

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.

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: £363.05

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.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE MASS: The Annual Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN). It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation and will be a chance to pray for the success of COP26. Refreshments will served after Mass. Register at bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021.

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.



SAINT JOSEPH'S
BROOMHOUSE



29th August 2021

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Accept and submit
to the **WORD**
which has been
planted in you and
Save your **SOULS**

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ORDER OF THE MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

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

The gospel passage of today presents the confrontation between Jesus and the Pharisees. The problem began when the Pharisees noticed that the disciples of Jesus were not observing certain traditions of the past. The Pharisees used this occasion to accuse Jesus. Pointing out the failures of the Pharisees, Jesus used this occasion to teach what true religion is.

Word of God: The first essential element of a true religion is the Word of God. The Word of God is the power of God for the salvation of the world (cf. Rom 1:16). The first reading of today stresses that nothing must be added to the Word of God and nothing should be taken away from it because this is divine wisdom. So, the first requirement to be truly religious is to know the Word of God, understand it and to accept it as God's message and not as human wisdom.

Living by one's faith: The second essential element of a true religion is to practice the faith that is professed. In the first reading, Moses tells the people of Israel to "*keep them and observe them*". The second reading reiterates it saying "*you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves*". Jesus demands that his listeners become doers of God's Word and not to limit themselves with lip-service as the Pharisees do. Jesus stated that those who enter the kingdom of God are the ones who listen to God's Word and obey them (cf. Mt 7:21). He also said that his mother, brothers and sisters are those who live by God's Word (cf. Mt 12:50).

Intention and disposition: The third essential element of a true religion is purity of intention. The formulation of doctrines and their practice should be marked with good intention. In correspondence to this, a true religion pays greater importance for forming the right internal dispositions of a person. These internal dispositions will manifest themselves in external observances. The observance of religion is not a mere external show; it is not even the fulfillment of certain prescriptions, but a means to form ourselves according to the pattern of God.

Hence, understand what true religion is, live by its principles so that "*you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you*".

Fr Baji Joseph, SSP

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.
R Amen.

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

R: *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

Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 1st September: Saint Giles, Abbot, Patron Saint of Edinburgh

Friday 3rd September: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor

Saturday 4th September: Saint Cuthbert, Bishop, co-Patron of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh

NEXT SUNDAY: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

COURSES AT GILLIS CENTRE: Applications are now open for a variety of courses run by St Mary's University at the Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh, starting this autumn. Why not improve your knowledge of the Catholic Faith with an MA in Theology? Teachers are invited to register now for MA Education courses as part of their continuing professional development. These are: Catholic School Leadership; Leading Innovation and Change; Pedagogy; Religious Education. Watch testimonies from students on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (bit.ly/ArchYouTube). All details at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh.

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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord

R *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14(15):2-5

R *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R**

Second reading**James 1:17-18,21-22,27**

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord*℟ 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**Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions

emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.

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.

C: 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.*