

KIDS' CORNER

Children's liturgy at Mass is currently suspended. Why not encourage your children to do these activities related to today's Gospel instead?


JESUS TELLS THE STORY OF

the GOOD BAD SEED

There are **GOOD** people and **BAD** ones living together in the world. In the spaces below draw something good and something bad that sometimes people do:

GOOD	BAD
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Complete the following prayer.

	<i>Dear Jesus</i>
	<i>Help me to be always good.</i>
	<i>Help me to</i> _____

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SAINT JOSEPH'S

BROOMHOUSE



19th July 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO PHASE 3

In Scotland, we have now entered Phase 3 of lockdown. We thank God that we have made it to this point.

In phase 3, public Masses can resume, although with restrictions.

A detailed list of what to expect when you return to Mass can be found inside.

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WELCOME TO PHASE 3

Welcome back to Mass. It is good to be back. Here is a list of the changes which have been introduced as a precaution against Coronavirus.

- The Mass should last no more than 30 minutes.
- The number of people attending any service should not exceed 50 people.
- The Gloria, second reading, Creed, prayers of the faithful and sign of peace will all be omitted. Homilies will also be shorter.
- The collection basket will not be passed around. Instead offerings can be placed in the baskets as you enter or leave the church.
- There will be no offertory procession.
- Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and strictly only in the hand. A Passkeeper will let you know when to approach the altar for communion. After receiving communion, you should leave the church by the Sacristy.
- Face-coverings are compulsory for all parishioners (except those under 5 or with a legitimate medical reason not to wear one).

- 2 metres social distancing and one way systems are to be observed. No congregating before and after Mass.
- There will be no Holy Water by the entrances.
- **Parishioners must book in advance before attending weekend Masses.** As you leave the church today, you can book your place for next weekend. Alternatively, you can call the parish house on 0131 443 3777 between 3pm—6pm on Fridays to book a place.

In Phase 3, we can also celebrate confession, weddings and funerals, although numbers attending these are also limited.

Masses resumed at St Joseph's from Wednesday 15th July.

Weekday Masses take place as normal Monday—Saturday at 9:30am, although there is currently no Exposition beforehand.

With 2 metre social distancing rules, St Joseph's can accommodate between 30 and 40 parishioners at any one service.

To accommodate these regulations, we have **3 Sunday Masses**; a Saturday vigil at 6pm, in addition to our usual services on Sundays at 8.30am and 11am.

CLERGY FOCUS

Our new Parish Priest is

Fr Emmanuel Francis. He is a priest from the Bauchi Diocese in Nigeria. Born on 5th December 1978, he is the youngest of 7 children and was ordained in 2007.



Before coming to Scotland to work in the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, he was the Parish Priest of St Teresa's Catholic Church, Tunfure in Gombe State. Before his appointment here in March 2020, he was an Assistant Priest at St Mary's Church in Bathgate. Fr Emmanuel took up his post at St Joseph's on 23rd March, right at the beginning of lockdown. He is looking forward to finally meeting his new parishioners

MONEY MATTERS

During this time when public Mass attendance has been suspended, it has been difficult for parishioners to maintain their financial support for the parish and the upkeep of the church buildings. We are grateful for all donations, past and present, and if you are able to continue your contributions, which can also be Gift Aided, we would be most grateful.

You can hand in your offerings as you enter and exit the church, or post your donations through the letterbox of the parish house.

A SHORT REFLECTION

by **Fr Emmanuel**

One of the questions many of us ask sometimes is “why did God allow evil into the world?” Why not only good people and good things or behaviours prevail in the world? Can't God eliminate evil so that only the good and righteous people exist? At least that would make this world a better place? Is that not true?

Yes, the readings of today and particularly the Gospel sets out to answer such questions. God intended only good (not evil) to exist at creation. God planted only wheat in the world but the devil came afterwards and planted weeds (evil). God would have removed the weeds (evil) but for the sake of those who may repent later, he allowed both the bad and good to exist because he does not want anyone to die in sin and perish.

Therefore, the church, and indeed the world, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side until they are separated at the harvest time. We come to church not because we are good and perfect, but because we are sinners willing to be better and gain salvation.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR SCIAF WEE BOXES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 85*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading *Romans 8:26-27*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:24-43*

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 22nd July

St Mary Magdalene

Mary of Magdala was healed of “seven devils” by Jesus. She ministered to him in Galilee and was present at his crucifixion. She was in the group of women who were the first to discover the empty tomb, and it was to her that the risen Jesus first appeared. Mary Magdalene is a unique and important character in the story of the Resurrection, chosen by Christ as one of the first witnesses of the event that changed the world.

Saturday 25th July

St James

He was the brother of St John and, like him, a fisherman. He was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration and one of those who slept through most of the Agony in the Garden. He was the first of the apostles to be martyred, being beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I to please the Jewish opponents of Christianity. He was buried in Jerusalem, and nothing more is known about him until the ninth century

NEXT SUNDAY

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (A)

First Reading *1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 118*

Second Reading *Romans 8: 28-30*

Gospel *Matthew 13: 44-52*