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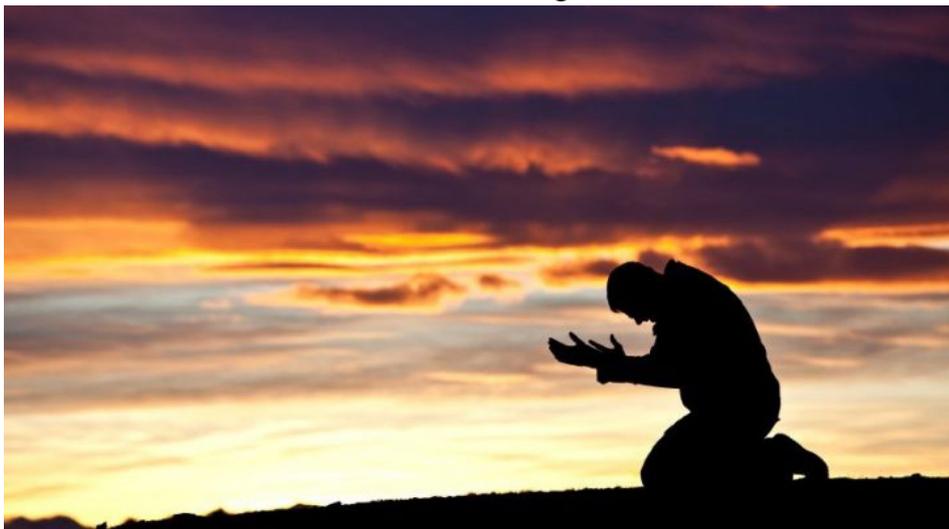
3rd Sunday of Easter, 15th April 2018

My peace be with you

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what



to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Lift up the light
of your face on us,
O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord Jesus,
explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts
burn within us

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance

Justice and Peace

We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know him in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone any more. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship.

Servant of God Dorothy Day,
The Long Loneliness

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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,

5pm (Polish) & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the souls of Fr Bonifax Tittel OSB,
Guiseppa Borzoni and the Ciantar,
Santucci and Carina families.

and all those whose
anniversaries
occur about this time.

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

FEASTDAYS

Monday 16th April
St Magnus

Tuesday 17th April
St Donan and companions

Wednesday 18th April
St Duthae

Saturday 21st April
St Anselm of Canterbury
Bishop, Doctor

Collection

Thank you for your generosity -
Easter Sunday's collection amounted
to £390.86. Collection Envelopes are
available for the new financial year
- and if you use Gift Aid this is even
better! Thank you to all who use the
scheme already.

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Now is the perfect time to convert
your regular giving to the Church to
Gift Aid. In this way the tax you have
already paid on your donation is kindly
returned to the Church by HMRC.

Italian Association

Apologies to all for the unavoidably
short notice for the cancellation of last
week's Bingo.

Italian classes continue after on Sat-
urdays from 4.15-6.15pm.

Bingo Tea

Joan and the Girls Bingo Tea, St.
John's Church Hall, Melville Street,
Perth on Monday, 16th April. Eyes
down 7.30pm. Ticket £1.

International Evening

On Friday 11th May, St John the
Baptist is holding an International Par-
ish Party to celebrate the coming to-
gether of the Filipino, Indian, Polish
and Scottish communities within the
Church. The evening will start with
Mass at 6.30pm, followed by an even-
ing music and a flavour of regional
dishes. Tickets free.

Songs of the Roma

Gypsy flair comes to Birnam on
Monday 7th May, 8pm, Birnam Arts
Centre, Station Rd, Birnam, Dunkeld
PH8 0DS, 01350 727674. Tickets £12
conc £10 U26s £5.

L'Arche meeting

The next L'Arche Seed Group meet-
ing on Wednesday 16th May, 3.15pm-
7.30pm in St Matthew's Church, Tay
Street, Perth. If you'd like to find out
more please speak to Mgr Hendry.

Today is a Day of Prayer for Vocations

Rosary on the Coast



Following the model of Po-
land and Ireland, the "Ro-
sary of the Coast" is being
organized in Scotland to
deepen and renew the faith
of all pilgrims to build
together the Church of
Christ on faith, morals,
respect for life and the
teaching of the Church.
Connecting with each
other in a common nation-
wide prayer through Mary
Mother, Queen of the Holy
Rosary. We will be united in
praying the rosary on April
29 (Sunday) at 3pm.

Across the Diocese of Dun-
keld parishioners will
gather in Dundee, Ar-
broath, Perth and many
other places in our diocese.
Also there will be a
Parish Rosary Service in the
church on April 29th, at
3pm. We invite you to
participate!



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