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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 13th Sunday of Year A, 2nd July 2017

# Costs and Rewards of Discipleship

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.



Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.



Marriage?  
Single Life?  
Career?

or

Priesthood...

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood

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

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### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

I will sing for ever  
of your love,  
O Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to accept the words  
of your Son

### Justice and Peace

*At times we find it hard to make room for God's unconditional love in our pastoral activity. We put so many conditions on mercy that we empty it of its concrete meaning and real significance. That is the worst way of watering down the gospel.*

**Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Para 311**

## 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

Joe Ward,

Ralph and Annetta Giulianotti,  
Giuseppi Borzoni and Derek Reid  
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

**Monday** - 3rd July  
St Thomas the Apostle

**Tuesday** - 4th July  
St Elizabeth

**Wednesday** - 5th July  
St Maria Goretti

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £336.05.

## SCIAF Boxes

Thank you for returning your SCIAF Boxes with Lenten Alms - a total of £482.32 was collected.

## Special collection

There will be a special collection today in aid of Peter's Pence. Funds from this collection support Pope Francis' charitable outreach to the suffering and marginalized around the world.

## Funeral Mass

The Funeral Mass for Annie Riley will be on Monday at 10am in St Mary Magdalene's Church

## Mary's Meals

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

Clothing will be collected on 15-16th July - 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.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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).



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