

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: £393.01.
Votive Candle Donations (August): £60.40.

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 today at 3pm (confessions available from 2pm).

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 its implications for your safeguarding role. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu.



SAINT JOSEPH'S
BROOMHOUSE



5th September 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

'he makes
the **deaf** hear
and the **dumb**
speak.'

Mark 7:31-37

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ORDER OF THE MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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.*

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,

you alone are the Lord,

Reflection

Promise of hope: The first reading depicts a scenario of various illnesses and the hostility of nature which destroy hope in life. But prophet Isaiah promises *hope* through God's intervention to open the eyes of the blind, to unseal the ears of the deaf, to loosen the tongues of the dumb and to bring springs of water in the desert. The second reading reveals the impartiality of God in making no distinction between the rich and the poor, the weak and the strong, the famous and the unknown. God's impartiality urges all to put their *hope* in Him. The gospel passage of today narrates the healing of a man who was deaf and dumb. Being healed, he was able to enter into relationship with people; he was able to begin his life anew with *hope*.

The existential situation of human beings: These readings indicate the existential situation of human beings who find ourselves in a situation of 'hopelessness' due to various factors. The factors can be the same as depicted in the readings of today such as sickness and the hostile nature. The issues of old age, poverty, loss of job, difficult relationship, betrayal, lack of love, etc. can bring a person to despair. The reasons vary from person to person and families to families.

Jesus gives hope: Amidst the situation of despair, Jesus is the motivation and inspiration, and he instills hope. By his incarnation, he brought hope to the humanity which was at the verge of destruction due to sin. By calling the weak, he instilled hope in the weak; by healing the sick, he gave them the hope of a new life; through his words and deeds of encouragement, he ignited hope in humanity.

The wealth of hope: Those who hope are never poor, and no one is rich without it. Hope looks at problems and difficulties as opportunities; it urges us to move forward when it is easier to give up. There is no medicine more powerful than hope. There is no greater motivation in life than hope. Hope discovers what we can do in every situation instead of complaining about what we can't. "Man is alive as long as hope is alive in his heart".

Fr Baji Joseph, SSP

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

Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 8th September: Birthday of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (Feast)

Thursday 9th September: Saint Peter Claver

NEXT SUNDAY: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARY'S MEALS

We have had some enquiries regarding our annual clothing collection for Mary's Meals. Unfortunately, there are no plans for a clothing collection this year but we hope it will return next year. Thank you for your ongoing support of Mary's Meals.

COFFEE SAINTS

A new café has opened at St Mary's Cathedral! It's called Coffee Saints and is a partnership between the Cathedral and the Grassmarket Community Project, a charity supporting the most vulnerable citizens in Edinburgh. If you're in the city centre, pop in and support a great new initiative.

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

Amen

First reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord

R *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145(146):7-10

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading**James 2:1-5**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord**R** Thanks be to God**Gospel Acclamation****1S3:9, Jn6:68**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 7:31-37**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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.**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.

R Amen.

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

R And with your spirit.