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30th Sunday of Year A, 29th October 2017

Love God and love your neighbour

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus



says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
 Wednesday, 1st November
 Holiday of Obligation

Wednesday
 at 7am, 10am and 6pm

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm
 I love you, Lord,
 my strength.

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

A DIOCESAN ADVENT RETREAT DAY

SATURDAY, 2ND DECEMBER
 DIOCESAN CENTRE
 given by Canon Kevin Golden

*'Come let us go up
 to the Mountain
 of the Lord'*

includes Mass at 12 noon
 Please bring a packed lunch

FEAST OF ALL SOULS
 Thursday, 2nd November

We remember our loved ones and family members who have died and call to mind and pray for all the souls of the faithful departed

Masses at 8am, 10am and 7pm

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 James and Mary Burke,
Kathleen Ward and Josephine Moir
and all those whose
anniversaries occur about this time

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

FEASTDAYS

Wednesday

1st November

All Saints (Holy Day)

Thursday 2nd

All Souls

Friday 3rd

St Martin de Porres

Saturday 4th

St Charles Borromeo

November lists

Time to prepare your November lists, names of those members of your families and those dear to you who have died and for whom Mass will be offered throughout November - the month of the Holy Souls Envelopes are available at the back of the church - please fill one in and hand it to Mgr Hendry.

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £361.81.

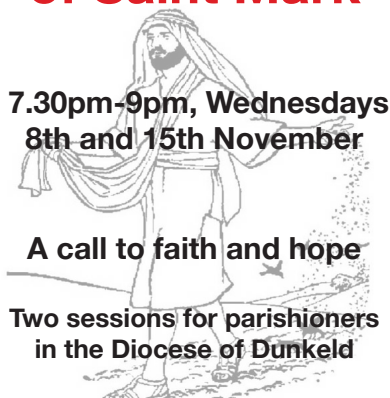
Mission Sunday

The second collection last Sunday, in aid of the Church's missionary work, raised £206.29. Thank you for your generosity.

Fatima Masses

Mass will be celebrated in St Mary Magdalene's, at 6pm, on the 13th November, in honour of this 100th anniversary year of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima.

The Good News of Saint Mark



7.30pm-9pm, Wednesdays
8th and 15th November

A call to faith and hope

Two sessions for parishioners
in the Diocese of Dunkeld

**Preparing for the Year
of Mark's Gospel**

in the Pastoral Centre,
Lawside Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY

Italian Association

Italian Classes have recommenced in St John's Church Hall, on Saturdays at 4.15pm - all welcome.

Mass for the Dead will be celebrated in Italian at St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow on Thursday 2nd November. A bus will leave St John's at 3.30pm. 622661 to book. October's meeting of the Italian Association will take place on Saturday 4th November - at 1pm, followed by Holy Mass in Italian at 2pm.

A candlelit Rosary dedicated to Our Lady Queen of Peace



St Mary Magdalene's
Church

7pm, Monday
30th October

**Come along to this
short service and pray
to Our Lady for peace
in our troubled world**

Justice and Peace

We cannot remain spectators before the suffering of so many people who are worn out by hunger, violence, and injustice. ... If I do not draw near to that man, to that woman, to that child, to that old man or that old woman who is suffering, I do not draw near to God.

Pope Francis,
Audience on 27 April 2016

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