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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 15th July 2018

Building a Community of Faith

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's

Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word apostle means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles

are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Gospel Acclamation

Your words are spirit, Lord
and they are life:
you have the message
of eternal life.

NEW DATE Dunkeld Youth Service QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER



in St John's Church Hall

7pm-9.30pm, FRIDAY, 20th JULY



Fun for all the family

Tickets £5 (adults) £3 (under 16s) - Free (under 5s)

Snacks will be provided and BYOB (non-alcoholic).

Grand prize is a £40 Hamper from Hotel Chocolat

Please come along and support the youth of the diocese

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

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - collection amounted to £338.95. Collection

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".



"He sees beyond our rank in society. He sees beyond this, to our dignity as sons and daughters, a dignity at times sullied by sin, but one which endures in the depth of our soul. He came precisely to seek out all those who feel unworthy of God, unworthy of others."

Pope Francis,

Homily at Plaza de la Revolución,
Holguín, 21 September 2015

FEASTDAYS

Monday 16th July
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Friday 20th July
St Apollinaris
Saturday 21st July
St Lawrence of Brindisi

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 (01733) 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