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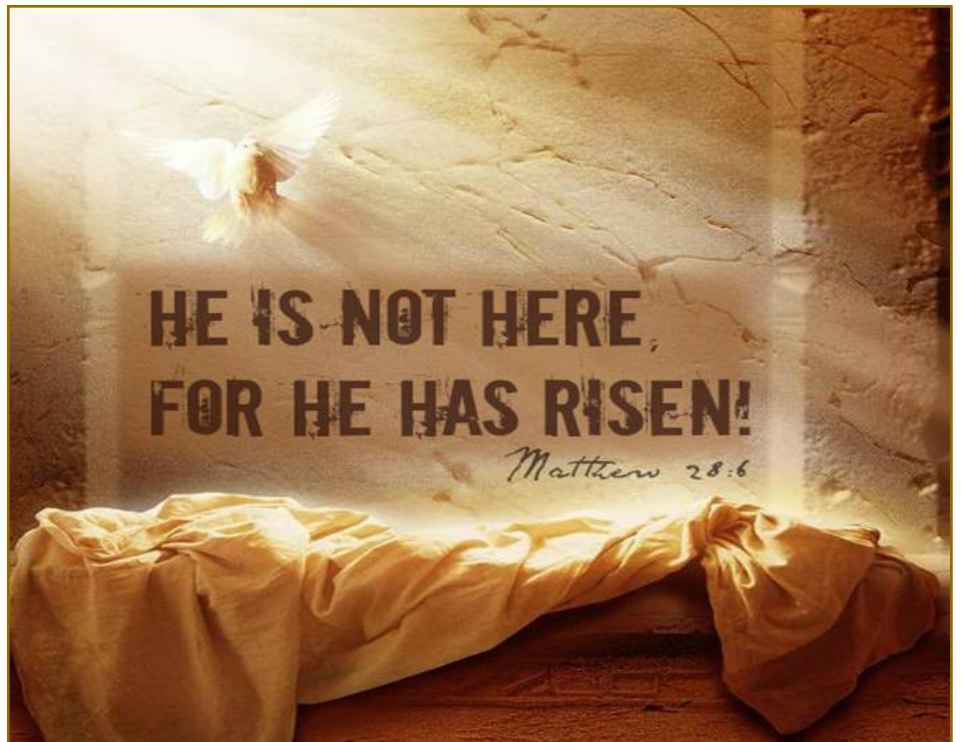
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Easter Sunday Year A, 16th April 2017

Message and Mission

"This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad."

All four Gospels have an account of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Although the accounts differ depending on the point each Evangelist wishes to make, two points of the Resurrection testimony are common to all four Gospels: 1) The tomb of Jesus was found empty and 2) The risen Christ appeared to certain persons. Matthew tells us that, as Mary Magdalene and the other Mary approached the tomb, there was a great earthquake, and "an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it." The guards stationed at the tomb were terrified and "became like dead men." The angel then assured the women that Jesus "has been raised just as he said." The women, "fearful yet overjoyed," left the tomb as the angel instructed to tell the disciples. On their way, Jesus met and greeted the women



who "embraced his feet and did him homage." Jesus himself then sends the women to "tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The mention of a great earthquake is peculiar to Matthew's account of the Resurrection. Metaphorically, it indicates the coming of a new and final age brought about through the life, teaching, ministry, and particularly

through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Notable also is the fact that Jesus' first appearance is to women, the women who came to minister to him. Finally, not to be overlooked, is Jesus' use of the word "brothers" to refer to his disciples. It seems to be indicative of a new and different relationship that Jesus has with them. The disciples are now entrusted with the message and mission of the risen Jesus Christ.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

This day
was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ, our passover,
has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate
the feast then
in the Lord.

Please return your SCIAF WEE BOX
with your Lenten Alms to the box
at the back of the church

AROUND PERTH

Mass in

St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday
8am - Weekdays
(except Wednesday)
7am - Wednesday

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 Mary Gallagher, Sandy Walker and Martin Long and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time

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

Justice and Peace

We cannot but think of today's tendency for people to refuse to accept responsibility for their brothers and sisters. Symptoms of this trend include the lack of solidarity towards society's weakest members-such as the elderly, the infirm, immigrants, children- and the indifference frequently found in relations between the world's peoples even when basic values such as survival, freedom and peace are involved."

Evangelium Vitae, 8.

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £360.00.

Planned giving envelopes

Envelopes are now available from the sacristy for those who take part in the planned giving scheme. We are most grateful to you for your faithful support - and the system also enables us to recover your Gift Aid donations too. For more details contact Mgr Hendry.

Divine Mercy Weekend Retreat

Rev. Andrew Brookes OP leads a weekend retreat of Catholic Spiritual Renewal at St Mary's, Kinnoull, on Saturday and Sunday (23-24th April), from 10am-5pm - including Confessions and Mass, Spiritual Talks, Ministry, Fellowship - and Veneration of St John Paul II Relic. - Day visitors £20 per day -including lunch. Call Chris McCrossan 07887 606807 to confirm and for catering arrangements.

Win a free place at National Conference on Non-Violence

Are you aged between 18-25 years old and interested in nonviolence? If so, Justice and Peace Scotland are providing a funded place at the Scottish Nonviolence Conference - 'Reclaiming Gospel Nonviolence'. The conference will take place at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, from 14-16th July.

This conference will look at ways in which Christians and other faith communities are acting non-violently, and also provide space for discussion and planning as to how we can act in Scotland so that Gospel nonviolence can become more of a reality.

For details of this - or the competition to win a free place - please speak to Monsignor Hendry.

Thank you

Many thanks for all the support during the Sacred Triduum, to all who made it a real preparation for our Feast of the Lord's Resurrection.

Easter Week Masses will be at the usual times - Monday, Tuesday at 8am, Wednesday at 7am, Saturday at 10am.

There will be no evening Mass on Friday.

Monsignor Hendry and Deacon Kris wish all parishioners a Happy Easter

Italian Pilgrims

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

In association with the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh



The Margaret Sinclair Story

7.30pm, Saturday 6th May

Rachel Murray performs Stephen Callaghan's play portraying the devout and generous life of Leith girl, Margaret Sinclair, providing a striking contemporary example of evangelical heroism for us all.

TICKETS - £7; £5 (concessions)

Group discounts available please call

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Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

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