

Saint Joseph's Church



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Weekly Parish Bulletin

Fear and Forgiveness

The fearful Gospel Reading says that there is an unforgivable sin. What is *that*? To see the answer, consider the Psalm: *out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? Who doesn't feel this way about his sins? And now notice how the Psalm continues: But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered—or, as another translation has it, that you may be feared.*

Why think that God forgives your sins so that you might revere or fear him? Wouldn't it be more true to say that you fear God because you worry about your sins? Wouldn't you fear that if you faced God, your sins would just seem worse because you would see them in the light of God's holiness?

And yet look what the Psalm says: there is forgiveness with God! God's forgiveness can gentle you into a surrender to God's love, can't it? If God himself loves you and forgives your sins, then wouldn't you love God and want to cleave to him? And so the Psalmist is right: there is forgiveness of your sins with God so that you might fear God—not with a fear of God's punishing or forsaking you, but just with a fear of your own turning away from the Lord who forgives you. But, then, if God forgives you so that you might fear him, what sin of yours is unforgivable? You can see the answer for yourself now, can't you?

What happens if when God forgives you, you turn away from him instead of cleaving to him and fearing him? If you turn away from God even when God forgives you, then there is nothing left that God can do for you, is there? The gift of God's forgiveness is there for you. But if you won't open to receive it, then even God can't give it. And what does a refusal to accept God's forgiveness come to except a refusal to believe that the love and forgiveness of God are there, there *for you* too? In effect, a refusal of God's forgiveness is a rejection of God as love.

And so the unforgivable sin is a permanent refusal to accept God's forgiveness. But that refusal really is blasphemous against the Spirit of God, isn't it? What does Scripture say? God is Love. (1 John 4: 7-8).

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

10 JUNE 2018

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK
MORNING MASS 03/06/18
MASS 10.00
£473.61 (Gift Aid £349.19)

MASS 12.00 & VIGIL
£215.16 (Gift Aid £20.00)

TOTAL £688.77

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SVDP (Box at the door) £15.79

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Bishop Vincent Logan, 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 McAvooy, Mgr Ken McBride, Fr Jim McCruden, Margaret Mitchell, Irena Nasionka, Betty Page, Mollie Petrie, Marjory Robson, Ursula Skorupa, Jack Stephen, Mildred Strachan, Vera Swifte, Little Therese, Paul Drummond and Irene Cathro.

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 Daphne Spink who has died recently and for Jack Ireland, Harry McGregor, Robert Ebare, Lily Kelly, Jack Kelly, Alana Niven, James Stewart, Ina West, Thomas Flynn, Frank Cesario, Charlie Mullen, Janice Slaven and Greta Gallacher whose anniversaries occur around this time.

May God grant them, and all the souls of the faithful departed, eternal rest.



1st HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the Scottish children taking their 1st Holy Communion today 10th June and to the 7 Polish children who took their 1st Holy Communion last Sunday. There will be a joint photograph taken of all the children after the 10.00am Mass today.

ONE MUST SEE GOD IN EVERYONE

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.

10th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sunday 10th June

Opposition to Jesus intensifies in this passage. Scribes from Jerusalem dismiss him as someone who casts out devils by the power of the devil, and Jesus' own family, convinced that he's out of his mind, come to take him away. Almost certainly, they would have taken him away and locked him up for his own good! No wonder Jesus exclaims that his family are not designated through flesh and blood, but are those who do the will of God!

Monday 11th June

ST BARNABAS – MEMORIAL

St Barnabas, Apostle, was born on the island of Cyprus. He was one of the first converts in Jerusalem and preached at Antioch. He became a companion of St Paul and went with him on his first missionary journey, and he took part in the Council of Jerusalem. He returned to his native land to preach the Gospel and there he died.

Wednesday 13th June

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA - MEMORIAL

St Anthony, Priest and Doctor of the Church, died in Padua in 1231 at the age of thirty-six. Born in Portugal, he had joined the Franciscans and preached against heresy throughout France and Italy.

QUIET MOMENT

If a man does what he can and is truly penitent, however often he comes to Me for grace and pardon, "As I live, saith the Lord God, I desire not the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live"; I will no longer remember his sins, but all will be forgiven him. *Imitation of Christ*

SAFEGUARDING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Safeguarding is a duty that is rooted in the message of Jesus and in the mission of the Church. The Catholic Church in Scotland aspires to the highest standards with regard to the care and protection of children and vulnerable adults, and actively promotes justice for, and provides assistance to, those who have been abused.

New 'Safeguarding' leaflet available from the desk in the church porch and full information from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland at www.bcos.org.uk/safeguarding
We should all look at and read this important information. Please do so.

GIFT AID LETTERS

All parishioners who contributed to the church through gift aid in the financial year 6 April 2017 to 5 April 2018 will receive a letter giving detail of their tax contribution. This is the amount that will be claimed shortly by St Joseph's. These letters will be available from next Sunday. Many, many thanks for this additional support.

MINUTE MEDITATION

The real mystery of marriage is not that husband and wife love each other so much that they can recognize God in each other's lives, but more because God loves them so much that they can discover each other more and more as living reminders of God's presence. *Henri J.M. Nouwen*

TO ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION IN ST JOSEPH'S

There will be a day of Reflection for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at St John's High School from 10.30am until 3.30pm on Saturday, 23rd June 2018.

The day will consist of two presentations on different aspects of the Eucharist and the Mystery of the Mass, time for lunch, and then a period of Exposition and Adoration of the Eucharist and preparing for Holy Mass, which will commence at 2.30pm.

Ministry of the Holy Eucharist, particularly to the sick and household, but also in the administration of Holy Communion to the faithful at Mass, is a great privilege and service to God's people. It needs meticulous preparation, great care in handling the sacred species and above all, a life rooted in prayer and service to God's people and our families.

This meeting will give us an opportunity to reflect at a deeper level in thanksgiving for the ministry of Holy Communion and to renew the celebration of our faith in the Eucharistic Mystery.

I would ask you to try and set aside the time to come for renewal of our commitment to Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

+ Stephen Robson Bishop of Dunkeld

Would all Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion in St Joseph's please collect a copy of the full letter from Bishop Stephen and complete the attached proforma indicating whether they can or cannot attend the above meeting. Copies in the sacristy.

STRAWBERRY TEA – SOCIAL GROUP

This event, scheduled for Saturday 23rd June, has had to be POSTPONED – many apologies. There will be a small Bakery Event on Sunday 24th June after the 10.00am Mass.

ST MARY'S KINNOULL

Please see the printed programme displayed on the notice board in the church porch area giving full details of the events planned and available at St Mary's Kinnoull from June 2018 through to December 2018.

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE

You are invited to take part in a monthly

PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE

Renewal Families Vocations

with ROSARY at 6.30 p.m.

followed by HOLY MASS

on Wednesday 13th JUNE

St. Leonard & St. Fergus' Church

Held in a different church each month until

October

Please join us in this 101st year of Our Lady's apparitions to pray for the above intentions.

CHURCH
NEWS

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
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