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Spending time with Jesus



In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat.

In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect

on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word apostle is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

The sheep that belong to me
listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them
and they follow me.

Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Today is our patronal feastday

Please join with us after the 10am Mass
for strawberries and cream

Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us.

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

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £330.29.

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

Please note that weekly Italian classes will resume in the autumn.

Italian Association theatre trip

For those members who have signed up to see Chicago at Pitlochry Festival Theatre on Monday 6th August - our coach will leave St John's RC Church at 4.30pm, to allow us to have High Tea at Bankfoot, "lungo il percorso".



"Nevertheless, he [the Good Shepherd] goes looking for that one, because every one is very important to him and that one is in the most need, is the most abandoned, most discarded; and he goes to look for it."

Pope Francis, General Audience,
4 May 2016

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John McMahon and 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

Monday 23rd July

St Bridget of Sweden

Wednesday 25th July

St James

Thursday 26th July

St Joachim and St Anne

CATH
25th Anniversary

Celebrating 25 years of Charitable status

CATH Day Centre Open Day
Friday 27th July 2018
10:00am - 3:00pm

We will have Entertainment, a Raffle, games and a buffet

There will be a shuttle bus service running from the CATH Shop

Please contact the Day Centre for more information on (01738) 633077

St John's RC Academy, Perth
in aid of the Romania Mercy Project

Spanish/Mexican Meal

Just £7 a ticket

an additional donation can be made at the end of the evening if you think that the meal was worth even more!

7.30pm, Saturday 25th August

St John's Church Hall
Melville Street, Perth

*Please bring your own drink
- glasses will be provided*

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