

Saint Joseph's Church



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Weekly Parish Bulletin

Success and Failure

The First Reading begins with the voice of God's servant telling us that he has a vocation from the Lord. God has made him into a sharp-edged sword, a polished arrow, an impressive weapon of the Lord's. This weapon isn't meant for the destruction of people, though. It's meant for the destruction of the evil that keeps people from God. The servant of God is called to bring God's people, the Israelites, back to God. This is a great vocation, isn't it?

But then the voice of God's servant continues, and it tells us what has become of this great vocation. "I toiled in vain," God's servant says. He worked hard; but, as it turns out, he thinks that he spent his strength uselessly. In short, God's servant thinks that he failed, failed, failed! Here is what has come of all his labour: NOTHING!

What person who is past adolescence does not remember his youthful enthusiasms with perplexity? What happened to those dreams, those hopes, those great desires to serve the Lord gloriously? And what person who is past mid-life does not shake his head sadly over the results of his life's labour? Where did all that work and toil go? How did it come to so little? What happened to the call of the Lord to each of us, to serve him gloriously? The answer is implicit in the next part of the dialogue in the First Reading.

The voice of the Lord answers the voice of God's servant. It is too little for you just to bring the Israelites back to God, the Lord says. No, you will do this and much more! You will be a light to all the nations, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth. And so here is the lesson for us in our sadness, in our perplexity, in all our failure. In the First Reading, after all his discouragement, this is what God's servant says: my God is my strength. I will be glorious *in the sight of the Lord*.

Our hope is in the strength of the Lord, not in our own strength. And if we are not glorious in our own eyes, we will yet be glorious in the eyes of the Lord. It is a wonderful hope, isn't it?

Eleonore Stump



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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 information: web page www.stj1.co.uk

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



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ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

MORNING MASS 17/06/18

MASS 10.00

£557.28 (Gift Aid £443.19)

MASS 12.00

£139.80 (Gift Aid £22.69)

TOTAL £697.08

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SVDP (Box at the door) £40.60

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK – PETER'S PENCE

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Bishop Vincent, Peter Angus, Fr Andrew Clark, May Cosgrove, Elinor Crighton, James Crighton, Wendy Davis, Fletcher Ditchburn, Bronwyn Farquharson, Fr James Ferguson, Catriona Glen, Lisa Gillespie, Willie Grieve, Angela Keith, Brian Low, Jean Low, Bob Low, Anna Macbeth, Kathleen McAvoyn, Mgr Ken McBride, Fr Jim McCruden, Margaret Mitchell, Irena Nasionka, Betty Page, Mollie Petrie, Marjory Robson, Urszula Skorupa, Jack Stephen, Mildred Strachan, Vera Swifte, Little Therese, Paul Drummond, Irene Cathro, Janet Fraley and Beatrice Martin. **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 soul of Vicky Reilly who has died recently and Mary Flynn, Anthony Grilli, Thomas Hanlon, Jane Howden, Anne MacFarquhar, Alistair Mitchell, Steve Murray, Cathy Staddle, Ida Peters, Jim Maguire and Angus MacPherson whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and all the souls of the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING

This was held last Thursday and it was a delight and privilege to welcome all the children and their teachers and to join with them in this end of year ceremony. As well as recognising the achievements throughout the year of many of the children of all ages and classes, it was also an opportunity to wish the P7 Leavers our best wishes and prayers for their continuing education and development in senior school. Thanks to the school and to those in the Parish who organised and ensured the smooth running of this event on the day. *Fr Leszek*

FAIR TRADE STALL

Apologies for incorrect information last week but the next fair trade stall where you can stock up with food products whose producers are given a fair price and whose communities benefit, will be NEXT Sunday 1st July and then again on Sunday 29th July. Please have a look at the products and lend your support.

SERRA MONTHLY MASS FOR VOCATIONS

Next Mass is on Tuesday 26 June at St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside at 7.00pm. Please join us and support us if you can.

12th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sunday 24th June

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Only three people have their birthdays celebrated with feasts, the others being Jesus and his mother. This child was given his name by God. Zechariah, struck dumb since his encounter with the angel Gabriel in the Temple, and his initial refusal to accept he and his wife will finally have a child, redeems himself now by writing down 'his name will be John'. Having proclaimed God's word (wish), Zechariah has his power of speech returned.

St John the Baptist, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, lived in the desert where he led a life of austerity and penance, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; like the new Elijah, humble and strong, he prepared his people to receive the Lord. Jesus said of him: 'of all children born to women, there is no one greater than John'.

Monday 25th June

Memorial of St Luan

St Luan (Moluag) was a monk of Bangor in Ireland and a contemporary of St Columba. He preached to the Picts on Lismore and in Ross-shire and was venerated as the Patron Saint of Argyll. He built many churches, which he dedicated to Our Lady; St Bernard attests to his being the founder of no less than one hundred monasteries. St Luan died in 592.

Wednesday 27th June

Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria

St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, was born in Egypt in 370 AD and died there on this day in 444 AD. Monk, priest, then Bishop of Alexandria, he took the lead at the council of Ephesus in defending orthodox Christianity against heresy.

Thursday 28th June

ST IRENAEUS – MEMORIAL

St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr, was born about 130 AD in Smyrna and was a disciple of its bishop, St Polycarp. He eventually became bishop of Lyons. In his writings he fought to defend the Church against error. Tradition says he was martyred c. 200 AD.

Friday 29th June

ST PETER AND ST PAUL – SOLEMNITY

Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles. On this day, traditionally considered in pagan Rome to be its foundation day by Romulus, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome. **St Peter**, a fisherman who became leader of the apostles and the rock on which the Church is built, died by crucifixion in Rome around the year 64. **St Paul**, Saul the Pharisee who became the 'Apostle of the Gentiles', was martyred by beheading around 67. Both proclaimed with their lives that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

PLEASE NOTE

On Friday 29th June there will be a morning Mass at 10.00am and an evening bi-lingual Mass at 6.00pm. THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Join us for an hour of Taizé chant, music, Adoration and prayer here in St Joseph's Church, at 7.00pm on Thursday July 5th.

QUIET MOMENT

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. *St. John Chrysostom*

DIAMOND JUBILEE – FR TONY MCCARTHY

On Friday 22nd June, Fr Tony celebrated 60 years of priestly service in the Diocese of Dunkeld. Many congratulations from all of us here in St Joseph's.

MINUTE MEDITATION

You have to acknowledge where you are and affirm that place. You have to be willing to live your loneliness, your incompleteness, your lack of total incarnation fearlessly, and trust that God will give you the people to keep showing you the truth of who you are. *Henri Nouwen, The Inner Voice of Love*

FR PIOTR OCHOTNY

Welcome back Fr Piotr! A warm welcome back to Fr Piotr Ochotny who will be staying with us in St Joseph's parish in July while I will take my summer break. I am sure you will make Fr Piotr feel at home and support him in his ministry in the parish over the next few weeks. Please remember me in your prayers. Thank you. *Fr Leszek*

SICK, DECEASED AND HOLY SOULS PRAYERS

Please remember to update the weekly sheet information on a regular basis so that we include all those in need of prayer. For those who are long term sick, could you update the additional white sheet that is on the clipboard alongside the book. Just tick or add a name (if not on the list) so that all these people are included in our long term sick list. Please print clearly all information. Thank you.

200 CLUB – CONGRATULATIONS

Winners of the 200 Club draw for June were:

1st Prize - £100 – Helen Clark

2nd Prize - £25 – Claire McGivern

Want to join? It costs £25 per number per year or, if you prefer, 50p per week. Monthly draw of £100 and £25 and Christmas Draw in December of 3 prizes - £200, £100 and £50. Just speak to Linda Gow.

FATHER ANDREW MARSHALL – ORDINATION

On Thursday 28th June the joyful occasion of the ordination of Fr Andrew Marshall in St Andrew's Cathedral at 7.00pm. Please join us.

WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S

Thank you for your interest in our parish. Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're happy to have you here.

GIFT AID DONORS – make sure that you have received your letter giving detail of your gift aid contribution amount to be claimed for the year April 2017 to April 2018. Thanks.

GOT BULLETIN NEWS OR INFORMATION

Please give us some help with this bulletin by supplying news and information that you think would be of interest to other parishioners here in St Joseph's. Many thanks. E-mail: Father Leszek – parishpriest@stj1.co.uk John Sinclair – john.sinclair9@hotmail.co.uk