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Understanding scripture

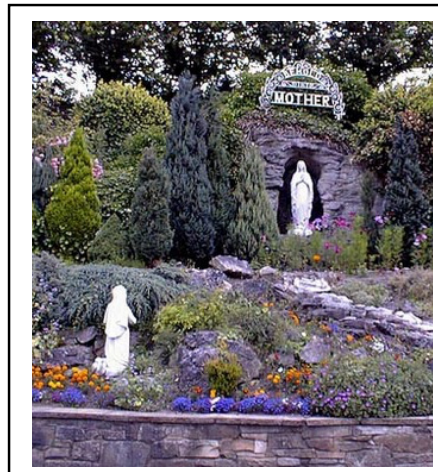
Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus propos-

es in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.



The Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin will take place on Sunday 3rd September at 3pm. This year the pilgrimage will be in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and our country will be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate Mass and Bishop Brian McGee will preach

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, how I love your law!

Gospel Acclamation

I call you friends,
says the Lord,
because I have
made known to you
everything I have learnt
from my Father.

Justice and Peace

All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvement and talents.

**Pope Francis,
Laudato Si**

L'Arche

Open Meeting

Sunday 6th August

St Matthew's Hall, Tay St, Perth
3pm - 4:30pm

L'Arche is a grass-roots organization which builds community networks from the ground up for people with and without learning disabilities. Its core value is that of shared lives and of mutual relationships. L'Arche is currently exploring the prospects within Perth for launching a new community.

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 all those whose
anniversaries
occur about this time

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

FEASTDAYS

Monday

31st July

St Ignatius

Tuesday

1st August

St Alphonsus

Wednesday

2nd August

St Eusebius

Friday

4th August

St John Vianney

**Next Sunday is the
Feast of the
Transfiguration**

Collection

Thank you for your generosity -
last Sunday's collection amounted to
£312.90.

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).

First Friday

This Friday is the first Friday of the
month - and Mass will be celebrated at
8am and 6pm

Eucharist Workshops

St James', Kinross are hosting
two workshops, Wednesday 9th and
Wednesday 16th of August, from 6pm-
9pm each night, on the Eucharist.

The suggested donation for each ses-
sion is £5, though this should not hin-
der anyone from coming who would
hope to attend.

Bibles are an absolute necessity for
each part! Recommended versions are
either RSV Catholic Edition or the
New American Bible.

*Photos from the parish celebration
for the Feast of St Mary Magdalene*



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