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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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2nd Sunday of the Ordinary Time, Year B, 14 th January 2018

## What do we find in Jesus?

**A**lthough the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus,



John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how

Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

Here I am, Lord!  
I come to do your will.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Blessing on the King  
who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven  
and glory  
in the highest heavens!

### NIGHTFEVER

#### Saturday Evenings

3rd February

7th April

26th May

in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

## 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

Maureen Irving, Mary Graham  
and Peter Maguire  
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 17th**  
7am, St Anthony

**Friday 19th**  
10am, St Fillan

**Saturday 20th**  
10am, St Fabian  
and St Sebastian

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity -  
last Sunday's collection amounted to  
£323.77.

## Catholic Papers

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.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

*St John's RC Academy is a nursery,  
primary and secondary school  
serving the Catholic community  
within Perth and Kinross Council.*

*As a community of faith and  
learning, we strive to live out the  
values of the gospel. We 'Seek  
the Good' in ourselves and one an-  
other, and seek the good of others.*

*We thank our parish communities  
for the support you give to your  
school. We ask you to continue to  
support us and to pray that our  
work leads to all our children and  
young people growing in love for  
God, for themselves and for oth-  
ers.*

**Headteacher - Mr Seán P Hagney**  
[www.st-johnsacademy.org.uk](http://www.st-johnsacademy.org.uk)  
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## Bishop Robson's Desert Island Discs

At 7pm, Thursday 8th February,  
Bishop Robson will be the guest at Our  
Lady of Lourdes, Letham, where he is  
invited to share the soundtracks of his  
life - eight pieces of music, and book  
and a single luxury item that he might  
wish to have in the event of becoming  
stranded on a desert island.

To reserve a ticket, cost only £5,  
please call Fr Colin Golden (626979).  
Proceeds to the Community Hall Fund.

## Italian classes

Our classes continue in St John's  
Church Hall, on Saturdays from  
4.15pm All welcome.

## Justice and Peace

*"In prayer our hearts find the  
strength not to be cold and  
insensitive in the face of situ-  
ations of injustice. In prayer,  
God keeps calling us, opening  
our hearts to charity."*

**Pope Francis, Address at  
St. Patrick in the City,  
Washington, D.C, 24/09/2015**

## Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood

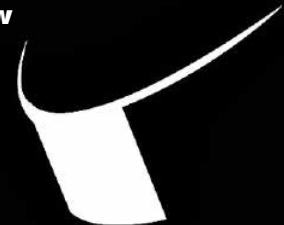
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ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

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