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7th Sunday of Easter Year B, 13th May 2018

I will not leave you as orphans

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the 17th chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' Farewell Discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. The whole of this chapter is a prayer of Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested.

Several important themes appear in this prayer of Jesus. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus ask that the unity he

experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we be one with each other, with him, and with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father.

Belief is a major theme in the Gospel of John. It begins in the prologue and continues in the response to Jesus' signs. Belief is the reason Jesus performs signs (2:11, 4:53, 6:69, 9:38) and the reason signs have been recorded in the Gospel (20:30-31).

Here Jesus prays not only for those who believe in him but for all who will come to believe in him. And he prays that the love of the Father in him may also be in all who believe so that Jesus might be in them as well.



For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord
has set his sway in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

I will not leave you orphans,
says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and you hearts
will be full of joy.

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NIGHTFEVER

Saturday Evenings

26th May
from 7pm

in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

ST MARGARET of SCOTLAND

Annual Pilgrimage
to St Margaret's Shrine
at Dunfermline Abbey

Sunday 3rd June

Guided tours of the sites
associated with
St Margaret leave from
the Abbey
every 30 mins
starting at 11am

Gather at the gates
of Pittencrieff Park
at 1.45pm for procession to
**St Margaret's
Memorial Church
for Holy Mass**

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 soul of

Mai Hickey

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

Monday 14th

St Matthias

Justice and Peace

In His solemn prayer for the Church's unity, Christ Our Lord did not ask His Father to remove His disciples from the world: "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil." Let no man therefore imagine that a life of activity in the world is incompatible with spiritual perfection. The two can very well be harmonized.

Pope Saint John XXIII, Mater et

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - Easter Sunday's collection amounted to £330.80. 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.

Second collection this week

There will be a second collection today for the World Day of Communications.

Pentecost Novena

A novena is nine days of prayer that usually encourages us to pray for a particular intention as we prepare for a feast day. Praying for an intention, particularly praying for other people, is known as the prayer of intercession. It is a form of prayer that takes us beyond ourselves as we ask our loving Father to bless someone else.

'We can say that God's heart is touched by our intercession, yet in reality he is always there first. What our intercession achieves is that his power, his love and his faithfulness are shown ever more clearly in the midst of the people.' *Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*

Our Lady's UCM

Our Lady's UCM is having a Bingo Tea on Monday 21st of May at 7pm to be held in the Letham Community Centre £1 entry - bring your own cup.

Our Lady's UCM are having a talk from Wilma from Kinross re her visit to the Sisters of St. Teresa of Calcutta. This is on the 30th May in our Lady's church at 7pm. Our Lady's UCM would like to invite St John's and St Mary Magdalene's to this too.

Ecumenical Treasure Hunt

Perth Action of Churches Together invites you 'Meet your Holy Neighbour' on Sunday May 27th from 1-4pm. An ecumenical treasure hunt around our city churches. Pick up a leaflet and map from the back of the church.

Italian Association

The next meeting of the Italian Association takes place on Saturday 26th May, at 1pm, followed by Holy Mass in Italian at 1pm.

Following Mass, parishioners are invited to join the May Procession and the Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady in the church garden which starts at 3pm. Rosary in Italian will be recited during May at 2pm on Saturdays.

Italian classes continue from Saturday 5th May from 4.15-6.15pm.

ITALIAN ASSOCIATION

Bingo Tea

*in aid of Mukuru Street Children,
Mary's Meals and club funds*

Monday 21st May

St John's Church Hall.

Eyes down at 7.30pm,

Tickets £1 from members
*Tickets purchased for last month's
cancelled Bingo are still valid*

Candlelit Rosary

A Candlelit Rosary in honour of Mary, Mother of Our Saviour will be held in St John's Church on Thursday, 31st May at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Prayer for Families and for Peace

There will be a Celebration of Mary, Mother and Queen of Families at 2.30pm, May 13th 2018 St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. This comes in answer to our Lady's request at Fatima and Bishop Stephen will lead the diocese in praying the Rosary and in Benediction. "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary" *Sr Lucia (Fatima)*

"The family that prays together stays together" *Proverbs 22:6*

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