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from March 2022

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Hearty congratulations to the members of the newly constituted Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council. Thank you for accepting this voluntary service and for your availability to serve the parish in the future. May God bless you.

NOTICES

PARISH FINANCE: It is possible to donate via bank transfer if you wish. The parish account details are: Sort code: 80-02-27; Account number: 00126361; Account name: Archdiocese of St Andrew's & Edinburgh: St Joseph's. Please remember to include your name as a reference. It is also possible to donate online using the "donate" button on the parish website.

Last Sunday's collection: £344.15

THANK YOU to those who helped make our Feast Day Mass yesterday such an occasion. Particular thanks to Maureen and the Liturgy Committee, Angie and the St Monica's Guild and all those who provided food. A special thank you to Justyna Watycha of Just So Sweet for providing the cake (front cover) free of charge.

PARISH AGM: This will take place today directly after the 11am Mass. Please do come along and participate in this important parish event. It is a forum to learn about the work of the parish over the last 4 years, submit questions to the outgoing PPC and FC and meet the representatives listed above who have been elected for the new term.

POUND CLUB: The draw will take place next Sunday after the 8.30am Mass so please ensure you have paid your dues. Thank you.

THIS WEEK FOR LENT

Date	Time	Event	Notes
Tuesday, 22 March	7pm	Sung Night Prayer	Sign up sheet at back of church
Friday, 25 March	6.30pm	Way of the Cross	(Note earlier starting time)
Saturday, 26 March	10am	Lenten Mini-Retreat 2	Sign up sheet at back of church



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20th March 2022

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

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**Photographs taken at our Feast Day celebrations.
More photos are on the parish website and
Facebook page.**

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ORDER OF THE MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Introductory Rites

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟ *Amen.*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

℟ *And with your spirit.*

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God / and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned / in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints / and you my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

P: Lord have mercy.

℟ *Lord have mercy*

P: Christ have mercy.

℟ *Christ have mercy*

P: Lord have mercy

℟ *Lord have mercy.*

First reading

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am

Reflection

CONVERSION AND FRUITFULNESS

Definition of God: The first reading, at the outset, reveals God's name and definition. The Lord appeared to Moses in the burning bush and revealed his name as «I am». «I am», in the first place, presents God's *perfection*. It secondly shows the *presence* of the Lord—God is eternal. «I am», thirdly, portrays the *independence* of God—does not depend on anyone or anything for his existence.

Nature of God: The first reading also reveals God's nature. Our God, in the first place, is an *involving* God in the history of people. The second characteristic manifested is that of *compassion*; God saw the miserable situation of the people of Israel who were slaves in Egypt, and calls Moses to go to Egypt and to intercede for them. Our God is also *patient*; He gives more opportunities to repent despite human failures and rebellion.

The first message of Jesus: The Lord who sent Moses to save the people of Israel, sent his only Son to inspire and motivate us to conversion. Citing the examples of the Galileans who were killed by Pilate and those eighteen persons killed by the fall of the tower of Siloam, Jesus invites everyone to repent. In fact, the first message of Jesus and John the Baptist is conversion.

Return to original purity: The invitation to conversion is a call to return to the original purity with which we were created. The story of creation narrates that "*God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him*" (Gen 1:27). After the work of creation "*God saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very good*" (Gen 1:31). All that God created was «very good» not only because God who is all-good created them but also because the very imprint of God was present in every creature.

Call to fruitfulness: It is not merely conversion that is expected of us, but true *fruitfulness*. Jesus wanted the fig-tree to be destroyed because it was drawing strength and sustenance from the soil and in return produced nothing. If we are created, cared and sustained, we have the God-given duty to produce fruits and to be useful. It is good to ask a personal question: "of what use were we in the world?"

Fr Baji Joseph, SSP

News from the Archdiocese

LENT WITH ST PAUL: The Archdiocese is hosting Lent with St Paul – a Saint’s guide to making the most of Lent. It’s a 30 minute talk at 7:30pm on 21, 28 March and 4 April. Fr Andrew Garden explores insights and advice from St Paul to help us prepare for Easter. Watch live on the YouTube Channel of the Archdiocese at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: The Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back! Demand is expected to be high for this popular and life-enhancing trip so booking now is recommended. It takes place from 8-15 July and will be led by Archbishop Cushley. All the details you need are at www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes22

THE MARGARET SINCLAIR STORY: The online Premiere of The Margaret Sinclair Story will be broadcast live on Tuesday 29 March at 7.00pm The Story of Venerable Margaret Sinclair, from Edinburgh, is vividly brought to life in this docu-drama. Watch live at <https://youtu.be/7LYFhRoRPz8> After the premiere, Rachel (who plays Margaret in the film) and director Stephen Callaghan will host a public Zoom chat from 8:00pm at <https://zoom.us/j/96814393754>

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA WEBINAR: Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. Visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on 23 March at 7.30pm and hear how shipping has changed, the impact this is having on seafarers today and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

who I Am. This’ he added ‘is what you must say to the sons of Israel: ‘I Am has sent me to you.’” And God also said to Moses, ‘You are to say to the sons of Israel: “The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.’

The Word of the Lord

R Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. *R*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion, *R*

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel’s sons. *R*

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. *R*

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord

R Thanks be to God

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Date	Time	Saint	Intention
Sunday, 20 Mar	8.30am	3rd Sunday of Lent (C)	People of the Parish
	11.00am		
Monday, 21 Mar	9.30am		Joseph Matthew Fernandes, RIP
Tuesday, 22 Mar.	9.30am		
Wednesday,23Mar.	9.30am		
Thursday, 24 Mar.	9.30am		P.T. Augusty, RIP
Friday, 25 Mar.	9.30am	The Annunciation of the Lord—Solemnity	
	7:00pm		
Saturday, 26 Mar.	9.30am		

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Mt4:17**Gospel****Luke 13:1-9**

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord*℟ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***Profession of Faith**

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit /
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; /
he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven;
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. **Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

P: Lord, hear us.

*℟ Lord Graciously Hear us.***The Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Doxology and Great Amen

P: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

℟ Amen.**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; / thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil.*

P: Deliver us Lord, we pray...

℟ For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

P: Lord Jesus Christ.... For ever and ever.

℟ Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟ And with your spirit.**Breaking of the Bread**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

℟: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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