

Saint Joseph's Church



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Weekly Parish Bulletin

Welcome to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

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SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS – THE EUCHARIST

In Church: Sunday at 10.00am (English), at 12.00 noon (Polish); In winter in Chapel: on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.00am (English) and Saturday 10.00am (English).

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with benediction on Wednesday at 9.30am to 10.30am. First Friday and Saturday of the month (1 hour) directly after Mass.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Mass at 10.00am (English) and 6.00pm (bilingual).

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday 9.30am to 10.30am, Saturday at 10.30am (after Mass); Holy Days of Obligation at 9.30am and by appointment. Before Christmas and at Easter there are additional opportunities for confession.

Parish Priest is available to visit sick parishioners who are sick at home, if needed, and may administer the **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**.

For more info: web page www.stj1.co.uk

Please click on link to request an appointment with the priest.

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HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Ninewells, Victoria and Roxburghe House

To request a visit from the hospital chaplain, Father Ninian Doohan, for yourself or a family member you need to phone this number **07821 624 124** or contact the NHS Tayside Switchboard to request an alert to be made to the Hospital pager on 01382 660111.

SUNDAY READINGS PERSPECTIVE

What Does It Take To Be Faithless?

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus tells parables about servants and stewards. In the parable, he mentions a reward for the good servants, and he describes a punishment for the bad stewards. The bad steward will be assigned a place with the unfaithful. The unfaithful are those who don't have what faith alone will get you—and that is union with the Lord. So when the Lord says to some people, "Go away!" the bad steward will be in that group. This is truly a dreadful punishment.

So what is a steward, and what does it take to be a bad one? Well, a steward is a person who has servants under him. In the parable, those who are under the steward are the Lord's servants. So to be a steward of the Lord's is to have in your power other people who are servants of the Lord.

Now, a person of faith serves the Lord voluntarily; but those who reject faith serve the Lord too; they just do so involuntarily. God is Lord over all people. Every human being is the Lord's servant. And so it is easy for anybody to count as a steward of the Lord's, too. Every person who has any human beings in his power is a steward of the Lord's, just because he has some kind of charge over other human beings and because every human being is (willingly or unwillingly) a servant of the Lord's.

So if you are the president of a company, you are a steward of the Lord, because there are human beings who are in your power. But you don't have to have a lot of people under you to be a steward of the Lord. If you are the mother of small children, you are a steward of the Lord's too because these small human beings are in your charge.

It doesn't take much, then, to meet the condition for being a steward of the Lord's. If you sit at the dinner table with other people who can't easily get away from you, you are a steward of the Lord as far as those people are concerned. To some small extent, they are in your power until you leave the table and them.

Two things mark out the bad steward. First, he considers his own needs and desires as the most important things. He does not care enough about the needs and desires of those who are in his power. Second, when he deals with those in his power, he treats them unjustly.

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SUNDAY READINGS PERSPECTIVE

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A president of a company who assigns raises not to reward merit but to get revenge on his political enemies in the company is a bad steward. But so too is a mother who watches TV instead of caring for her children or who lets the older child tyrannize the younger one. So having other people in your power is a fearsome responsibility. Do it badly, and you get a place among the faithless, who are outside, looking in at the joy the Lord gives his faithful servants, who served him well.

Eleonore Stump

HOMILY HELPS

- Who are you more likely to believe: someone who tells you something quite plausible but who is often dishonest, or someone who is always honest but tells you something seemingly impossible? We know whom Abraham would believe. As Hebrews says, Abraham put his faith in God, not because what God said was sensible or likely, but because God was trustworthy. Abraham trusted God enough to leave his homeland, remain with his apparently infertile wife, and even be willing to sacrifice their son. His faith and trust enabled him to learn that nothing—no matter how implausible—was impossible for God.

- We hope to surround ourselves with people who are worthy of our trust. These are the people with whom we can feel comfortable, in whom we can confide. Those who break promises, who betray that trust, whether politicians, employers, family members, or friends, have a very difficult time ever re-establishing that trust.

- The Gospel passage we hear today is similar to ones we generally hear at the end of the year, when we are reminded to prepare for the coming of the Lord at the end of time. Since the lesson Jesus is teaching his disciples is to be prepared always and because one cannot know when the hour will come, it is perfectly appropriate to read and reflect on this passage at any time of the year. The hour could come for us, any of us, at any time. We would do well to be ready to be of service at any time, like the servants who will be rewarded.

SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

PARISH CO-ORDINATOR John McKay

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ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

11 AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY PROGRAMME TODAY

To give us time to speak to Fr Leszek after the Mass and to wish him well in his new parish of Callander and Doune, the service programme will conclude with:

Farewell from Fr Leszek

Thanks from the Parish – Nick Marra

Presentation of Gifts

Final Dismissal

Hospitality in the Porch

Please stay for a short time and provide a warm St Joseph's Parish send off. Thanks.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

MORNING MASSES 04/08/19

MASS 10.00

£522.12 (Gift Aid £399.19)

MASS 12.00

£106.43 (Gift Aid £13.00)

TOTAL £628.55

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SVDP (Box at the door) £25.35

SPECIAL 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
IN SUPPORT OF SRI LANKA THROUGH SCIAF

QUIET MOMENT

When suddenly you seem to lose all you thought you had gained, do not despair. You must expect setbacks and regressions. Don't say to yourself, 'All is lost. I have to start all over again.' This is not true. What you have gained you have gained....When you return to the road, you return to the place where you left it, not to where you started.

Henri Nouwen

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Anya Behl, June Christison, David Clifford, May Cosgrove, Elinor Crighton, James Crighton, Maria Cumming, Fletcher Ditchburn, Paul Drummond, Alison Dunn, Lesley Edwards, Elizabeth Forbes, Shannon Fox, Derek Henry, Tracey Hepburn, Sandy Hill, Beth James, Sandy Kutcha, David Loudon, Jean Low, Brian Low, Bob Low (Jnr), Rene MacPherson, Seamus Mannion, Shelia and Iain McCallum, Norma McKinnie, Betty Page, Marjory Robson, Jeff Sanderson, May Sinclair, Joseph White, Ina Williamson and Christine Murray. **In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul.**

Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith – for the souls of Bob Low and Ben Platts who have died recently and for Marie Bell Dewar, Frances Williamson, Ben McLaughlin, Helen Boylan and Margaret Murphie whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and all the souls of the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S

We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting our parish for the first time. We pray for God's special blessings on you and we wish you a Happy and Holy worship with us.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – this Thursday

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary honours the blessedness that was her destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. This is a celebration that offers to the Church and to all humanity an exemplar and a consoling message, teaching us the fulfilment of our highest hopes. Their own future glorification is happily in store for those whom Christ has made his brothers and sisters by taking on their flesh and blood.

Thursday 15th August with morning Mass at 10.00am and evening Mass at 6.00pm. These will be the last two Masses with Fr Leszek.

19th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 12th August

Memorial of St Jane Frances De Chantal
St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious, 1572-1641, at the age of 20 married Baron de Chantal but after nine years she was left a widow with four children. Her friendship with St Francis de Sales led to the foundation of the Congregation of the Visitation.

Memorial of St Blaas

St Blaas, Bishop, was born in Ireland, and was there influenced by St Comgall and St Kenneth, before travelling to Bute. He finally settled on mainland Scotland, where he built a monastery on what would become the site of a cathedral begun by David I, in the place which would bear his name – Dunblane. He died in 590.

Tuesday 13th August

Memorial of Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
St Pontian, Pope, elected Pope in 230 but was exiled to Sardinia, where during the persecution of the emperor Maximinus, he abdicated the papacy in 235. St Hippolytus, Priest, has been regarded as the author of the Apostolic Tradition, whose Eucharistic Prayer forms the basis of Eucharistic Prayer II in the Roman Missal. Exiled along with Pontian, he was reconciled to the Church after going into schism through his objections towards the papacy. Both died of mistreatment and were brought back to Rome on this day for burial, some time in the fourth century.

Wednesday 14th August

ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE – MEMORIAL

St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, 1894-1941, a Conventual Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.

Thursday 15th August

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – SOLEMNITY
This is a Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 16th August

Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary
St Stephen of Hungary, 975-1038, first King of Hungary and its patron saint, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity.

LAZINESS MAY APPEAR ATTRACTIVE,
BUT WORK GIVES SATISFACTION

CHILDRENS LITURGY INFORMATION

Re-commences today for children 4 and over. This takes place in the room next to the Sacred Heart Altar on the left-hand side of the church. New or visiting children are most welcome.

VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR PILGRIMAGE IN EDINBURGH 2019

The annual pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will be held on Sunday, 8th September in St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. Holy Hour at 2.00pm; Presentation on the Venerable Margaret Sinclair at 3.00pm; Holy Mass at 4.00pm; 5.30pm close. All are welcome to come and attend this beautiful service.

MINUTE MEDITATION

This is the crucifixion of Christ: in which He dies again and again in the individuals who were made to share the joy and freedom of His grace, and who deny Him. *Thomas Merton*

Mary's Meals – THE BACKPACK PROJECT

Shortly we will put the Dundee packs together and request any items that you can provide from the list below:

back pack / school bag
exercise book notepad pencils pens crayons
rubber ruler sharpener pencil case small ball
towel soap toothbrush toothpaste spoon
flip flops sandals shorts skirts t-shirts dresses
- all clothing is ages 4-12 years-

Just bring them to the church over the next few Sundays if possible. Many, many thanks.

NO ONE HAS EVER BECOME POOR BY GIVING

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

We are really excited about the forthcoming visit to Scotland of the relics of St Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower and a popular Saint in Scotland. Therese died of TB as a young Carmelite nun in 1897 and was canonised in 1925. Scotland was one of the first countries to develop a deep devotion to 'The Little Flower'. She is Protectress of Priests and Patroness of the Missions. The relics will arrive in Scotland at Carfin on Friday, 30th August and leave on Thursday 19th September. They will arrive in our Cathedral in Dundee on the evening of Wednesday, 4th September and leave the Cathedral in the late afternoon of Saturday, 7th September.

The Cathedral will be open all day every day during the visit with an overnight Vigil on the night of Thursday 5th September. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day every day and, outwith Mass and special Liturgies, there will be opportunities to venerate the very large relic of St Therese beneath a glass coffin which will be situated at the foot of the Sanctuary steps. Confessions will be available throughout St Therese's time with us. *Bishop Stephen Robson*

SPUC PROLIFE SCOTLAND - PETITION

There has been a huge rise in abortion, following the Scottish Government's introduction of a policy permitting abortion procedures to take place at home. We are most alarmed that this trivialises abortion, further cheapens human life and puts women at risk. Please support us in our actions to try and stop this by signing our petition **TODAY**. The petition form is on the desk in the church porch. Thank you for your support.
Latest Scottish abortion figures 2018 at ten year high with 13,286 terminations and with Tayside region (includes Dundee) at 1,170.