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2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, Year C, 21st April 2019 "God's loving mercy"

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does



For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord
for he is good, for his love
has no end.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus said:
'You believe
because you can see me.
Happy are those
who have not seen
and yet believe.'

Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconcili-

ation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

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 all
the faithful departed.

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

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 29th April
St Catherine of Siena

Tuesday 30th April
St Pius V

Wednesday 30th April
St Joseph the Worker

Thursday 1st May
St Athanasias

Friday 2nd May
St Philip and St James

MONSIGNOR HENDRY
AND DEACON KRYS
WISH YOU ALL
A HAPPY AND
HOLY EASTER

Collection

Easter Sunday's collection amounted to £866 - thank you for your generosity.

Thank you

The total collected in the SCIAF WEE BOXES during Lent amounted to £478. Well done- thank you.

Catenian Association

The next meeting of the Catenian Association in Perth will be at 7pm, on Thursday 2nd May. Following a light supper, the guest speaker will be Mrs Zabieh Alsaaman who will give a personal insight into the present situation in Syria.

If you would like to find out more, or to come along on 2nd May - please call 01738 628039.

Annual

St Margaret's National
Pilgrimage through
Dunfermline to St Margaret's
Shrine will be held on
Sunday 2nd June 2019

Mini-Eucharistic
Congress
17-19th May
St Andrew's, Cathedral,
Dundee

Justice and Peace

Consequently, if the organization and structure of economic life be such that the human dignity of workers is compromised, or their sense of responsibility is weakened, or their freedom of action is removed, then we judge such an economic order to be unjust.

**Pope Saint John XXIII,
Mater et Magistra, para 83**

Youth Pilgrimage

Bishop Stephen and the Dunkeld Youth Service invite young people aged 12-30 years old for a fun-filled, educational journey on Sunday 9th June, 10am-8.30pm - please contact youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk for more details.

Faith Formation

You are invited to a series of Faith Formation Meetings with Bishop Stephen Robson, Canon Kevin Golden and Mary O'Duffin - on Mondays, at 7pm, Pastoral Centre, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee. DD3 6XY - it's not too late to join in.

This course is taking a break now until after Easter - next talk will be on Monday 6th May - at 7pm. The talks have been recorded and you can catch up with the talks so far at www.dunkelddiocese.org.uk

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