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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

Love is not easy. Even the love we have for a child, a spouse, a parent, or a significant other takes work. We have to overlook certain things that may annoy or anger us. The favours we do for them may be difficult and draining. Over time, we struggle with showing our love as we want to. So Jesus' command to love one another is a challenge to begin with. When he adds, "As I have loved you" it becomes nearly impossible (John 13:34). After all, he laid down his life for his disciples. How can we match that? God willing, we never will have to. But we love one another as Jesus loves us when we sacrifice our own wishes for those we love. In so doing, we are both obeying and imitating the Lord. We pray that we may continue to do so without complaint, without resentment, without giving up.

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

Account Number: **0074 7101**

Sort Code: **80-73-31**

Account Name: **TRS R C ST JOSEPHS 1**

Please reference with: **Your Name**

Thank you.

St Joseph's Weekly Parish Newsletter

DEATH

When someone we know is diagnosed with serious sickness, we are shocked; and so is the sick person, as we all take in the possibility that she/he might die.

There is something perplexing about this reaction, isn't there? None of us is getting out of this life alive. And it is foolishness to think that we do not know the time of our death. It is sometime between now and the time when you would be 110 years old. (Who lives past 110?)

Our Lord himself wipes those tears away from your eyes.

So, death is inevitable, and we know at least roughly when it will come. The closer you get to 110, the closer it is - though, of course, we also know that you could get hit by a bus today.

Rats, you might think, this is a truly depressing thought! Why call it to our attention? It is better to be shocked and surprised when it comes.

But listen to the Second Reading. What does it say? When death comes, here is what it brings:

Our Lord himself comes to encourage you to weep over all the hardship of your past life, and then he himself wipes those tears away from your eyes.

And there is not only a new heaven, but also a new earth. What do you expect from earth? Well, earth isn't disembodied. Earth is earth dirt, plants, animals, the whole thing that God created when he created earth, as Genesis explains it to us.

Only this time there will be no pain and suffering. So there may be great sea beasts, as Genesis says (Gn 1:21), but they won't hurt anything; and neither will any of the other animals. If you want to play with lions, what's to stop you? In fact, even humans won't hurt anything, in that great and wonderful time. Now *that* is a thought hard to take in, isn't it? But, in that new earth, you can be yourself, open, vulnerable, and still totally safe and at ease, because the people around you won't hurt *anything*—not you either.

And all of this is wrapped up in the tender love of the Lord. He himself will welcome you to this new world and to himself by telling you, "Come away, beloved, the winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth!" (Song of Songs 2:12) That joy begins on the other side of death. What is there to fear about this?

Eleonore Stump

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who is entrusted to me in love? What have I done to reinforce and strengthen that bond between us?

HOSPITAL PRIEST CONTACT ON - 07821 624 124

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Spring can be a delight for our senses. We see trees starting to bud, flowers poking their heads out of the ground, and grass turning a lovely shade of green. We hear migrating birds and feel the warm sun on our faces. God's words in Revelation seem especially apt: "Behold, I make all things new." Much as we can behold spring making all things new, when God raised Jesus, freeing our lives from sin and death, we too were made brand new. Let us give thanks to God for continually renewing our world and our lives.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another. As his disciples now, we are commanded to do the same. May listening to God's word—of Paul and Barnabas making disciples all over Asia Minor, of John's vision of God dwelling with the human race, and of Jesus' words to his disciples—strengthen our spirits as we live out that command.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 14: 21-27

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144

'I will bless your name forever, O God my King.'

Second Reading Apocalypse 21: 1-5

God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you." Alleluia!

Gospel John 13: 31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS 11 MAY 2025

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parish – Alan Newell, 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 souls of William Sinclair, Donald MacPherson, David Parry-Richards, Lesley Edwards, Fr Bogdan Palka and Netta Mordente, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY 11/5/25

Loose Plate £134 Gift Aid Envelopes £197

Standing Orders £309 Maintenance Fund £15

TOTAL £655

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER - email to:

Fr Greg :- stjosephdundee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

John Sinclair :- john.sinclair9@outlook.com

News, information, feedback would greatly help us!

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

There are several kinds of love, and the love God has for us is the greatest kind. It is totally selfless, all encompassing, and enduring. It is the love which Jesus wants to love us with. But we are not always able or willing to accept it. Our human limitations too often leave us stuck with love that is erotic, selfish or possessive. That is not love, that is enslavement. Only God's love is real.

WEE BOX 2025, BIG, BIG THANKS

The total 'BOX MONEY' is £599.11. All those who ticked and completed the gift aid declaration will of course increase their donation by 25% which brings the **final total to £696.50**, which is tremendous. This is over £95 more than last year in 2024, so thank you all once again – *Jack Smith*.

QUIZ QUIZ QUIZ

This will be held **next Friday 23 May**, at 7.00pm in the 'Complex' 37 Blackness Avenue, DD2 1EY, for teams of 4. This is now a complete **'SELL OUT'** so many thanks for your great support. We are still looking for additional raffle prizes (and donations) if you would like to help us more!

All proceeds in aid of

THE MARTIN CHAMBERS ECUADOR TRUST

The 'Coffee Morning' held last Saturday (10th May) was a great success and raised **£310.15**, which is astonishing! Grateful, grateful thanks to all who supported by coming along; those who provided delicious food treats and raffle prizes; and all those who organised and helped to make the event so successful on the day.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

SCHOOL CHILDREN CONFIRMATION – we were all delighted that Bishop Andrew presided at this Mass, held last Thursday, which made it so special for the 15 children of St Joseph's Primary, who were confirmed on the night.

1st HOLY COMMUNION – this joyous Mass was presided over by Fr Gregory on Saturday morning when 15 boys and girls received their 1st Holy Communion. Thanks to all who prepared the children so well. Please keep these children, and the Confirmation children, in all your daily prayers.

KEEP PRAYING ALSO – as we are reminded, at this time of increasing conflict, to pray for peace in the world and to pray for our new Pope, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV.

PLANT SALE EVENT – will be held after Mass **TODAY**. Money raised will be used in support of church funds. Please look and purchase if you can. Many thanks – *Margaret Sinclair*.

200 CLUB 2025 MAY DRAW – held last Sunday

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize £100 Ticket Number 192 – Patricia Veal

2nd Prize £25 Ticket Number 188 – Pauline Carena

There are ticket numbers **available** if you wish to join.

These are displayed on noticeboard – speak to Linda Gow.

FINANCE MATTERS - If you are a taxpayer, would you consider gift aiding your offertory please? You can do this by making your contribution by the envelope system or by standing order. Explanatory leaflet on porch noticeboard. Any questions – just speak to Bob Ireland or John Sinclair.