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25th Sunday of Year A, 24th September 2017

Just rewards

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who laboured in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has



also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

My thoughts
are not your thoughts.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessings of the King
who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace be in heaven



UNION OF
CATHOLIC
MOTHERS

70th Anniversary Mass

2.30pm, Tuesday 26th
September

celebrated by
Bishop Stephen Robson
with priests from
throughout the diocese

Parishioners are welcome
to join us for the Mass

Justice and Peace

Therefore, as we fix our gaze on the Holy Family of Nazareth as they were forced to become refugees, let us think of the tragedy of those migrants and refugees who are victims of rejection and exploitation, who are victims of human trafficking and of slave labour.

**Pope Francis, Angelus,
29 December 2013**

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 Sarah Gallagher and
Dany Toolan
and all those whose
anniversaries occur about this time

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

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 26th

- Ss Cosmas & Damien -

Wednesday 27th

- St Vincent de Paul -

Friday 29th

- Ss Michael, Raphael & Gabriel -

Friday 30th

- St Jerome -

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £358.23.

Last Sunday's collection for the Ecclesiastical Students; Fund amounted to £145.83 - thanks you for your generous support.

Nightfever

The Nightfever evenings of adoration and outreach at St Andrew's Cathedral are now in their 3rd year, with the next one scheduled for Saturday 7th October - after 6.30pm Mass.

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.

Emergency Fund

To support our work in disaster areas across the world - you can make a donation to our emergency response fund so we are ready to respond when disaster strikes.

**Scottish Catholic
International Aid Fund**
www.sciaf.org.uk

Italian Association

The September meeting will take place on Saturday 30th September at 1pm in St John's Church Hall, followed by Holy Mass in Italian in the Church.

Italian classes

Our regular Italian classes will recommence on Saturday 14th October at 4.15pm in St John's Church Hall - to join the class please contact Perth 622661.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Zena and Irene are having their Annual Coffee Morning and Raffle on Friday 29th September - from 10.30-12.50pm. All welcome - no admission charge - but please give a donation for the Macmillan Nurses.

Bingo Tea

in memory of the late John Bruen

Monday 16th October

7pm for 7.30pm start

Proceeds to

Sr Mary Roe, Uganda Mission

Race Night

Our Lady of Lourdes parish is holding a Race Night in aid of their new Community Hall Fund. The event will take place in the Letham Community Club, Friday 29th September, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets £5 per person inc buffet. Bar available on the night. To book - please phone Fr Colin - Perth 626979.

19th Perth - St John's Brownies

Beetle Drive and raffle

all funds raised will be given to the
Ndiini School Feeding Programme in
Kenya

7pm, Friday 29th September
in St John's Church Hall

ADULTS - £1 - CHILDREN -
50p

Wszystkie fundusze zostaną przyznane Ndiini School Feeding Program w Kenii

19.00, piątek 29 września
w hali widowiskowej św. Jana

DOROSLY - 1 £ - DZIECI - 50P

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