

## NOTICES

**REMINDER:** As we have now moved beyond Level 0 of Covid restrictions, there is now no need to book to attend our Masses. A register of regular attendees will be kept in the parish office. If, for any reason you are unable to attend the Mass you usually attend, please inform the parish. Communion is now given during the Mass, instead of at the end of Mass. The priest will bring communion to the parishioners row by row.

**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.  
**Last Sunday's collection: £447.06.**

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** As we approach some sense of "normality" following the pandemic, we are seeking to restart many of the functions and groups within the church. Volunteers will be required for many roles within the church, such as Altar Servers, Cleaning, Eucharistic Ministers, Fabric Committee, Liturgy Committee, Singers, Musicians, Readers, and Passkeepers. If you are interested in helping, please speak to the Parish Priest. Equally, if you already have a role which you would be happy to continue, please make yourself known to the Parish Priest.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kenneth Clacher Jr (son of Kenny and Margaret) who passed away during the week aged 38 due to complications caused by Covid. We pray for the Clacher family at this time too.

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE:** The Bishops' Conference of Scotland invite you to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin for the annual national pilgrimage. The event is in honour of St Joseph in this year of dedication to him. It takes place at 3pm on Sunday 5 September.

**SAFEGUARDING WEBINAR:** The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document In Gods Image v2 and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role. The link to register is: [bit.ly/3gQRdPu](http://bit.ly/3gQRdPu).



ST JOSEPH'S BROOMHOUSE

SAINT JOSEPH'S

BROOMHOUSE



22nd August 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The words  
I have spoken **to you**  
*are spirit*  
and they are  
**life.**

John 6:60-69

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN WITH YOU—  
IT CANNOT BE REUSED.

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# ORDER OF THE MASS

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

## Introductory Rites

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

R 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.           R Lord have mercy  
P: Christ have mercy.       R Christ have mercy  
P: Lord have mercy         R Lord have mercy.

## The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
    have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
    receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
    have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,

## Reflection

One of the ministries that Jesus carried out during his public life was that of teaching. Jesus is the greatest teacher ever known. The main reason for his greatness as teacher is his *divine origin*. We can also identify a few reasons for his greatness from a human perspective.

*Integral method:* One among the many reasons for Jesus' greatness as a teacher is the method that he employed. He followed an integral/best method. Jesus did not limit to one way of teaching; his teaching differed depending upon the capacity and the situation of the listeners. As a good teacher, he taught with authority and compassion. His instructions flowed from a heart full of love. The failure to understand Jesus' teaching is not due to a faulty-method, but as a result of one's resistance to his teaching.

*Exacting a response:* Another reason which made Jesus the greatest teacher is that his teaching always exacted a response from the listeners. Some of his listeners were 'upset'. "*Many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him*". Many of them rejected him and others wanted to do away with him. Then Jesus asks the Twelve: "*What about you, do you want to go away too?*" On behalf of the Twelve, Simon Peter says: "*Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life*".

*Meaning and happiness in 'being' with Jesus:* Among the Twelve Apostles, a few of them were fisherman; some were tax-collectors; some zealots, etc. Jesus called them from different walks of life, and he called them to be 'fishers of men'. The call to become 'fishers of men' implies *being with Jesus* and *being involved* in the mission of leading others to God. In fact, this two-fold mission is entrusted to every Christian irrespective of the profession and the state of life they follow. Acceptance and commitment to this mission leads to find meaning for life and to experience happiness in life. It is this realization that urged Simon Peter to follow Jesus and to affirm: "*Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life*".

Can our education, experiences and profound personal reflection lead us a personal conviction and decision to affirm: "*Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life*".

Fr Baji Joseph, SSP

**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****Cf. Ps 103: 13-15**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

**FEASTS OF THE WEEK**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August:** Saint Bartholemew, Apostle – Feast

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August:** Saint Monica, mother of St Augustine

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August:** Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor

you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen**

**First reading****Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**The Word of the Lord**✠ *Thanks be to God***Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23**✠ ***Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.✠

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal.✠

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.✠

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken.✠

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**  
**R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

### **Second Reading**

### **Ephesians 5:21-32**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

### **The Word of the Lord**

**R** Thanks be to God

### **Gospel Acclamation**

### **cf. Jn6:63,68**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

### **John 6:60-69**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.  
The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

**R** 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.

**R** 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.

**C: Amen.**