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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, 26th August 2018

You have the message of eternal life

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these

disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Fatima Statue

The Pilgrim Statue of Fatima continues to make its journey around homes in the parish. The commitment required from those families desiring to welcome Mary into their homes is threefold.

- Make a special effort to avoid sin during her presence.
- Perform some form of penance or sacrifice during the week of her visit in reparation for sin.
- Pray the Rosary as a family in the presence of her statue each day, or at least whatever part of a Rosary can be accomplished.

If you would like to invite Our Lady into your home, and to share her with friends or neighbours for a week, please give your name to Mgr Hendry.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see
that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Justice and Peace

The world is not something indifferent, raw material to be utilized simply as we see fit. Rather, it is part of God's good plan, in which all of us are called to be sons and daughters in the one Son of God, Jesus Christ

Pope Benedict XVI,
Sacramentum Caritatis, para 92

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 George Denton and Mary Kielty 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 27th August
St Monica

Tuesday 28th August
St Augustine

Wednesday 29th August
Passion of St John the Baptist

Saturday 1st September
St Giles

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £370.85.

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 continue on Saturdays 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 youth director, Fr Samuel Alabi youth-director@dunkelddiocese.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.

30th Anniversary

Concert

of

St John's Church Choir

7.30pm, Sunday

30th September

Tickets £5 in support of the Keep In Touch Group to aid their work in the Church

The tickets will be numbered and will also be a raffle ticket

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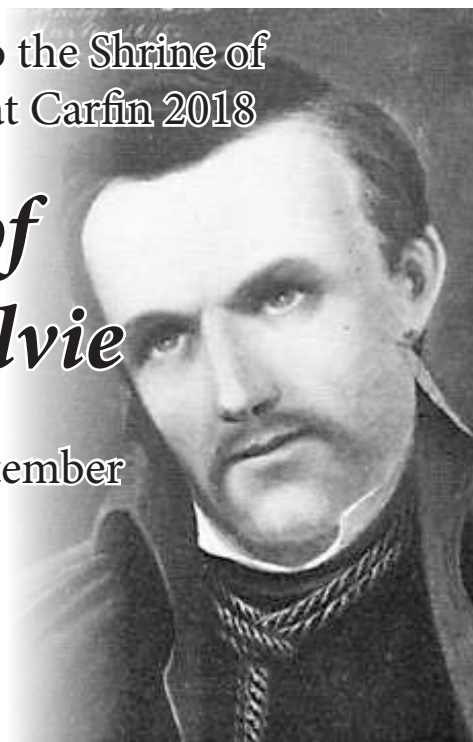
National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin 2018

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