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Trinity Sunday, 31st May 2018

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a

mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Happy the people
the Lord has chosen
as his own.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was,
and who is to come.

Justice and Peace

All must consider it their sacred duty to count social obligations among their chief duties today and observe them as such. For the more closely the world comes together, the more widely do people's obligations transcend particular groups and extend to the whole world. ... under the necessary help of divine grace, there will arise a generation of new women and men, the moulders of a new humanity.

Gaudium et Spes, para 30

**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**

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
John Devine
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

Thursday 31st May
Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
(7pm, Candlelit Rosary
in St Mary Magdalene's)

Friday 1st June
St Justin
Masses at 8am and 6pm

Collection

Thank you for your generosity -
Easter Sunday's collection amounted
to £361.74. Communications Collec-
tion - £145 - thank you. 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.

Catholic Papers

Catholic newspapers, 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.

First Friday

Friday 1st June is the First Friday of
the months - there will be Mass at 6pm
- in addition to the 8am Mass.

Italian Association

Outstanding payments for the trip to
the Italian Chapel on Orkney are due
by Friday 1st June - the cost is £299.
There is a waiting list for standby plac-
es - so please pay promptly.

Italian classes

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

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH

Annual Parish Barbecue

with music

Friday 22nd June

St John's Church Hall

Tickets £5 - children free

St Mary Magdalene's Church



The Feast of the Visitation

7pm, Thursday
31st May

A Candlelit Rosary

In honour of Our Lady,
Queen of Peace

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

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