

Saint Joseph's Church



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Weekly Parish Bulletin

Marriage

In the Gospel Reading Christ has a stern thing to say about all marriage: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she remarries. Given that stern saying, why would anyone want to marry? Why would God *want* anyone to marry?

The First Reading describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and *that's* the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her. But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in himself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form him. As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone.

Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about this rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too. And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. In the First Reading, God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a *man* will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the Gospel Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a *husband* to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-Fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men.

When God made human beings embodied and gendered, he gave them the great gift, lacking for the angels, that they could be joined together for life in marriage, with children. For us, who live in the post-Fall world Adam bequeathed us, this gift comes with beset with risks for heart-breaking suffering. The challenge for us is to preserve the promise and beauty of God's gift. The perils of marriage for women—and also for men—is hedged in by Christ's stern prohibition against divorce. *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

7 OCTOBER 2018

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK MORNING MASSES 30/09/18 MASS 10.00

£467.90 (Gift Aid £368.69)

MASS 12.00

£106.04 (Gift Aid £21.78)

TOTAL £573.94

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SVDP (Box at the door) £16.10

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK

PETER'S PENCE £133.93

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – James and Elinor Crighton, Fletcher Ditchburn, Bronwyn Farquharson, Bob and Jean Low, Brian Low, Bob Low (Jnr), Shelia and Iain McCallum and Fr Jim McCrudden. **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 Terrance Bonner, Winnie Golden, Ernest Rumble, Naren Arjun, Avril Sabharwal, Bob Shepherd and Stuart Santi whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and all the souls of the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS

Following the launch of 'In God's Image' there will be a Parish Update Session for **ALL** those who minister with children or vulnerable adults in the parishes.

There are 2 Sessions:

1. Thursday 25th October for Induction Level 1 (this for **ALL** new and prospective volunteers).
2. Monday 29th October for **ALL EXISTING VOLUNTEERS.**

Both sessions start at 7.00pm at the Diocesan Centre. If you have any queries regarding this, please talk to me directly. *John McKay*

MINUTE MEDITATION

Compassion- which means, literally, "to suffer with"- is the way to the truth that we are most ourselves, not when we differ from others, but when we are the same. Indeed the main spiritual question is not, "What difference do you make?" but "What do you have in common?" It is not "excelling" but "serving" that makes us most human. It is not proving ourselves to be better than others but confessing to be just like others that is the way to healing and reconciliation. *Henri Nouwen*

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.

DIOCESE OF DUNKELD

A Celebration of Missionary Activity

10.00am-4pm, Saturday 13th October

Diocesan Centre

All parishes are invited to send about three people who are in some way involved in "missionary" activity either home or abroad.

Representatives could be from the SCIAF group, MISSIO, Justice & Peace, Society of St Vincent de Paul, soup kitchen, hospital visiting...

*We all try to live Jesus' mission in
all its diversity*

3pm – Closing Mass celebrated

by Bishop Stephen

If you would be interested in representing our church, please speak to Fr Leszek or Nick Marra.

27th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Tuesday 9th October

Memorial of St Denis and his Companions

St Denis and his Companions, Rusticus and Eleutherius, were beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258 and later buried at Montmartre. Their finest tribute is the abbey church of Saint-Denis where the kings and queens of France are buried. Denis, the first bishop of Paris, is one of the patrons of France.

Memorial of St John Leonardi

St John Leonardi, Priest, 1541-1609, supported the reforms of Trent, published a Catechism and helped to found the Propagation of the Faith in Rome.

Thursday 11th October

Memorial of St John XXIII

St John XXIII, Pope, 1881-1963. Prior to his election to the Holy See, an apostolic visitor, apostolic delegate and nuncio he ministered in Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece, and Paris, concerning himself with the problems of the Eastern Churches and assisting, in France, in the Church's post-war efforts. Within three months of his election to the See of Peter he announced the convocation of an ecumenical council for the universal Church, the Second Vatican Council.

Friday 12th October

Memorial of St Kenneth

St Kenneth was born and died in sixth century Ireland. During his life, however, he also spent time in Wales with St Cadoc, and on Iona with St Columba. He converted many in Scotland by his preaching, building a number of churches along the way. He founded a monastery in St Andrews. The ruined Abbey of Cambuskenneth still bears his name. He died in 599.

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.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

As a follow-up to the recent Rosary on the Coast there is a renewed call to prayer and penance on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This is to be called **Rosary under the Cross for Faith, Life and Peace**. Today, on Sunday, October 7th, Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, all are invited to pray in St Joseph's at 3.00pm. We are asked to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary in Penance and Reparation for the sins committed within the Church and the nation against innocence and purity. **Rosary under the Cross** is called to be a time to kneel in penitence before the Lord and to confess, lament, acknowledge and repent of sins of abuse against children and youth before the Lord as a sorrowful Church.

QUIET MOMENT

I therefore command all my Brothers, those living now and those to come in the future, to venerate the Holy Mother of God, whom we always implore to be our Protectress, to praise her at all times, in all circumstances of life, with all the means in their power and with the greatest devotion and submission.

St Francis of Assisi

SPUC SILENT VIGIL

12,212 abortions were performed in Scotland last year - 12,005 on social grounds. SPUC Dundee are holding the 15th consecutive annual Silent Vigil, commemorating the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act on Thursday 25th October in the City Square from 6-8pm. Please come along to witness to, and pray for, the babies lost to abortion and for the mothers and medical staff who are damaged by their part in abortion. You're very welcome to join for any time you can spare of the full 2 hour event.

FATIMA HOLY HOUR

Pray for World Peace and join us in Our Lady of Victories Church, Powrie Place, on Saturday 13th October with the Rosary at 10.00am followed by Holy Mass.

As this is our last Holy Hour of the year refreshments will be served after Mass.

LIVING WATER PRAYER MINISTRY

THE LIVING WATER PRAYER MINISTRY

INNER HEALING RETREAT

HERE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

FROM FRIDAY 26TH TO SUNDAY 28TH

OCTOBER 2018

FULL DETAILS ON NOTICE BOARD IN PORCH

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HOME BAKING



HERE TODAY – PLEASE SUPPORT

IF YOU'RE HEADED IN THE WRONG
DIRECTION, GOD ALLOWS U-TURNS.