death.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

With eyes of faith, how do I see Christ's wounds in my community?

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – TODAY

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

TRUST AFTER HEARTBREAK

In the Gospel Reading, the risen Jesus appears to ten of his apostles. Thomas is missing. The ten are convinced. But when Thomas rejoins them after Jesus has vanished, Thomas is highly sceptical.

A week later, Jesus appears to all eleven of them and invites Thomas to make good on his sceptical challenge. Jesus tells him, *Put your finger in my wounds and believe!* And then, without so much as touching Jesus, Thomas believes.

Actually, then, all Thomas did was see Jesus and his wounds, and then he believed. But, of course, that is just what the other ten apostles did in the first appearance of Christ, when Thomas was absent.

So why didn't Christ make his first appearance to the apostles at a time when Thomas was there too? Why did Christ first appear when Thomas was absent? Why single Thomas out in this way?

Thomas had trusted Jesus and believed he was the Messiah. But then the Romans killed Jesus; and when they did, they also killed the hope in Jesus that Thomas had. How much Thomas trusted before the crucifixion can be understood by the way Thomas hardened his heart against trust in the aftermath. "The bigger they are, the harder they fall," we say. And the bigness of Thomas's heart and the greatness of his trust in Jesus can be seen by how hard Thomas fell when he thought his trust was betrayed.

Thomas thought he had made a fool of himself by believing in Jesus, and he was not going to let his heart be broken again. And so, when he heard the other apostles express their belief, he scoffed. In scoffing, Thomas protected himself against further heartbreak by turning his back on Jesus and all that Jesus meant to him.

And maybe that is why Jesus left Thomas out of his first appearance to the apostles. When heartbreak is so powerful, it can need space to breathe, to let its pain come to fruition. Maybe if Thomas had not been able to move all the way from heartbreak to scepticism, he would not have been able to move back to Jesus so powerfully either.

Without any more evidence than any of the other apostles had, Thomas says to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Eleonore Stump

PRAYER OF THE DYING

O Lord may the end of my life be the best of it; may my closing acts be my best acts; and may the best of my days be the day when I shall meet thee.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we celebrate God's everlasting mercy, which heartened the Chosen People again and again over many centuries, found its purest expression in the sacrifice of God's only Son, and will continue to overflow into our world and all God's creation until the end of time. Conscious of both God's mercy and Jesus' command to do for the least of our brothers and sisters what he has done for us, we pray that we may be merciful and forgiving to others, sharing that most precious gift God gives us.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

On this Sunday, we hear the familiar story of doubting Thomas, who refused to believe until he saw the risen Lord with his own eyes and touched his wounds with his own hands. However, as soon as he did see Jesus and hear his voice, he immediately realised that his friends' incredible testimony was true. May Jesus' words to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," touch us as we struggle with doubt and uncertainty ourselves.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 5: 12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117

**'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.'**

Second Reading Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!

Gospel John 20: 19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

TEA & COFFEE MORNING AT ST JOSEPH'S



SATURDAY 10 MAY from 10.45am

**Join us for refreshments and delicious
home baking – entry ticket £3
Raffle draws with great prizes
All proceeds in aid of
THE MARTIN CHAMBERS ECUADOR TRUST**

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH FINANCE DETAILS - if you wish to make a contribution through your bank either by standing order or one-off donation our bank details are:

Account Number: **0074 7101**

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Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and at 3.00pm in the church there will be Exposition, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. Please join us if you can, for an hour. You would be most welcome. Thanks – *Divine Mercy Group*



Pope Francis
17/12/1936 – 21/4/2025

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 27 APRIL 2025

Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith – for the soul of His Holiness Pope Francis, whose Requiem Mass was held yesterday, and for the souls of Jack and Elizabeth Hargreaves, Canon Michael Milton, Mgr Charles Hendry, Margaret Mair, Ella Smith, Sr Monica Coyle and Bill Newall, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Albert Soave, Peter Angus, Kathleen Long, 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.**

ST JOSEPH'S EASTER OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

HOLY SATURDAY 19/04/25

Loose Plate £196 Gift Aid Envelopes £20

EASTER SUNDAY 20/04/25

Loose Plate £184 Gift Aid Envelopes £366

Standing Orders £261 Additional Offertories £44

Lectionary Donations £20

TOTAL £1,090

SPECIAL COLLECTION (Good Friday) – HOLY PLACES £245

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ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

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.

CALLING ALL WEE BOXES – come in and be counted. We need you back! Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. We need you back!

PARISH FINANCE – look at the display **update** in the porch and give us your help and support. We need more ideas and suggestions – have you popped yours in the box yet?

HOME BAKING EVENT – next on Sunday **4 May**. Please support with baked goodies and purchasing from the stall.

PERSONAL TAX ALLOWANCE - just to remind all gift aiders that the allowance remains at **£12,570** for this new tax year.