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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, 4th November 2018

# THE LOVE OF GOD

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these

commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in



today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

### Polish Independence 100th Anniversary Ball 5pm-9pm Sunday 25th November

For the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining independence the beavers, cubs and scouts of Polish Scouting Association 'ZHP Perth' are inviting local people to join in and celebrate together. Enjoy an evening of:

- **Respect, as our Scouts honour those who fought for our freedom with the Path to Independence Exhibition**
- **Dance, including the 'Polonaise' national folk dance**
- **Laughter, as you test your knowledge about Polish culture**
  - **Refreshments, as you get a bite of Polish sweets**

**Tickets: £10 per adult, children free**

Please phone 07821768831 if you have any questions or visit [www.zhpperth.co.uk](http://www.zhpperth.co.uk).

All proceeds will go to fund activities of Perth Polish Scouting Association  
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## 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 Peter McConville, Phyllis Treanor, Mary Gallagher and Peter Charos and for all whose names appear on our November Lists.

**Eternal rest grant**

**unto their souls, O Lord.**

**May they rest in peace. Amen**

## FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

**Thursday 8th November  
Blessed Duns Scotus**

**Saturday 10th November  
St Leo the Great**

## Justice and Peace

*And it is love that will burn out the sins and hatreds that sadden us. It is love that will make us want to do great things for each other. No sacrifice and no suffering will then seem too much.*

**Servant of God Dorothy Day**

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £509.72. Thank you also for last week's Mission Collection - £212.25 was raised.

## Polish War Graves

There will be a service today at 3pm in Jeanfield Cemetery, at the Polish War Graves. (Polish Mass in St John's is at 4pm today).

## 100th Anniversary - Polish Independence

Sunday 11th November marks a very special event in Polish history - the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining its Independence. Celebrations will take place at the Station Hotel, starting with Holy Mass at 12 o'clock, and followed by a small buffet and a performance prepared by children from Education Centre - Bajka CIC.

After that, as with any major celebrations, we will have a very special birthday cake followed by lots of games prepared especially for our children. On behalf of Bajka, Parent Council, Fr Bogdan and myself we would like to invite you to celebrate with us this very important event in Polish history. (Marcin Rudzki, Director Bajka CIC)

## Italian Association

**Monday 5th November** - Mass for the Holy Souls - in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow.

**Wednesday 5th December** - Pitlochry Festival Theatre - The Wizard of Oz.

**Thursday 6th December** - Italian Film Night La Strada - Perth Theatre - 7pm

**Wednesday 12th December** - Christmas Dance - McDiarmid Park.

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

## NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

**MASS WILL BE  
OFFER THROUGHOUT  
THE MONTH FOR ALL  
THE HOLY SOULS**

**ENVELOPES FOR YOUR  
NOVEMBER LISTS ARE  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
BACK OF THE CHURCH**

## *Out of the depths*

*Out of the depths*

*I have cried to thee, O Lord,*

*Lord hear my voice.*

*Let thine ears be attentive*

*to the voice of my supplication.*

*If thou, O Lord; shalt mark iniquities,*

*Lord, who shall stand it?*

*For with thee there is merciful forgiveness;  
and by reason of thy law*

*I have waited for thee, O Lord.*

*My soul has relied on his word:*

*my soul has hoped in the Lord.*

*From the morning watch even until night  
let Israel hope in the Lord.*

*Because with the Lord there is mercy,*

*and with him plentiful redemption.*

*And he shall redeem Israel*

*from all his iniquities.*

*Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord,*

*and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

*May their souls*

*and the souls of all the faithful departed*

*through the mercy of God,*

*rest in peace. Amen.*

**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*