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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 19th August 2018

# Bringing us eternal life

*I am  
the Bread  
of Life*

*John 6:35*



On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus

had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarreled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see  
that the Lord is good.

#### Gospel Acclamation

The Word was made flesh  
and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become



## Justice and Peace

"We warn and adjure earnestly in the Lord ... that no one in the future dare to vex anyone, despoil him of his possessions, reduce to servitude, ... in contempt of the rights of justice and humanity, bought, sold, and devoted sometimes to the hardest labour."

Pope Gregory XVI,  
In Supremo Apostolatus

*'In Supremo Apostolatus' is the Papal Bull issued by Pope Gregory XVI on 3 December 1839 condemning both the slave trade, and the institution of slavery.*

## 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 Sandy Kelly and Elizabeth Harvey and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen**

## FEASTDAYS

**Monday 20th August**  
St Bernard

**Tuesday 21st August**  
St Pius X

**Wednesday 22nd August**  
Queenship of Mary

**Friday 24th August**  
St Bartholomew

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £291.19.

If you are a taxpayer, and are not already using Gift Aid to make your contribution to the Church, please speak to Canon Hendry about how to start.

## Italian classes

Please note that weekly Italian classes will resume on Saturday 18th August at 4.15pm in the Church Hall - all welcome - beginners to native speakers.

## Young Adult Retreat

There will be a Retreat for Young Adults in the Diocesan Centre, Dundee on Saturday 29th September, from 10am-5pm - includes Mass, Prayer, Adoration, Confession and Faith Initiative. Please contact the your director, Fr Samuel Alabi youth-director@dunkelddioocese.org.uk or via social media - if you would like to attend.

## Lourdes ACROSS

### - open evening

Come and find out about the work of ACROSS which provides Jumbulances to take pilgrims to Lourdes. The Open Evening will take place in the Pastoral Centre, Dundee on Thursday 6th September 2018 at 7pm. All welcome. For more information contact Pauline Veal or Margaret Park Tel. 01382 668957. Thank you.

## Annual Pilgrimage for Grandparents

This Pilgrimage will take place in Saint Francis Xavier Church, Carfin on Sunday 19th August, beginning at 3pm with Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and the Isles.

At the conclusion of Mass a Rosary Procession will take place in the Grotto. Light refreshments will be served in the Xavier Centre. A special invitation is extended to grandparents, their children and grandchildren to attend.

## BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND

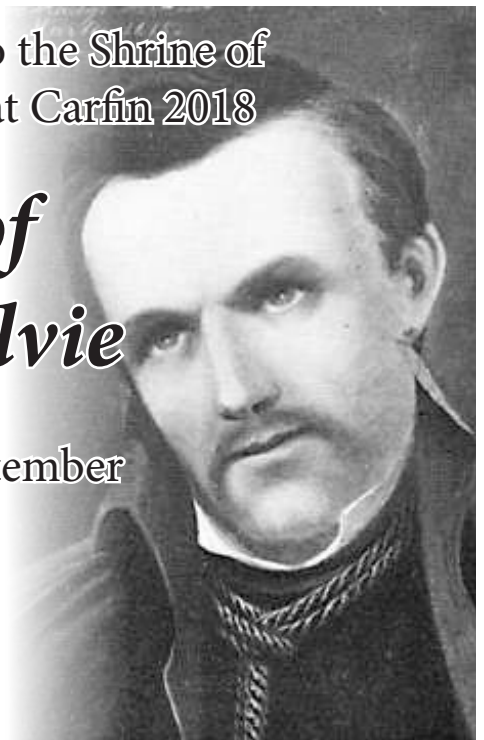
National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin 2018

*In honour of*  
**St John Ogilvie**

3pm, Sunday 2nd September

**Principal Celebrant**  
Archbishop Tartaglia

**Homilist**  
Bishop Stephen Robson



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