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Thy Kingdom Come

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God."

A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seem-

ingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for

birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness.

Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

It is good
to give you thanks,
O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

I call you friends,
says the Lord,
because I have
made known to you
everything I have learnt
from my Father.

DAY OF FORMATION AND CELEBRATION for EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY 23RD JUNE

at St John's High School,
Harefield Road, Dundee

Please arrive 10.30am for 11am start -
the programme ends with Mass at 2.30pm

Please bring a packed lunch

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
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

Tuesday 19th June

St Romuald

- Abbot

Thursday 21st June

St Aloysius Gonzaga

- Religious

Friday 22nd June

Ss John Fisher,

and Thomas More

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - collection amounted to £420,51.

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.

Special Collection

Last week's special collection for the Bishops of Scotland's Day for Life amounted to £165.95. Thank you for your generosity.

Diamond Jubilee

Congratulations to Fr Tony McCarthy, parish priest at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry, who celebrates the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination on Friday 22nd June.

Learning English - ESOL

There is a possibility of creating an ESOL group (Learning English) in the parish. It would be inclusive of all groups wishing to learn English. Classes would most likely take place in North Inch Campus but an initial meeting may be held in St John's Church Hall. The tutor is from Perth and Kinross Council.

For more information please contact DMarciniec@pkc.gov.uk mob 07821768831



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.

Italian classes

Italian classes continue in St John's Church Halls on Saturdays from 4.15-6.15pm.

ITALIAN ASSOCIATION

Annual

General Meeting

1pm, 30th June

*followed at 2pm
by Holy Mass
in Italian in St John's*

Celebrant

Mgr Aldo Angelosanto

All parishioners welcome

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH

Annual Parish Barbecue

with music

Friday 22nd June

St John's Church Hall

Adults £5 - children free

Please bring your own drink

*Available from the Church Shop
or members of the KIT Team*

Justice and Peace

If the "dream" of a peaceful world is shared by all, if the refugees' and migrants' contribution is properly evaluated, then humanity can become more and more of a universal family and our earth a true "common home."

Pope Saint John Paul II,

*Message for World Day of Migrants
and Refugees 2004*

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