

NOTICES

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:** £402.94

NOTE OF APPRECIATION: Kenny, Margaret and Collette Clacher would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and kind words in recent weeks, and to all those who attended Kenneth's funeral last week. May Kenneth rest in peace.

MEETING FOR VOLUNTEERS: As we approach some sense of normality in St Joseph's following the pandemic, we will be undertaking a series of meetings with the volunteers of the various groups in the parish, with the aim of restarting our activities.

Today, following the 11am Mass, there will be a meeting of those involved in, or wishing to be involved in, the following groups (including the co-ordinators):

1. Eucharistic Ministers
2. Parish Hall
3. Line Dancing
4. St Monica's Guild.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Those who are involved in, or wishing to be involved in any of the following groups are invited to a meeting as detailed below:

- ⇒ **Readers:** There will be a meeting of all readers of 8.30 am Mass. The regular readers and those intending to be readers in the church are most welcome. It will take place immediately **after the 8.30 am Mass on Sunday 26th September** in the Parish Hall.
- ⇒ **Children:** There will be a meeting for children (encompassing those who wish to attend for Children's Liturgy, prospective candidates for First Holy Communion and those wishing to train as Altar Servers) and the volunteers involved in those ministries immediately **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 26th September** in the meeting room.
- ⇒ **Liturgy Committee:** There will be the meeting of all the members of the liturgy committee and those intending to collaborate with this committee immediately **after the 11 am Mass on Sunday 26th September** in the parish hall.
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SAINT JOSEPH'S
BROOMHOUSE



19th September 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'If anyone
wants to be first,
he must make himself
LAST OF ALL
and servant of all.'

Mark 9:30-37

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ORDER OF THE MASS

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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

Invitation to greatness: The readings of today invite us to *true greatness*. We become truly great to the extent that we follow and live by divine wisdom. The first reading portrays the difficulties that those who follow the divine wisdom will encounter in their lives: They will be tested terribly; they will be tempted with attractive offers to give up God's ways and to follow other easy and pleasurable ways of immediate satisfaction of senses. The second reading describes the qualities of divine wisdom. It is pure; it is full of compassion; there is no trace of partiality and hypocrisy in it. Those who live by divine wisdom will experience true peace and God's protection. On the contrary, those who go against the divine wisdom will experience jealousy, inordinate ambition and disharmony leading to unhappiness in life.

Way to greatness: Through the gospel of today, Jesus teaches his disciples the *way to true greatness*. While Jesus was speaking to the disciples about his impending suffering, death and resurrection, they were discussing about who among them was the greatest. Jesus uses this occasion to offer lessons on true greatness.

Service: Jesus says: "*If anyone wants to be first (great), he must make himself last of all and servant of all*". Hence, the divine wisdom teaches us that the first, and perhaps the only requirement to become truly great is service. What is service? Service is any good that we do with our life for others without expecting a reward. First of all, for a Christian, service is not something optional, but imperative. Secondly, there is no excuse in our refusal to serve because only when we stop making excuses and offer ourselves to God can He make us great. Thirdly, being a servant of God is the only way to live meaningfully our life. Jesus made it very clear through his life and through what he said: "*The Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life in ransom for many*" (Mt 20:28). Your true greatness does not depend upon how many servants you have, but how many persons you have served! What matters in life is not the duration of your life, but the donation of it.

Fr Baji Joseph, SSP

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 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 20th September: Sts Andrew Kim Taegon; Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions; Martyrs

Tues 21st September: St Matthew; Apostle, Evangelist – **Feast**

Thurs 23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

NEXT SUNDAY: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Note: There will be **NO MORNING MASS** on Wednesday 22nd September as Fr Baji and Fr Shinto will be away for the day.*

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. *In God's Image V2* can be found at www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding.

DEMENTIA: HOPE ON A DIFFICULT JOURNEY: An event for those supporting friends or family with dementia will be held at the Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, from 2-4pm on Saturday 6 November. A talk will be led by Dr Adrian Treloar, and there will be a chance to share experiences before a time of prayer in St Margaret's Chapel, onsite. Light refreshments will be served. The event is organised by the Archdiocesan Marriage & Families Commission. To register please visit bit.ly/DementiaEvent2021

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

Amen

First reading

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves:

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord

R *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 53(54):3-6,8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

Second Reading

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself

by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord

℞ *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation

Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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.

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.