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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 16th September 2018

## Who do people say that I am?

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.



The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people

not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

I will walk  
in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

#### Gospel Acclamation

I am the Way,  
the Truth and the Life,  
says the Lord;  
no one can come to the Father  
except through me.

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

### Justice and Peace

*"True justice is the harvest reaped by peacemakers from seeds sown in the spirit of peace."*

**James 3:18**

## 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 Anne Morgan and Teresa Boyle 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 17th September**  
**St Robert Bellarmine**  
**Bishop, Doctor**

**Thursday 20th September**  
**Korean Martyrs**

**Friday 21st September**  
**St Matthew**

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £268.28.

## Student Priesthood

There will be a second collection at Mass next Sunday in aid of the Ecclesiastical Students Fund.

In a recent letter, Bishop Stephen reminded us that we currently have three student priests fully engaged in studies for the priesthood - and two more at the earliest stages.

The cost to the Church of training a priest amounts to just over £28,000 each year. In the current year the cost is around £130,000 in total for our students in training.

Across the whole diocese, last year's Student Priesthood Fund raised £9600 towards this cost.

## Society of St Vincent de Paul

Through the support of our parish's weekly SVdP box collection, we have sent £1,000 to the Kerala Disaster Appeal in recognition of some of our parishioners' links with the area.

Our Conference is twinned with an SVP Conference in the Kerala area. We have also responded to an appeal following an earthquake on the island of Lombok in Indonesia. A similar amount has been sent via SVP Scotland.

This response is only possible through the generous weekly contributions of our parishioners in St John's and St Mary Magdalene's. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.

## Open Doors

St John's Church is taking part in Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust's Open Doors event. The church will welcome visitors on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September, from 12-5pm.

## 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**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHOIR  
MEMBERS, KIT GROUP  
OR PARISH SHOP**

Please note that the Italian Association's September Meeting and Mass - scheduled for 29th September - has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

The next meeting will now be on Saturday 27th October

## Italian classes

Please note that weekly Italian classes continue on Saturdays at 4.15pm in the Church Hall - all welcome - beginners to native speakers.

## Requiem Mass

Anne Morgan's Reception of Remains will take place on Thursday at 7pm, in St Mary Magdalene's and her Requiem Mass will be at 1pm on Friday.

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