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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 HELPS

After Jesus had been arrested and taken away, Peter stood by a charcoal fire to warm himself when he was accused three times of being one of Jesus' disciples. Now, after Jesus has died and risen and returned to reveal himself to his disciples, he and Peter are again surrounding a charcoal fire when Jesus asks him three times if he loves him. Jesus had known that Peter would deny him three times. Now he gives him the opportunity to reconcile with him three times. By allowing Peter to make amends, Jesus forgives him. Though we do not hear the cock crow at all, we are told all this happens after dawn. With dawn, a new day for Peter and all the disciples arises.

HOMILY HELPS

We hear Peter answer Jesus in the Gospel, but we see him show his love and loyalty to Jesus in the first reading. The Sanhedrin were determined to prevent any mention of Jesus, let alone preaching and teaching in his name. Not only does Peter not deny Jesus, he, proudly and courageously, testifies to Jesus' glory and declares that he will follow God's orders and not theirs. Peter has put his convictions into action. He has given his fellow disciples, then and now, a model to follow.

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

JUDAS AND PETER

The Gospel Reading describes the meeting between Peter and Jesus after the resurrection. In the previous recorded exchange between Peter and Jesus, when Jesus was captured and bound before his crucifixion, Peter betrayed Jesus three times.

In his betrayal of Jesus, Peter is no different from Judas. But Peter is the rock on which Jesus founded his church, and Judas is the villain of the Christian story. How does Peter differ from Judas?

You might suppose that the difference lies in the fact that Peter repented his betrayal of Jesus and Judas didn't. But the Gospel of Matthew says that Judas confessed his sin and repented. (Mt 27:3-4) So then what exactly is the difference between Judas and Peter?

The answer is shown beautifully in this Gospel Reading.

If you had been writing the story of this meeting between Peter and Jesus after the resurrection, what would you have had Jesus say to Peter? Maybe something like this? *Jesus*: "Peter, you know, don't you, that I love you anyway, even though you betrayed me. Nothing you do, however sinful, can stop my love for you, which is boundless." *Peter*: "Yes, Lord, and I am so grateful that you can somehow still love me, when I am as much a traitor as Judas was."

But that is not at all the way the Gospel Reading goes.

What Jesus actually asks Peter—and asks him *three times*—is this: "Peter, do *you* love *me*?"

If you had been in Peter's shoes, what would you have said? Maybe something like this? *Peter*: "Lord, I don't know what to say. You know that I want to love you, or else maybe I should say that *I want* to want to love you. I don't know, I don't know. What I did is so terrible! How could I have the shamelessness to say I love you after what I did?"

But what Peter actually says is "Yes, Lord, I do love you" — and he says it three times, once for each betrayal of his.

Finding himself sinful, Judas killed himself. Finding himself similarly sinful, Peter cleaved to Christ. Peter let nothing, not even his own sins, introduce any distance between him and the Lord he loved. And *that* is the difference between Peter and Judas.

That is why Peter is the rock on which the church is founded.

Eleonore Stump

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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

In the days and weeks that followed the Resurrection, the risen Lord kept appearing to his disciples when and where they least expected: in a locked room in Jerusalem, on the road to Emmaus, on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias. Each time, it took a while for them to recognize him. We often fail to recognize him as well, even though we know he continues to appear in our midst today. Whether in the person in need, in God's word, in the Eucharist, or in each other, let us be reminded that he continues to offer his presence to us every day.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Saint Peter courageously faces down the Sanhedrin when they try to forbid the disciples from preaching and teaching in Jesus' name. The Gospel reveals that Jesus himself gave Peter that courage by leading him to profess his love for him three times, as he had lacked that courage when denying Jesus three times. May we realize that Jesus constantly invites us to reconciliation as well, instilling in us the courage to spread the Good News.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 29

**'I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.'**

Second Reading Apocalypse 5: 11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**

Gospel John 21: 1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.

TEA & COFFEE MORNING AT ST JOSEPH'S



NEXT SATURDAY 10 MAY from 10.45am

Join us for refreshments and delicious

home baking – entry ticket £3

Raffle draws with great prizes

Get your ticket/s today +

ON FRIDAY 23 MAY – QUIZ NIGHT

Teams of 4 – each member £5

Sign up today

Great prizes, good fun, worthy cause

All proceeds in aid of

THE MARTIN CHAMBERS ECUADOR TRUST

Please support if you can by coming to the

Coffee Morning and/or Quiz Night

AND FINALLY....

**We would appreciate some help with
more prizes if you can provide anything
suitable – come on – HELP US!**

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The apostles were "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name". In the world today, there are many, in the Middle East, in Asia, in Africa and other areas, where people are still suffering humiliation for the sake of the name. It will likely always be thus, as the values of the world clash with those of the Gospel. We too may be called to make that choice. How will we go?

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 4 MAY 2025

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Albert Soave, Peter Angus, Kathleen Long, 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 soul of His Holiness Pope Francis, and for the souls of Ida Smith, Stephen Black, Kenny McDonald, Tadeaus Goclawski, Fr James McGhie, Kaye Booth, Catherine Gourlay and Tom Grant, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 27/4/25

Loose Plate £212 Gift Aid Envelopes £192

Standing Orders £261 Additional Offertories £16

TOTAL £681

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please try to give a little more each week to help us financially. We need an average increase on last year of £100 a week. Last year, on the Sunday (28/4/24), we collected £580, so increase this year was £101.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

ORDINATION CONGRATULATIONS - all at St Joseph's are delighted that Jim Murphie was ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrew, in St Andrew's Cathedral, yesterday. Our love, prayers and thanks to you, Deacon Jim, for your gift of service to the Diocese.

HOME BAKING EVENT TODAY – please support by visiting the stall after Mass and purchasing some delicious goodies.

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

MINUTE MEDITATION

When God looks at our world, God must weep. God must weep because the lust for power has entrapped and corrupted the human spirit. In the news and even in our families and ourselves we see that instead of gratitude there is resentment, instead of forgiveness there is revenge, instead of healing there is wounding, instead of compassion there is competition, instead of co-operation there is violence, and instead of love there is immense fear.

Henri Nouwen

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