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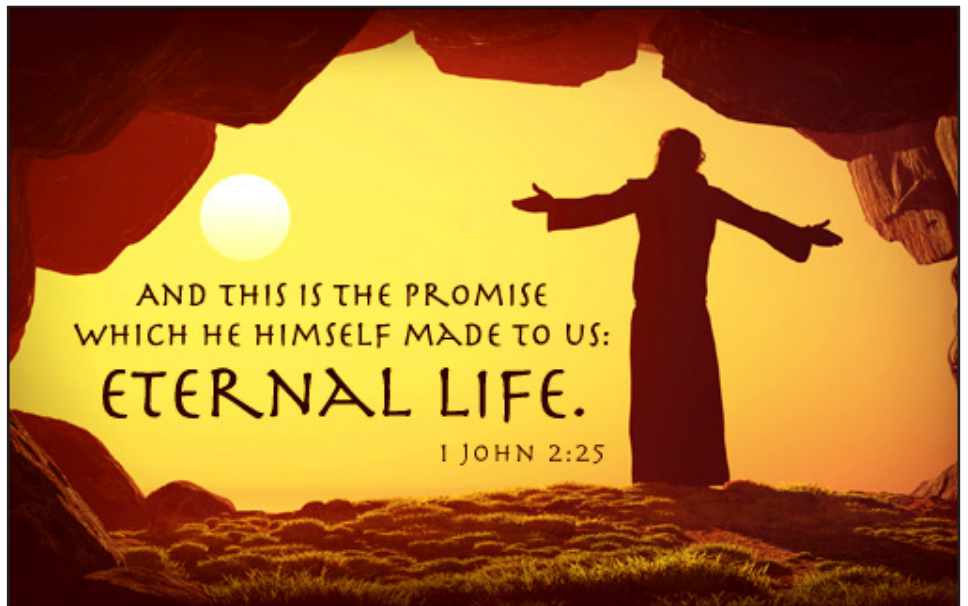
14th Sunday of Year A, 9th July 2017

You have the message of eternal life

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the



medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors

for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Some seed fell into rich soil
and produced its crop.

Gospel Acclamation

Speak, Lord,
your servant is listening:
you have the message
of eternal life.

Justice and Peace

The Church with "goes forth" is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first, and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast.

Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood

The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting you to apply for seminary.

For more information please contact our Vocations Director
Fr Michael Carrie
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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
John Valente and
Elizabeth Drysdale
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 - 20th July
St Apollinaris

Friday - 21st July
St Lawrence

Saturday - 22nd July
St Mary Magdalene
Patron of our Parish

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £359.25.

Special collection

Last week's special collection in aid of Peter's Pence raised £164.20. Funds from this collection support Pope Francis' charitable outreach to the suffering and marginalized around the world.

Theatre visit

Members and friends of the Italian Association attending Pitlochry Festival Theatre's production of High Society, and High Tea at Bankfoot, on Tuesday 11th, are reminded that the coach leaves St John's at 4.15pm prompt.

Studium Biblijne - Jak żyć Słowem Bożym?

Jeśli pragniesz zgłębić tajemnice Pisma św. i nauczyć się żyć Słowem Bożym, weź udział w naszych spotkaniach na rozważaniu Pisma św. Naucz się odkrywać Boga a słowach Bożych (św. Grzegorz Wielki), bo przez Ewangelię sam Chrystus przemawia do Ciebie. Wszystkich zainteresowanych tymi spotkaniami proszę o kontakt - Diakon Krzysztof Jabłoński. Nr telefonu 01738 636589.

Mary's Meals

Rags to Riches - help turn unwanted goods into funds to feed the hungry. Clothing, towels, curtains, bedding blankets, handbags, shoes and belts are all welcome donations - but please no pillows or duvets.

Clothing will be collected today - could you please bring your bags of clothing to the St John's Church Hall or Church House as soon as possible.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale on these days in aid of Mary's Meals.



Patronal Feast

Saturday is the Feastday of St Mary Magdalene's - we will celebrate Mass at 10am.

Fatima Masses

Mass will be celebrated in St Mary Magdalene's, at 6pm, on the 13th of each month, from June to November, in honour of this 100th anniversary year of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. (Except Sunday 13th August).

Lourdes Pilgrims

Please pray for all who are taking part in the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (14th-21st July), led by Bishop Stephen.



Catholic Papers

Catholic newspapers, the Scottish Catholic Observer, Catholic Herald, Catholic Times etc are available in the church porch - please take copies and share them with the wider community.

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