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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 and may administer the **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**.

### THE BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND - MESSAGE

We welcome the election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, Cardinal Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, as Pope Leo XIV. It asks all Catholics in Scotland to pray for the new Pope as he begins his ministry. During his short address to the faithful from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo highlighted that his pontificate would be a service of peace. His opening words were the greeting of the risen Christ to his disciples, "Peace be with you"; a greeting given by our Lord to those who were afraid and doubting. Pope Leo prayed that peace would enter the hearts of all men and women, of all families and nations and that evil would be overcome.

Echoing the words of Pope Francis and thanking our late Holy Father, the new Pope asked for dialogue and building bridges, for walking together on a synodal path as missionaries in our world. Pope Leo reminded the crowds that he is a son of St Augustine, the great saint and doctor of the Church, who brought light and understanding to a world that was falling apart in the 4th century. We pray that our new Holy Father will bring that same spirit of peace, light and understanding to all men and women in Scotland and throughout the world, that the Church will embrace those who are afraid and doubting.

God bless our Pope.

# St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

### LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

In the First Reading, Paul is preaching in Antioch, and things are not going well for him. His audience contradicts him and shouts violent abuse at him. They find Paul's Christianity an affront to their own religion, which they do not want to give up.

What would we expect Paul's response to be to these angry people in his audience?

How about this:

*Paul:* "Oh, gosh! I see that I have offended you! I am so sorry! I want you to know that I do validate your point of view too. No doubt, we all believe in the same God! I wasn't for a moment trying to suggest that there is anything wrong about your religion! I do wish that you wouldn't call me names and shout at me when I am trying to talk to you, but it's OK if you feel you need to do so. I appreciate that I upset you, though I really didn't mean to do so."

But, of course, this is not what Paul says at all. *By rejecting my preaching*, he tells the angry people, *you condemn yourselves and show yourselves unworthy of eternal life*. This is a stern condemnation both of their religious views and of their rejection of Paul's preaching. What happened to meekness, to turning the other cheek, to love of your enemies?

Well, if your enemy is determined to walk off a cliff, what would you do? Validate his point of view and tell him that all paths near the cliffs are equally good? The only way to love your enemy in this case is to tell him vehemently that he will kill himself if he doesn't alter his path. There is no love for him in being meek or gentle when he is about to go over the edge.

In fact, all of us are headed for that cliff because of our post-Fall human nature. We are all unworthy of eternal life. But Christ suffered and died to save us—not from a wrathful God, but from ourselves. Our path to God lies through Christ and his cross.

And so, Paul's line to his audience is as stern as it is because, in their abusive rejection of him, they are racing towards destruction. Telling them that they are doing so is the best loving thing Paul can do for them.

*Eleonore Stump*

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Such a short Gospel reading today, yet it contains such a wonderful promise by Jesus. He promises to look after all the flock that has been entrusted to him, and "they will never perish". Certainly, they will never be lost by him. If we choose to wander far from our Good Shepherd, if we choose not to follow, we will get into difficulty, but ultimately, we would only have ourselves to blame for that.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we first hear Saints Paul and Barnabas shepherd both Jews and Gentiles who chose to join the early church, urging them to remain faithful to the grace of God. In the psalm, we proclaim that we too are sheep of the Lord's flock. In a vision, John sees the Lamb of God shepherding a great multitude to springs of life-giving water. Finally, Jesus tells us in the Gospel that he gives all his sheep eternal life, and no one can take that away. May listening to God's word increase our faith in our Good Shepherd.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Acts 13: 14, 43-52

We must turn to the pagans.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 99

**'We are his people,  
the sheep of his flock.'**

**Second Reading** Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, say the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 10: 27-30

I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 11 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, 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 Sheila McCallum, Frances McGregor, Ellen McKelvie, Bill Kane, Catherine Robertson, Freda Cardosi and Paddy Swifte, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 4/5/25

Loose Plate £205 Gift Aid Envelopes £167

Standing Orders £261 Additional Offertories £65

**TOTAL £698**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Please try to give a little more each week to help St Jo's.

**LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?**

## OUR NEW POPE - HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV



"You have called me to carry a cross": these are the first words, spoken in English, of Pope Leo XIV, in the homily outlining his pontificate. "I will begin with a few words in English, the rest I will do in Italian," he began. "I will sing a new song to the Lord, because he has done marvels," he said. "Not just with me, but with all of us, my brother cardinals, as we

celebrate this morning, I invite you to recognise the marvels that the Lord has done, the blessings that the Lord continues to pour out upon all of us." "Through the ministry of (Saint) Peter, you have called me to carry that cross, and to be blessed with that mission, and I know I can rely on each and every one of you to walk with me as we continue as a church, as a community of friends of Jesus, as believers, to announce the good news, to announce the gospel."

## WEE BOX 2025, BIG THANKS

Many thanks to all those who have returned their Lenten Wee Boxes. The total so far is £586.31. All those who ticked and completed the gift aid declaration will of course increase their donation by 25% which would bring the current final total to **£680.50**, which is tremendous. Thank you all once again – Jack Smith.

## QUIZ

### NIGHT - ON FRIDAY 23 MAY

This will be held, at 7.00pm in 'The Complex' 37 Blackness Avenue, DD2 1EY, for teams of 4 – each member £5. So, sign up today for some fun competition, great prizes and all for a worthy cause. Refreshments included in ticket price.

All proceeds in aid of

### THE MARTIN CHAMBERS ECUADOR TRUST

Donations of additional raffle prizes gratefully received

**COME ALONG - PARTICIPATE - SUPPORT – PLEASE**

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

**SCHOOL CHILDREN CONFIRMATION** – this Mass will be held on Thursday 15 May at 6.00pm, presided over by Bishop Andrew. The service will commence at **6.00pm**.

**1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION** – this will be here in the church on Saturday 17 May at **10.00am**. Please come to this lovely Mass and support our school children on their special day.

**HOME BAKING EVENT** – was held last Sunday and raised £63 for the Social Group. They have donated £50 of this in support of the fundraising drive for church funds. Thanks.

**PLANT SALE EVENT** – will be held after Mass next Sunday 18 May in support of church funds. Plants, cuttings, seedlings – all such donations would be most helpful – just bring on day or contact Margaret Sinclair on 07514 327855.

**PRIESTHOOD INTEREST** – Enquirers Overnight at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoul, on Friday 16 / Saturday 17 May. Contact Fr Jim Walls [stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmaryslochee@dunkelldiocese.org.uk) ASAP.