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Sharing with others

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger



ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Romania Trip Bingo Tea

St John's Academy's Fairtrade group will once again be hosting a Bingo Tea to raise funds for our annual Romania Trip. The Bingo Tea will be held on Saturday, 7 September 2019 at 11am in the school Assembly Hall.

Ticket Price: £8 Adult, £5 Child (includes 2 bingo games, tea/coffee, sandwiches and cakes). There will also be a selection of stalls selling hand-crafted and Fairtrade gifts open during event.



Relics of St Therese of Lisieux

What a wonderful preparation to celebrate and prepare for the Extraordinary month of mission announced from Rome for the month of October! The relics of St Therese of Lisieux will arrive in our Cathedral in Dundee on the evening of Wednesday, 4th September and leave the Cathedral in the late afternoon of Saturday 7th September, 2019.

Canon John Udris of Oscott College who is an expert on the life and spirituality of the Little Flower to conduct a retreat for all who wish to come during this time

This Visit of St Therese is an important opportunity to re-evangelise our people and, especially true of the lapsed, to put them back in contact with their Catholic Faith.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord,
you have been our refuge
from one generation
to the next.

Gospel Acclamation

Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.

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 soul of
Michael Killen (Ireland)
and the souls
of all the faithful
departed.

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

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6th August

**The Transfiguration
of the Lord**

8am Mass

Thursday 8th August

St Dominic

8am Mass

Friday 9th August

**St Teresa Benedicta
of the Cross**

8am Mass

Friday 10th August

St Lawrence

10am Mass

Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted to £255 - thank you for your generosity.

Italian classes

Italian Classes for learners of all stages recommence in the Small Hall on Saturday 24th August - new members welcome.

Justice and Peace

We beg all governments not to remain deaf to this cry of humanity. That they do all that is in their power to save peace. They will thus spare the world from the horrors of a war whose terrifying consequences no one can predict.

Pope Saint John XXIII,

Message to President Kennedy and
Premier Khrushchev, October 1962

At the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis Pope John XXIII wrote to both the United States of America and the Soviet Union. The message was broadcast the next day on Vatican Radio, and dominated headlines around the world, including Pravda; the official newspaper of the Soviet Communist Party.

The events of October 1962 are thought to be the closest the world has ever come to nuclear war. It is considered that the intervention of Pope John prevented further escalation. This week the anniversaries of the use of nuclear weapons against the peoples of Hiroshima (6 August), and Nagasaki (9 August) in 1945 are remembered. These remain the only times in human history nuclear weapons were used in conflict.

Special collection

Last Sunday's special collection for the Bishop's Mensal Fund raised £106.60 - thank you.

Scotland's National Shrine
to Our Lady of Lourdes
at Carfin

**NATIONAL
PILGRIMAGE MASS**
*with the Relics of Saint
Thérèse of Lisieux*

Sunday 1st September

**Bus leaves St John's
at 12.15pm**

*All Parishioners very welcome,
please add name to the
list at the back of St John's*



**Please remember
to talk to God when you
come to church,
let God talk to you
during Mass, then talk to
one another after Mass**

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE?

Name _____

Hospital _____

Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass