

Saint Joseph's Church



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Weekly Parish Bulletin



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

1918 - 2018

100 YEARS CENTENARY

Today in many churches, villages, towns and cities and at memorials across the country, we gather to remember those who have died in war. Some of our memories would go back to those lost in battle a century ago – who are still loved and will forever be missed. Others would focus on much more recent events of young soldiers killed and repatriated from war. Some of these soldiers have left behind little children who will grow up not knowing their father or their mother.

Today we are united in our thoughts and prayers as we give thanks for the selfless sacrifice of these heroic men and women, as well as the courage that we ourselves need to confess that we too are part of a broken sinful human race that still follows paths of conflict, war and destruction.

Every year we think of how best to celebrate and remember these great people of history. We remember each by name. We place flowers on their graves. We place the Wreath in their honour. But most importantly, we pray for their souls to find that lasting peace for which they earnestly fought while they lived.

Conflicts and wars start from within; the state of mind and heart has a lot to determine the peace of the world. This is why Jesus says to us, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and Trust in me. In my father's house there are many rooms.' Indeed, there is a place in God's presence of Light, Happiness and Peace for all who have sacrificed their lives to make peace. There is a special place for them in our hearts, only if there is a place for peace in our hearts.

Therefore, the best honour we can give to those who have died in war is to continue to build a more peaceful and loving world. This peace must be founded on justice, freedom, dignity and respect for all men and women, young and elderly, irrespective of colour and creed; building a world where everyone is safe and happy to call a home. Our fallen soldiers would love us to honour them more when we drop the weapons of war and become, ourselves, instruments of peace, breaking every wall of pride and prejudice; sowing the seed of trust, hope and goodness, instead of the seed of hatred, grudge and revenge, which can do us no good but harm.

Every soldier fights with the hope of victory. This hope is a symbol of the Christian Hope in the Resurrection and Renewal of all things at the end of time. 'Behold, among humans, God has chosen for his dwelling place. He shall be their God and they shall be his people. He will create a new heaven and a new earth, making all things new' (Revelation 21); death and destruction shall be a thing of the past, while all things bright and beautiful, all creatures of all kinds shall blossom and flourish in eternity.

At St Joseph's we especially remember today our 236 parishioners – young men – and our priest, Father James Shine, who were killed in the Great War 1914 – 1918 and are inscribed on our war memorial. At the end of the Mass today, some relatives of those inscribed will take the poppy wreath from the altar here in the church and will place it on the memorial outside. Fr Leszek will then lead us in prayers for a few minutes. Please join us at this time.

Please now give a few moments in silent prayer to remember them and all those killed during conflicts in wars throughout the world.



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ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

TOTAL £616.09

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SVDP (Box at the door) £13.27

2nd LAST WEEK PALLOTTINE £192.21

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – May Cosgrove, James and Elinor Crighton, Fletcher Ditchburn, Paul Drummond, Bronwyn Farquharson, Bob and Jean Low, Brian Low, Bob Low (Jnr), Seamus Mannion, Shelia and Iain McCallum, Fr Jim McCrudden and Christopher Melia. **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 Stanley Pennycook, Frank Odwesso, Agnes McMahan, Bernard Halliday, Gerard Gibson, Margaret Lynch, Margaret Tait, Jim Duncan, Hugh McCluskey and Findlay Harvey whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and all the souls of the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

SPECIAL INVITATION TODAY TO ALL

Centenary of the ending of the Great War and

Centenary of Poland's Day of Independence

At 1:30pm parade from church to school

At 2:00pm short artistic Parish programme in St Joseph's Primary School

with song and dance by the Ensemble "Chludowianie" from Poland

LET US BE TOGETHER THIS DAY!

There will be refreshments for all at the school after the short programme so please come along and join us for this joint Scottish/Polish unique 100 Years Event.

The school car park can be used up to 5.00pm

NOVEMBER LISTS

Available now in the Church Porch

During November, Novena Masses will be offered for deceased relatives and friends. If you would like to have yours enrolled in these Masses, simply list their names on the November List, envelopes and lists on the table in the church porch, with your offering and place your envelope in the large basket on the floor in front of the Altar or put it in the collection bag at the time of the offertory. Your list will then be placed on the Altar and will remain there for the entire month of November.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL GROUP

COFFEE MORNING

This will be held on Saturday 17th November from 11.00am – 1.00pm in the church porch. Tickets are on-sale now at only £2 and there will be a Christmas Raffle on the day. Don't miss this special annual event!

HOME BAKING

Our Home Baking event last week raised £60. Many thanks to all who helped and supported by baking and buying. Next 'baking' – Feb '19.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS STALL!

Once again, following many requests, the Justice & Peace Group are running their Christmas Gifts stall on Sunday 25th November and Sunday 2nd December. Any unwanted gifts (new and unused please!) please bring and leave at the back of the church on Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th November. Everyone wins - you get bargain gifts and SCIAF gets the profit! *Many thanks.*

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.



FATHER JAMES SHINE

James was a Parish Priest here in 1915. He was fully involved in the parish and was well liked. With the Great War still raging in France and a shortage of Army Chaplains, James volunteered and was appointed as a Captain into the Royal Army Chaplains Department with the 21st Battalion Middlesex Regiment. On the 9th April 1918, the 21st were under attack by the German Spring Offensive and later that day, Fr James was wounded whilst ministering to the dying, under fire on the battlefield. He was severely injured and died on 21st April. He was awarded the British War medal and The Victory Medal.



EDWARD LOW

Cathie Donnelly, a current parishioner, granddaughter to Edward Low, said: Edward was born in Dundee and worked as a jute preparer and was a Territorial. Because of this he was off to war from the start as Company Sergeant Major, 9th Battalion Black Watch. He married in St Andrew's Cathedral in 1907 and had four children. He died on 31 July 1917 and is commemorated at Ypres Menin Gate Memorial.



WILLIAM DYE

Cathie Soave, a current parishioner, great niece to William Dye, said: William was born in Dundee in 1892, the seventh of eleven children. Baptised in St Joseph's, attended St Joseph's school and at 14 went to work in the jute mills. He enlisted in 1915 and was 'missing presumed dead' on 1st August 1917 at Passchendaele. Ypres Menin Gate Memorial.



JOHN, STEPHEN AND MICHAEL HIGGINS

Marysia O'Sullivan says: My grandfather, Michael, and his two brothers were all killed in the Great War. John died on 25/9/15 at the Battle of Loos. He was in the 2nd Black Watch. Stephen died on 30/7/16 and was in the 4th Black Watch. My grandfather, Michael, died on 4/12/16 in the Persian Gulf. He was in the Highland Light Infantry and was killed by flying shrapnel. Their cousin, **James Higgins**, is detailed separately by his great grandson.



JAMES BIRMINGHAM

Theresa McAinsh, a current parishioner, niece of James Birmingham, said: James was born in 1901 in Rattray. He was in the Seaforth Highlanders and went missing and was presumed dead on 9/4/18 at the age of 17.



JAMES MCLEISH

Peter Angus, a current parishioner said: James was a Private in the 9th Bttn Black Watch Regiment – machine gun corps. His date of death 18/11/18. James was the grandfather of Peter's wife Maureen.

Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.



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JAMES HIGGINS

Lance Corporal James Higgins of the 9th Bttn, Black Watch (joined 24/11/14) died (aged 25) of his wounds on 31st July 1917 on the 1st day of the third battle of Ypres commonly known as Passchendaele. He is buried in the White House cemetery, St Jean-les-Ypres. He was the son of James Higgins and Mary McCormick who were married in St Joseph's in September 1884. He was also the husband of Martha Higgins (nee Sime) whom he married in 1911 in St Andrew's Cathedral and was the father of three daughters, Mary, Martha and Jemima (who was born weeks after he died). The family lived in Walton Street. His middle daughter Martha, married her husband Alec Toshney in St Joseph's in 1936. *Kevin Toshney - great grandson*



MICHAEL DRUMM

Craig Drumm says: My great grandfather Michael Drumm (Private, 4th Battalion, Black Watch) was killed in action on 30/12/16 and is buried in Essex Farm Cemetery just north of Ypres. Michael was born in Dundee in 1875 to Irish immigrants. He was the youngest of 6 children and was raised and lived around the jute mills of Dundee's west end. In 1899 he married Mary Davina Carless in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. In 1901 he lived at 147 Scouringburn, Dundee and worked as an Iron driller in the jute mills and he had 2 children at this time. In 1911 Mary died aged 33 leaving 6 children aged between 2 to 11. After Michael was killed in the war, the children were raised by his sisters. I have photos and documents but in pride of place is the original 'red hackle' from his bonnet.