

Today's Mass.

Psalm *Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia



Bidding Prayers:

Lord graciously hear us.

Sick Fr Gerry Stones, Nan Burrowes, Josie Hope, Nan Smith, Mary Klemm, Archie Riddell, Sarah Dillon, Jean Quinn, Thomas Timoney, Mat McGuire.

Anniversaries: Henry McKeever (15th Nov), Mr & Mrs C Cogan (17th Nov) Ann McPartlane (23rd Nov)

Last Sat/Sun. Collections £ 803.76

Attendance: 329 (64 Children)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays 10.30am to 10.45am. and again from 5.15pm to 5.45pm in the Sacristy.

Fairtrade Tea and Coffee in the Hall after Mass on Sunday.

CCTV the Church and grounds will be covered by recording cameras from this coming week. This is for the security of the property and to enable the church being left open during part of the day to allow access for prayers etc. Let us use the House of God for what it was built for.

Local Hospitals: If you or someone you know is going into hospital, it is best to notify Fr Kevin BEFORE being admitted if at all possible, to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. If you cannot receive the Sacrament before being admitted then please contact Fr Kevin at the Presbytery or Fr Boylan in Denny on 823310 for Stirling Royal Infirmary or Fr McGeady on 851842 for Falkirk Royal Infirmary.

Archdiocesan website: www.archdiocese-edinburgh.org.uk

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St. Joseph's Newsletter

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“ ..they will see the Son of God coming in the clouds with great power and glory..”

Mass Timetable

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| Sat | 14 th Nov | 6.00pm |
| Sun | 15 th Nov | 11.00am |
| Tues | 17 th Nov | 7.00pm |
| Wed | 18 th Nov | 9.30am |
| Thurs | 19 th Nov | 9.30am |
| Fri | 20 th Nov | 9.30am |
| Sat | 21 st Nov | 10.00am |
| Sat | 21 st Nov | 6.00pm |
| Sun | 22 nd Nov | 11.00am |

Mass Intentions

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| Anna McColl |
| The People of the Parish |
| Holy Souls and Mr & Mrs C Cogan RIP |
| Holy Souls & Mr Henry McKeever RIP |
| Special Intention of Patricia Armstrong |
| Holy Souls & Ellen Heeps RIP |
| Deceased Relatives & Friends of Higney Family RIP |
| The People of the Parish |
| Deceased Relatives & Friends of Kerrigan Family RIP |

| Rotas | | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers | Offertory |
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| Sat | 14 th Nov | Jennifer Doherty Carmel Begen Nancy Mathieson | Aileen Campbell Arlene Oliver | Maureen Fitzpatrick & Rose Cruse |
| Sun | 15 th Nov | Bernadette Love Gemma McArdle Sharon Millar | Brian McNulty Margaret Stevenson | Jeannie McCaffery & May Mackie |
| Sat | 21 st Nov | Mike Lesko Aileen Campbell Mgt Fitzpatrick | Jennifer Doherty Jim Aitken | Lou & Tilda Petale |
| Sun | 22 nd Nov | Marie Cortopassi Arthur McPartlane David Short | Gemma McArdle Clare Finlay | Mary Nicoll & Molly Kerrigan |

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November – month of the Holy Souls:

November Lists: The list should be filed in and placed in the basket to lie before the altar. Prayers will be offered everyday for all of those souls. If you wish to make an offering for masses for the Holy Souls, please use Mass intention envelopes marking them HOLY SOULS and hand into the sacristy.

As scripture says: "It is a holy and good thing to pray for the dead that they may be freed from their sins" (Mach 12:46)

Tips for good house/churchkeeping: Please, **1)** when asking for a Mass to be celebrated fill in the MASS INTENTION envelope that can easily be found in the church and enclose your offering. If there is no completed envelope, there is no guarantee that the Mass will be celebrated. **2)** When lighting a candle at the votive stands start filling in the stands from the top and working down. If you light a candle and place it on the bottom level, people have to burn themselves trying to place candles further up! **3)** If you take a newsletter to your place in the pew and have no intention of taking it home, then return it to the table at the back and stop leaving the church looking a disgrace for the next liturgy!



Parents of Children in Primary 3: If you wish to have your child enrolled for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation; please attend a meeting in the Church Hall on Thursday 19th November at 7pm.

"Dreams for our children" is the theme for Prisoner's Week which takes place 15-22 November. Please pick up a prayer card at the back of the Church and remember to pray for those in prison. (A Corporal Work of Mercy). Further information can be found at www.prisonersweekscotland.co.uk

"The Wave" is an event supported by the Justice & Peace Commission of the Bishop's Conference and is to demonstrate in support of action on climate change. More info can be found at www.the-wave.org.uk/scotland.

www.beingcatholic.org is a new website launched by the Bishop's Conference of Scotland and is a useful resource in helping to deepen our faith.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: It had been planned that as part of our celebrations of the parish centenary, the possibility of a pilgrimage to Nazareth and other important holy places is being considered. Since St Joseph came from Nazareth! The provisional dates were 4-11 Nov 2010. (We have to work around various festivals etc). Depending on numbers going, the price is coming in around £1100 for 8 days. If you are interested, please contact Fr Kevin. This is for interest only, nothing is definite! *So far there is zero interest shown in this so the idea will now be scrapped.*

Advent: The Vigil Mass on 28th November will see the start of Advent and a new liturgical year for the Church. Will you be running about mad to prepare for the secular celebrations of "Happy Holidays" and "Seasons Greetings" or will you allow yourself to take the time to prepare spiritually for Christ's Mass? Taking time out from the chaos by coming to a Tuesday evening Mass for example will help you find peace and calm. These Masses will be celebrated as Rorate Masses, i.e. by candlelight and will see various priests visit the parish to preach.

Meditation: - "Living His Love Daily"

When the Holy Spirit gives us the gift of understanding and simple openness to God, we become able to perceive that through the cross, Christ becomes present to us. His wonderful love, his tenderness taking us by surprise. He is our brother, our friend, our Lord, our all. He remains ever faithful, he never abandons us, and he is always at our side. At times his love is demanding and severe, and that guarantees its authenticity because he is looking for the best in us. Other times his love watches over our weakness, enriches our poverty, goes beyond our most secret desires, makes our torch burn bright with his light, and above all satisfies in a mysteriously divine way our yearning to love and be loved.

His love enables us to love others with absolute sincerity and complete self-giving. We are able to pursue what is best in them and for them. His love stirs our zeal for the salvation of souls, our desire to make Christ known and have others experience the gentle power of his beneficial and sanctifying presence. It makes us capable of doing the impossible.

All our holiness and all the deep and definitive happiness of our souls are nothing other than the seasoned fruit of our daily, simple, quiet correspondence to this love.



Feast Days This Coming Week

Monday Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (1046-93), daughter and granddaughter of Anglo-Saxon kings and the wife of Malcolm III, King of Scotland. Named secondary patron of Scotland in 1673 she is the only Scottish saint to enjoy a universal cult in the Roman calendar.

Tuesday Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-31). She was the daughter of Andrew II, King of Hungary and was happily married to Ludwig IV, Count of Thuringia. After six years of marriage and the birth of three children, he died and she chose a life of poverty as a Franciscan tertiary.

Saturday Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary