

Saint Joseph's Church



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Weekly Parish Bulletin

Shame and the Lord

In the Gospel Reading, Jairus wades fearlessly into the crowd around Jesus and interrupts what Jesus is doing. Jairus is an important person, an official of the synagogue; and his twelve-year old daughter is dangerously sick. He believes that Jesus could heal his daughter, but only if he comes right away. And so he urges Jesus to drop everything else and come *now*.

And Jesus does turn immediately to go with Jairus. But then Jairus's interruption of Jesus is itself interrupted. Jesus stops dead and demands to know who touched him. Who touched you, his disciples say in disbelief! *Everybody* touched you! You are in the middle of a big crowd pressing all around you. But, as we know, there *was* someone who touched Jesus in a special way. She was a woman who had had an issue of blood for twelve years, just as many years as Jairus had a daughter.

Under Mosaic law, that woman was unclean all those years. And anyone who touched her became unclean too. In fact, anyone who even touched anything she sat on or slept on became unclean. The woman had spent all her money on doctors to try to stop the issue of blood, but the doctors had only made her worse. So she was poor, outcast, and scared of being noticed. Unlike Jairus, she didn't dare interrupt Jesus to press her own concerns on him. And now she had added this dreadful thing to all the other bad things about her: she had touched the Lord himself—and so, she must have thought, she had made even Jesus unclean.

No wonder she was trembling when Jesus called her out, and she had to face him. Shame such as hers makes a person desperate to be invisible. Unlike Jairus, in *her* great need, she had not been willing to put herself forward. But she was so desperate to be healed that she was willing to be shamed, no-account, and invisible. She accepted being unnoticed as unimportant as long as she could be healed. But Jesus was not willing to tolerate her own estimation of herself. He made the official of the synagogue wait for *her*. "Daughter," Jesus says to her, "your faith has saved you". In that one word, 'daughter,' Jesus healed her shame as well as her blood-flow. He showed her and all the crowd around her that she was to him what Jairus's daughter was to Jairus. And so Jairus was not the only one who cared for his daughter on that day.

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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 24/06/18
MASS 10.00
£437.31 (Gift Aid £344.29)

MASS 12.00 & VIGIL
£192.28 (Gift Aid £22.43)

TOTAL £629.59

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SVDP (Box at the door) £18.60

2nd COLLECTION TODAY – PETER'S PENCE

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK – 8th JULY
APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

PETER'S PENCE 2nd COLLECTION

Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence, the annual collection that is sent to the Vatican for the Pope to use assisting those in need throughout the world.

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 McAvoy, 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 souls of Jim Maguire, Edward McCann, William Newall, David Stewart, Maureen McCaul and Danny Ward whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and all the souls of the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

FINANCE INFORMATION

Gift Aid – many thanks to all the parishioners who are able to further contribute to the church through gift aid. Thanks to your support we are able to claim **£5,679.80** in the financial year 6th April 2017 to 5th April 2018. This is again slightly more than the previous year. Gift Aid is absolutely vital to our finances here at St Joseph's and we are grateful for your support. If anyone requires any information about how to contribute through Gift Aid, please talk to Fr Leszek or to Mark Stewart. There is also an explanatory leaflet available at the desk in the church porch.

TAIZÉ SERVICE – NEXT SERVICE IN AUGUST

Join us for an hour of Taizé chant, music, Adoration and prayer here in St Joseph's Church, at 7.00pm on Thursday August 2nd. This is a change to the information given last week as there is now **NO** July Taizé service.

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.

FAIR TRADE STALL

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 THIS Sunday 1st July and then again on Sunday 29th July. Please have a look at the products and lend your support.

13th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Tuesday 3rd July

FEAST OF ST THOMAS

Thomas, called the twin, makes a profound act of faith in Jesus. Despite his protestations, there's no indication as he examines Jesus' hand and side as evidence for him to believe in the Resurrection: on hearing the voice of the Risen Lord, he says "My Lord and my God".

St Thomas is said to have preached the gospel in India where he was martyred. The faith that led him to know Christ in his wounds also sent him to the farthest places to preach Christ.

Wednesday 4th July

Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal

St Elizabeth of Portugal, 1271-1336, of the House of Aragon, had an unhappy marriage with the King of Portugal. She persevered in prayer and good works, and as a widow lived in poverty as a Franciscan tertiary.

Thursday 5th July

Memorial of St Anthony Zaccaria

St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, 1502-39, was a medical doctor before becoming a priest in Milan. He founded the Barnabites.

Friday 6th July

Memorial of St Maria Goretti

St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr, 1890-1902, died from stab wounds when opposing the advances of a suitor at the age of eleven, just a few weeks after making her First Communion. A devout prayerful girl, she forgave her killer who was present at her canonisation by Pope Pius XI in 1950.

MINUTE MEDITATION

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

FR PIOTR OCHOTNY

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.

SEA SUNDAY

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

For more information on the work of AoS please visit: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

HOME BAKING EVENT

Many thanks to all those who supported this event last week both bakers and buyers. We raised over £60 which will be used to support social activities in our church. We have our summer break now until September 2nd!

WEEKDAY MASS ATTENDANCE

This is very poor at the moment. Please find time during the week to assist at Holy Mass – particularly if you are retired or on holiday. Perhaps you could come with the intention to pray for a member of your family who no longer comes to Mass, for someone who is sick in the hospital or hospice with no-one to pray for them, for the staff and pupils of our schools or for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. There is always something to pray for and the Mass is the best of prayers!

CHILDRENS LITURGY

There is separate liturgy for the children today and then there is a break in line with the school holidays, re-commencing on Sunday 12 August.

AUTUMN CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Stephen Robson has announced a number of clerical appointments in the Diocese of Dunkeld and full information is available on the Dunkeld Diocese website: www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk

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
There will be no newsletter until August 12 but news and information will be communicated on the notice board in the porch area.

