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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## Body and Blood of Christ, Year B, 7th June 2015

# The Real Presence

In today's Gospel we experience Jesus telling His disciples of His real presence in the Eucharist.

The first Christians had but one heart and one soul and preserved this union among themselves. What built that great union among them was none other than the celebration of the Eucharist. Later on, when reception of the Eucharist was discontinued or rarely received, holy love became cold among Christians, and totally lost both its strength and its alluring delight. In the Eucharist, God is at once both Gift and Giver who strengthens each of us in community.

The height of Our Savior's self-giving love for us is the Eucharist. Infinite happiness is pledged to us in the Eucharist, the perpetual feast of divine grace. In the Eucharist, God becomes our food. How wonderful to be nourished on the Bread from heaven that Our Lord gave to us.

The more we are united to God, the more we are united to one another.

Each time we receive Communion, our union will become more perfect. For being united with Our Lord, we shall also remain united to one another. That is why the holy reception of this heavenly Bread and of this sacrament is called Communion, that is, common union.

The Eucharist is the real and spiritual presence of Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, our Lord carries us and does deeds in us altogether performed by Him. In the Eucharist, all He asks is our co-operation in the practice of virtue and good works. Our Saviour gives Himself totally to us in the Divine Sacrament. Ought we not to give ourselves totally to Him who advances, strengthens and nourishes us with His life-giving love in the Eucharist?



## For today's Mass

### Responsorial Psalm

The cup of salvation  
I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

### Gospel Acclamation

I am the living bread  
which has come down  
from heaven,  
says the Lord.  
Anyone who eats this bread  
will live for ever.

## Working with children or vulnerable adults?

Many thanks to everyone who managed to attend our session on Tuesday 2nd June to apply for their PVG. There is another opportunity to apply for PVG membership for volunteers who currently hold a disclosure and work with vulnerable groups in our parish. This last opportunity is on Monday 8th June at 6.45pm in Our Lady's Church, Letham. You need to bring with you a passport and a driving licence if you have one, your National Insurance number and a current utility bill or something which confirms your current address.

By the end of June this year anyone working with children or vulnerable adults in our parish must be a member of the PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) scheme for the job they do in the diocese of Dunkeld. If they do not hold a PVG membership then they will have to stop their ministry. If you are uncertain check with the parish priest or Pauline Ward, safeguarding coordinator (01738 449841).

## AROUND PERTH

**Sunday Mass in  
St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie**

10am  
8am - Weekdays  
(except Wednesday)

7am - Wednesday

**Sunday Mass in  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham**

12 noon

**Sunday Mass in  
St Mary's, Kinnoull**

10am

**Sunday Mass in St John's**  
6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

## PRAYERS

Please pray for  
the repose of  
the soul of  
Mary Gallagher  
all the faithful departed.

**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls, O Lord.  
May they rest in peace.  
Amen.**

## FEASTDAYS

**Tuesday 9th June**  
St Columba

**Friday 12th June**  
Sacred Heart

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £336.80.

## Day for Life

Next Sunday there will be a Special Collection in support of the Scottish Bishops' Day of Life.

## Thanks

Thanks to all who were involved in making last Sunday's First Communion celebration so lovely and inspirational.

## Italian Classes

Classes for those wishing to learn or improve their Italian continue on Saturdays at 4.15pm, in St John's Church Hall.

## Holiday Club

P3-P7

**Friday 3rd July**  
**9.15-3.30pm**  
**in St John's Church Hall**

**A great way for children to grow their faith and make new friends while spending a day full of fun and games**

Holiday Clubs are organised by the Perth Catholic Youth Project, working in all three Perth Parishes.

Our Youth Workers maintain a strong link with Perth Catholic Schools, St John's Academy, and Our Lady's Primary School.

Some refreshments provided - but please bring a packed lunch

To Book a place speak to Justyna after Mass today or call her and leave a message 01738 635074

## Corpus Christi

The Annual Diocesan Procession of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the grounds of the Diocesan Centre and St Joseph's Chapel, 24-28 Law-side Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY, today, Sunday 7th June, the Feastday of the Body and Blood of Our Lord, 7th June, at 3pm. All welcome - especially our First Communicants and their families.

## Diamond Jubilee

Mgr Hendry will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination on Friday 3rd July with Mass at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene's followed by a reception in the Glenearn Community Campus.

There is a notice at the back of the church for the names of those who wish to attend (for catering purposes). Thank you.

## St John Ogilvie pilgrimage

The 400th anniversary of the martyrdom of St John Ogilvie will be marked in Keith on Saturday 4 July. This will be the National Pilgrimage for the Church in Scotland for 2015.

A showcase event starts at 12noon and Mass with the Bishops of Scotland will be celebrated at 3pm.

## 3GY

The 3GY Youth Group join us next Sunday, 14th June, at St Mary Magdalene's for 10am Mass and then travel to Aberfoyle and the surrounding Queen Elizabeth Forest Park, with its jaw-dropping scenery and two of Britain's longest zip wires, each stretching over 400m long, flying customers 150 feet above the ground and over a 90 foot waterfall.

## House Blessings

If you would like Mgr Hendry to bless your home he would be pleased to visit. Please add your name to the list in the Church Porch.