

Saint Joseph's Church



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Weekly Parish Bulletin

Being Able to Hear

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus does a miracle: a man who was deaf and impaired in speech becomes able to hear and to speak plainly. But the way in which Jesus performs the miracle seems undignified or even silly. Jesus puts his fingers in the man's ears and his spit on the man's tongue. *Before* the man's ears are opened to hear, Jesus looks up to heaven, he groans, and he says "Be opened!"

What happened to the elegant kind of miracle where Jesus just says a word and a person is healed? Why this show, which looks embarrassing for Jesus? The answer lies in the question. What Jesus does is literally a silent show. It has to be. Jesus is trying to communicate with someone who can't hear. In other cases, before Jesus does a miracle, Jesus talks to the person for whom the miracle will be done. In this case, he does charades.

His charade begins by letting the deaf man know that Jesus is putting a part of himself into the deaf man—his fingers into the deaf man's ears, his spit into the deaf man's mouth. By this means, Jesus invites the deaf man to accept Jesus into himself—literally. And then Jesus looks up to heaven to show the deaf man the source of Jesus' power. It doesn't come from some magic in Jesus' fingers or spittle. It comes from God, whose power is in Jesus, who is in the deaf man, by means of this charade.

Even the groaning and the speech of Jesus to the deaf man make sense if we think of them in this way. First, the deaf man sees Jesus open his mouth to make the inarticulate sound of groaning. This deaf man doesn't speak, but even those made mute by deafness can groan. In groaning, Jesus joins the deaf man, who can see Jesus groaning even if he can't hear him.

And then the deaf man sees Jesus speaking an articulate word *to him*, to the man who cannot hear. In doing this, Jesus is inviting the deaf man to trust in Jesus, to choose to accept the miracle—to choose to *hear* the word that Jesus speaks to him. And so Jesus humbles himself to share the limitations of this one deaf man. By undignified dumb show, the love of the Lord heals the deaf man's soul as well as his ears. Let us be humble enough to hear the love of the Lord in this story.

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

09 SEPTEMBER 2018

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

MORNING MASS 02/09/18

MASS 10.00

£469.86 (Gift Aid £378.19)

MASS 12.00 & VIGIL

£145.17 (Gift Aid £21.90)

TOTAL £615.03

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SVDP (Box at the door) £31.00

**2nd COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY
ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS' FUND**

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This annual Special Collection is due on Sunday 16th September. This money is used to support our students in our Dunkeld Diocese of which we have six. The plain fact is that in these days Formation for the priesthood comes with a high price tag wherever the students are trained. The total yearly cost for one student is presently over £28,000. Last year our Diocese raised £9,600 from this special collection enough to support **one third of one student!** Our church raised £120. Please let us try to make a really generous effort this year for this important Fund. Thank you.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS Please pray

for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Bishop Vincent Logan, Bill Cahill, Irene Cathro, Elinor Crighton, James Crighton, Fletcher Ditchburn, Paul Drummond, Fr James Ferguson, Angela Keith, Brian Low, Jean Low, Bob Low, Kathleen McAvooy, Mgr Ken McBride, Shelia McCallum, Iain McCallum, Fr Jim McCruden, Christopher Melia, Stuart Murphy, Marjory Robson and Little Therese. **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 Jack Stephen, Michael McGinley and Stanislas Dziedzic who have died recently and Margaret Black, Betty McGuinness, Tony McGuinness, Elizabeth Forbes and Enrico Soave whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and all the souls of the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

HOME BAKING

Thank you for your support last Sunday, both bakers and buyers! We raised over £65 which will be used to help with social activities here in St. Joseph's. *Margaret Sinclair – Social Group*

VINCENTIAN FAMILY ANNUAL CARFIN MASS

Saturday 29th September 2018

Rosary Procession – 1.00pm

Mass – 2.00pm

Celebrant and Homilist

Fr. Fergus Kelly C.M.

Carfin Cafeteria open from 11.30

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 you are here.

23rd WEEK OF THE YEAR

Wednesday 12th September

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

The Holy Name of Mary: This is a counterpart to the Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. The Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the inexpressible love of the mother of God for her Holy Child. The eyes of the faithful are directed to the figure of the Mother of the redeemer, for them to invoke with devotion.

Thursday 13th September

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM – MEMORIAL

St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 347-407, one of the four great Greek Doctors, the 'golden-mouthed' preacher, was Archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.

Friday 14th September

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – FEAST

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast originally commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The remains of the cross that St Helena had recently discovered were venerated there the following day.

Saturday 15th September

OUR LADY OF SORROWS – MEMORIAL

Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary, standing by the Cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her', whom she also offered to the eternal Father (Marialis Cultus).

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Why not make this the year you...

Discover in more depth the beauty of the Catholic tradition;

Explore the riches of God's Word for you in the Scriptures;

Immerse yourself more deeply in the rhythm and grace of the Liturgy;

Meet people from other parishes and strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship?

JOURNEY OF FAITH

WHEN – Wednesday at 7.30pm
beginning on 12th September until
21st November

WHERE – Diocesan Pastoral Centre

WITH – Canon Kevin Golden

Pick up a leaflet at desk in porch

THE HAPPINESS OF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS
ON THE QUALITY OF YOUR THOUGHTS

ENGLISH MEDIUM STUDENTS – SRI LANKA

Our church has received a lovely thank you letter from Fr Viraj Rodrigo at St Andrew's Central College in Puttalam, Sri Lanka for the generous donation of books for their library in support of their students of English language. This is an on-going project and we thank Rohan Fernando, Pauline Veal, Nick Marra, SVDP group and all those who are making this happen in both sourcing the books and in shipping them out overseas to the college.

DAY FOR READERS (AND CANTORS)

There will be a diocesan Day for Readers on Saturday 22nd September at St John's School. Full details of the programme will be available shortly but put a note in your diaries now.

A QUIET MOMENT

Men will surrender to the spirit of the age. They will say that if they had lived in our day, faith would be simple and easy. But in their day, they will say, things are complex; the Church must be brought up to date and made meaningful to the day's problems.

St Anthony of Padua

THE ROLE OF THE LAITY IN THE CHURCH TODAY

Saturday 6 October 2018

A one-day conference organised by the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh in conjunction with the Catholic Truth Society. 11.00am – 4.00pm.

Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.
Full notice on the notice board in porch.

FATIMA HOLY HOUR

Pray for World Peace and join us in St Patrick's Church, Arthursstone Terrace, on Wednesday 12th September with the Rosary at 7.00pm followed by Holy Mass. **Note date change.**

CANTORS NEEDED

Would you consider being a cantor at St. Joseph's? We now only have 3 cantors and would like to add to this number. You don't need to be able to read music as there are CD copies you can learn the tunes from. If you would be willing to help, then please speak to Cathie Soave or one of the cantors after Mass. Your help would be appreciated.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Thursday 13th September at 7.00pm

St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

MINUTE MEDITATION

We often say, "I am not very happy. I am not content with the way my life is going. I am not really joyful or peaceful, but I just don't know how things can be different, and I guess I have to be realistic and accept my life as it is." It is this mood of resignation that prevents us from actively searching for the life of the Spirit.

Henri Nouwen

NIGHTFEVER – ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL

Would you be interested in helping – join us for a planning meeting in the Cathedral Hall on Sunday 16 September at 3.00pm.

GOT BULLETIN NEWS OR INFORMATION

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