

KIDS' CORNER

FINDING GOD ... is like finding a ... TREASURE.

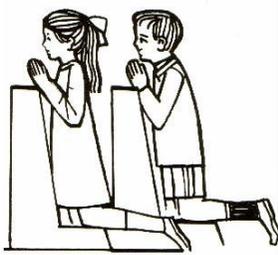


HOW CAN YOU FIND GOD?

In the spaces below draw pictures or write about 2 ways of how or where you can find God.

My prayer

Lord God, you are my treasure. I want to love you more than anything else.



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SAINT JOSEPH'S

BROOMHOUSE



26th July 2020

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

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THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE



“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”



Matthew 13:44-46

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 118*

Lord, how I love your law!

Second Reading *Romans 8:28-30*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:44-52*

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 29th July

St Martha

Martha was the sister of Mary of Bethany and Lazarus. In the West, her feast day comes a week after that of St Mary Magdalene because of the old and probably erroneous tradition that Mary Magdalene was the same person as Martha's sister.

Friday 31st July

St Ignatius Loyola

Founder of the Jesuit Order, Ignatius was a soldier in the Basque country. After being wounded in battle he spent a long convalescence reading about Christ before deciding to dedicate his life to God. Soon after his conversion Ignatius wrote the Spiritual Exercises, a systematic step-by-step retreat that can be followed by anyone – and has been followed by many, not all of them Catholics, ever since.

NEXT SUNDAY

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (A)

First Reading *Isaiah 55:1-3*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 144*

Second Reading *Romans 8:35,37-39*

Gospel *Matthew 14:13-21*

A SHORT REFLECTION

by **Fr Emmanuel**

People value and treasure different things in life. These things become our priorities and goals. What are your targets, priorities or things you value or cherish most in life? Money? Power? Fame? Beauty, etc.? Are these not all earthly things? What about the heavenly things? You need wisdom to tell you that all the earthly things will not last. You equally need wisdom to tell you that “if you gain the whole world and lose heaven” you have really missed the target (Mark 8:34-38). Also, by seeking the Kingdom of God first above all other things you have gotten all (Mtt 6:33). The first reading and the prayer of King Solomon demonstrates that.

God created us for a purpose: to know him, to love him, to serve him in this world and to be happy with him in Heaven thereafter. This should be our target and the biggest treasure to all Christians. What God offers us is so precious that it is worth everything we have.

Our annual used clothes uplift **in aid of Mary's Meals** is still scheduled to take place on **Sunday 6th September after both the 8.30 and 11.00 Masses**. Please bring used clothes on the day. Remember, two black bags of clothes can help feed and educate one child for an entire school year.

CLERGY FOCUS

Meet **Fr Isaac Oshomah**, our priest in residence:

I, Rev Fr Isaac Oshomah, hail from Igarra in Akoko-Edo local government area of Edo State, Nigeria. I was born on 19th October 1979. Among the 9 children in the family (6 girls, 3 boys) I am the fifth born of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Oshomah. I was ordained priest for the Catholic diocese of Auchi on 8th August 2009.

Before my exodus to Scotland, I was the parish priest of St Benedict's parish, Iddo II, Okpella (2009-13), Church of the Assumption parish, Udaba (2013-16), St Matthew parish, Ayogwiri (2013-19). I was also the Diocesan project director for 4 years, chaplain to the Diocesan choir for 10 years and chaplain of St Jude Society for 10 years.

I arrived in the Archdiocese of St Andrew's & Edinburgh on 12th September 2019 and I was posted to Ss John Cantius and Nicholas in Broxburn. I was reassigned to reside in St Joseph's, Sighthill on 20th March 2020. It is my pleasure to meet all the parishioners here after the horrific lockdown caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

As you know, I am a missionary and so I am always in transit. Hence, let us enjoy ourselves while my stay here lasts. My hobbies include: singing, playing musical instruments, shopping and doing physical and spiritual exercises.

God bless you all!

PHASE 3

Here is a reminder of some of the measures which are in place as we all return to Mass. A more complete list was in last week's bulletin.

- 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 may 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.
- 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.
- Please wear a face covering in the church unless you are exempt for medical reasons.
- 2 metres social distancing and one way systems are to be observed.

Parishioners must book in advance before attending weekend Masses. As you leave the church today, you can book your place for next weekend. You can also contact Ewan Walker on 07913 824 258. Last minute bookings can be made by calling the parish house on 0131 443 3777 between 3pm—6pm on Fridays.

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. It is also possible to donate via bank transfer or standing order. The parish bank 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.

Last Sunday's collection: £1,187.34. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Missing your coffee and chat in the hall after Mass? Why not join us online after Mass on Sunday at 12.30! B.Y.O.B - Bring your own biscuits!

We are using Zoom. If you've never used Zoom, don't worry because it's not difficult. You can use your phone or a tablet, laptop or desktop computer. If you don't have Zoom installed already just go to www.zoom.us, click on "join a meeting" and use the following details:

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