

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 collection:** £456.10

CULMINATION OF 10-DAYS ROSARY: The culmination of the 10-days rosary and the concluding prayer for healing will be at 7 pm on Sunday 31st of October. Please do come and join the prayers, seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother and be touched by Jesus the Divine healer.

GRATITUDE: Our words of appreciation to the liturgy committee for organising the 10-days Rosary with great devotion. Thanks to Diana for conducting the rosary on Saturday. A special word of appreciation and gratitude goes to Melania (member of the liturgy committee) and Peter for preparing and conducting the rosary all the other days.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Our annual parish Mass to remember our beloved family and friends and all the faithful departed who have gone to their rest before us will take place on Friday 12 November at 7pm. Cards are available at the back of the church to write the names of your loved ones to be read out during the service. Completed cards should be placed in the box available.

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD: The month of November is dedicated to remember and pray for the departed souls. Sheets are available at the back of the church to write the names of your beloved family members and dear friends for whom prayers will be offered during all the Masses celebrated in November. Please enclose your list and offering in the brown envelopes provided and return the sealed envelope preferably in the offertory basket, or hand it over to the passkeepers or place them in the box provided.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: Monday 1st November is listed in the liturgical calendar as the Feast of All Saints. As it is a Solemnity, there will be two Masses in St Joseph's, at 9.30am and 7pm (as was the custom prior to the pandemic).

SCIAF: A stall will be set up in the parish hall by SCIAF to sell Christmas gifts to make a real difference for people living in some of the world's poorest places. The stall will function during the coffee morning after 11am Mass on Sunday 7th November.



SAINT JOSEPH'S

BROOMHOUSE



31st October 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

HEART

Soul

Mind

Strength

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

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ORDER OF THE MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

Cf. Ps 37: 22-23

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;

Reflection

In the first reading of today, Moses exhorts the people of Israel to fear God and to keep all his laws and commandments. He also reminds them that the observance of these precepts will ensure God's blessings in their present life and in the life to come.

Fear of God: The first exhortation of Moses is to fear God. The book of Proverbs says: "*Fear of God is the beginning of wisdom*" (Prov 9:10). What does it mean to fear God? Fearing God means giving due respect and reverence to Him; fear of God is to recognise and accept God as God; fear of God is that attitude of not offending God because of love. Fear of God comes from total freedom, and never from compulsion or from pain of punishment.

Keeping commandments: The second exhortation of Moses is to keep the laws and commandments of the Lord. In fact, fear of God and observance of the commandments are complementary. Where there is fear of God, there is also observance of His commandments. Jesus feared God, and hence he obeyed the will of his Father even though it was excruciatingly painful. By disobeying God, Jesus did not want to lose his relationship with the Father. Jesus also taught: "*If you love me, you will keep my commandments*" (Jn 14:15).

The greatest commandment: After exhorting the people of Israel to observe the laws and commandments, Moses presents the greatest commandment: "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength*". Jesus summed up the whole law into 'love of God and love of neighbour'.

The importance of love: Why is the law of love so important, essential and supreme? I think it is not difficult to find the answer. First of all, love is important because only love can make us truly happy. Secondly, love is supreme because it is the only law that guarantees justice for all, defends the equality of all and respects everyone's needs. Thirdly, love is essential because loving and being loved is the greatest need and the greatest desire of the human being.

We should be inspired by the Word of God today to understand the essential nature of love, to purify our love and to decide in favour of genuine love.

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

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Cf. Ps 15: 11

Mass schedule and Intentions this week			
Date	Time	Saint	Intentions
Sunday, 31 Oct.	8.30am	31 st Sunday of the year	People of the parish
	11.00am		
Monday, 1 Nov.	9.30am	All saints (sol)	
Tuesday, 2 Nov.	9.30am	All the faithful departed	
Wednesday, 3 Nov.	9.30am		
Thursday, 4 Nov.	9.30am	St Charles Borromeo	
Friday, 5 Nov.	9.30am		
Saturday, 6 Nov.	9.30am	Blessed Virgin Mary	

All your deceased loved ones enrolled on the “November dead-list” will be remembered and prayed for during all the holy Masses celebrated during November.

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

Amen**First reading****Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

Moses said to the people: ‘If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

‘Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.’

The Word of the Lord

R *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51**

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

Second reading**Hebrews 7:23-28**

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord

℞ *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

cf. Jn6:63,68

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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.**