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5th Sunday of Easter Year A, 14th May 2017

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

"If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on



what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

Faith-based Workshops

"Helping us to grow in our love and our understanding of God" - Dr. Albert Lukaszewski has very kindly agreed to hold some of his workshops on different aspects of the Catholic Faith in the church hall at St James', Kinross.

Given that materials will be provided, we suggest a donation of £10 per person, per workshop, in order to cover costs incurred. This should not be a barrier to anyone attending, and if you are unable to contribute, but would like to come along, please have a quiet word with Fr Martin Pletts (01577 863329).

It is more important that as many people as possible have the opportunity to benefit from the extensive study and research into these aspects of our Faith that Albert has to offer to us. It is highly recommended that you bring your Bible with you to the talks and that you also provide yourself with a substantial packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Saturday 20th May
at St James', Kinross
10-4pm: The Rosary Part 1

*Theological basis of the Rosary
and its history*

Saturday 10th June
at St James', Kinross

10-4pm: The Rosary Part 2
*Exegesis of Scriptures surrounding
the mysteries of the Rosary,
and the integration of their logic
into one's own approach to them*

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

May your love be upon us,
O Lord,
as we place
all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus said: 'I am the Way,
the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the father
except through me.'

AROUND PERTH

Mass in

St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday

8am - Weekdays

(except Wednesday and Saturday)

7am - Wednesday; 10am - Saturday

Sunday Mass in

Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

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 souls of Mary Gallagher,
Chris Horgan and Mai Hickey

and of all

those whose

anniversaries

occur about this time

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

FEASTDAYS

Thursday - 18 May

St John I

Pope, Martyr

Saturday - 20th May

St Bernadine of Siena

Priest

Collection

Thank you for your generosity -
last Sunday's collection amounted to
£317.93.

Mission Collection

Last Sunday's Mission Collection
amounted to £272.10 - thank you for
your generosity.

Coffee and Craft Evening

The Brownies are running a Coffee
and Craft evening to raise funds for
famine relief from 6.30-8.30pm on
26th May in St John's Church Hall.
Entrance £1 for coffee and biscuits.
Cake and candy stall, raffle. Buy hand-
made items or make your own on the
night. All equipment and tuition will
be provided in the cost of the items.

Italian Rosary

Rosary will be recited in Italian in
St John's on Saturdays during May, at
2pm.

Diocesan Youth Mass

The next Diocesan Youth Mass will
be on Sunday 25 June 2017 in the Ca-
thedral. The event will be organised
by the Diocesan Youth Commission (a
group of young people who attended
World Youth Day and who have com-
mitted themselves to sharing the mes-
sage of WYD with other young people
in the Diocese).

The Mass will also be the first for our
new Diocesan Youth Music and Ani-
mation team (DYMAT) who will plan,
rehearse and lead music appropriate for
a gathering of young people.

We will kick off at 5pm in the Cath-
edral hall with a short catechesis given
by Bishop Stephen followed by a pro-
cession and Mass at 6pm and ending
the evening with pizza in the hall. This
should be a great celebration of youth
throughout the Diocese.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrim-
age to Lourdes will take place
from Friday, 14th July until
Friday 21st July, 2017, a little
later than usual this year. There
are still places available, and
the number and email address
for Joe Walsh tours, our travel
agent, are as follows. Bookings
can also be made on line at
www.joewalshstours.ie
or email info@joewalshstours.ie

Pilgrimage

The Italian Association's Biennial
Pilgrimage will take place from 11-
18th September 2017 - visiting Rome,
Assisi and Orvieto. Any parishioner in-
terested in taking part - please contact
Norma Giulianotti - 01738 622661 for
more details.

Italian Classes

Weekly Italian classes continue on
Saturdays in St John's Middle Hall on
from 4.15-6pm.

May Procession

The Italian Association are host-
ing its Annual May Procession at St
Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, on Sun-
day 28th May - at 3pm - ending with
the Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady.
All parishioners are welcome.

Exhibition - 3-17th June

**Celtic and
Pictish Art**

**by Blairgowrie
artist,**

Larry Scrimgeour

St Ninian Pastoral Centre,
24-28 Lawside Road,
Dundee, DD3 6XY

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass