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Casting into deeper waters

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.



In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person

of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job,

telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The good man
is a light in the darkness
for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the World,
says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.

Mission Appeal

Today we welcome Fr W. Brandon
who will make an appeal for
the work of the Society of African Missionaries.

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

4pm (anticipated Mass); 9am; 11am,

5pm (Polish) & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the souls of

Adam Martin, Anthony Martin,
and for

Ralph and Annetta Giulianotti,
and the

souls of all the faithful departed.

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

Kindle the Flame

Calling all existing and aspiring catechists. Can 11 hours change your faith life? Come and see - register for Echoes delivered over 11 weekly sessions. Join us on the journey!

What inspires you - leads you to God - Kindle the Flame!

You are invited to a series of faith formation meetings with Bishop Stephen Robson, Canon Kevin Golden and Mary O'Duffin - beginning Monday 25th February, 7pm, Pastoral Centre, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee. DD3 6XY.

Register now - bishops-secretary@dunkelldiocese.org.uk

Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted to £270.45 - thank you for your generosity.

Feastdays this week

Monday 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday 14th February

St Cyril

& St Methodius

Carnivale

Tickets are available today for the Italian Association's Masked Ball on Shrove Tuesday 13th March, at 7pm for 7.30pm - price £10 includes 3 course meal and music - please bring your own drink.

Please add your name to the list at the back of the church to book.

Maltese Mass

Yesterday, St Magdalene's Church welcomed the Maltese Community of Scotland at Mass celebrated by Fr Edward Vella, parish priest of St Bride's, Pitlochry.

L'Arche

The Perth Seed Group, working to create a L'Arche community in this area, invite you to their next open gathering on Wednesday 13 February 5.30pm-7.30 pm in St Matthews, Tay Street

On Tuesday 16 April, at 5.15pm, in St Matthew's, there will be a shared meal together with prayer, news, and a social evening. Contact 07979810870 Anthony Kramers to book.

Italian Classes

Italian classes continue on Saturdays - at 4.15pm - beginners and all stages welcome.

The Gospel offers a vision of life and of the world that cannot be imposed, but only proposed, as the good news of the gratuitous love of God and of peace. The message of truth and of beauty can help people escape from the loneliness and lack of meaning to which the conditions of postmodern society often relegate them.

Synod on The New Evangelization,
2012

World Day for the Sick

11th February is the anniversary of the first apparition of Mary to Bernadette Soubirous. It is on this day of the solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes that St John Paul II established, in 1993, the first World Day of the Sick. Pope Francis has sent a message in which he exhorts all women and men of good will to a renewed commitment to the service of those who suffer.

Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's, Lochee, on Monday 11th, at 7pm.

Journey of Faith

Canon Kevin Golden's popular adult formation series, Journey of Faith, continues on Wednesdays at 7.30pm, at the Diocesan Centre, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY.

All are welcome - especially those who are joining the Church at Easter - indeed everyone who is searching to gain a deeper insight into scriptures and the liturgy. The talks will often draw on Scripture readings for Sunday Masses and so will be helpful to readers and cantors wishing to enrich their ministry.

Contact Canon Kevin (01382 225228) - kevinjamesgolden@hotmail.com for more details.

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