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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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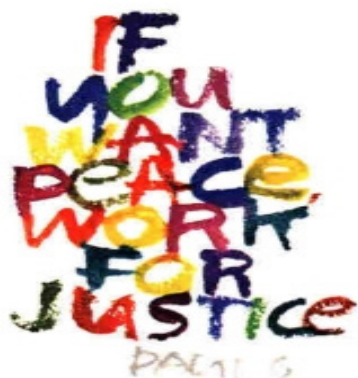
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Monsignor Charles Hendry - Parish Priest  
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## 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

27th October 2019

# Leaving room for God's Grace to work in us



The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

### November Lists

The Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered each day in November for all whose names are included in our November Lists. These lists will contain the names of our family members and those we have known, who have died.

Blank lists are now available at the back of the church - together with envelopes for their return. Please complete a list and place it in the box at the back of the Church.

Friday 1st November

### Solemnity of All Saints

*a Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass - 8am and 6pm

Saturday 2nd November  
Commemoration of the  
Faithful Departed

### All Souls

Mass - 10am

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

What marvels  
the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

#### Gospel Acclamation

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



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

Led by Canon Kevin Golden  
*the popular adult formation series*

Wednesdays at 7.30pm,  
at the Pastoral Centre,  
24-28 Lawside Road,  
Dundee, DD3 6XY

Contact Canon Kevin (01382 225228)

## 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  
Charles Hendry  
(Mgr Hendry's father)  
and of all the faithful  
departed

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

## FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday 28th October**

**St Simon and St Jude**

*8am Mass*

**Thursday 31st October**

**St John of Capistrano**

*7am Mass*

**Friday 1st November**

**All Saints**

*8am Mass*

## Papers

Catholic newspapers including the Scottish Catholic Observer etc are available in the church porch - please take copies and share them.

## Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted to £424.18 and the Mission Collection - amounted to £244.30 - thank you for your generosity.

## Italian Association

**Monday 11th November** - a bus leaves Perth at 3pm for the Annual Mass for the Dead (in Italian, at 7pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow) - preceded by High Tea at Coia's in Denmark Street.

### Friday 22nd November

- an outing to Pitlochry Festival Theatre for the production of A Christmas Carol. A bus will leave St John's at 3pm - stopping for High Tea at Bankfoot.

**Tuesday 10th December** - dinner dance to be held in McDiarmid Park - £30. 6.30pm for 7pm.

**Italian Classes** for learners of all stages continue at 4.15pm in the Small Hall on Saturdays.

## Justice and Peace

If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you.

**Saint Thomas of Villanova**

## Foodbank

The local foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public - that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Please note - they are not able to use food that is past the use by/best before date, so please only donate food that is within date. Also - they are not able to use fresh or chilled food. Our thanks to Rosie O'Flaherty and her family for their great kindness in organising the collection of donations.

## November lists

November is the month of the Holy Souls. During this month we pray especially for our departed friends and loved ones who are making their journey towards the eternal light of God.

As Catholics we believe that although those who have died are separated from us physically, they remain connected to us as members of the Church. Jesus has conquered death, and so those of us who are part of the Body of Christ here on earth remain a living part of that body even after our earthly life comes to a close. We know this to be true because when Jesus is challenged by the Pharisees who say there is no life after death Jesus replies 'Have you not read what was said to you by God, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?" He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' (Matt 22:31-32) Thus he implied that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are not dead, but alive with God.

Scripture teaches that it is 'a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins' (2 Macc 12:46). We also get our first example of Christian prayer for the dead from the bible, St Paul prays for his departed friend Onesiphorus saying 'May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day (the day of judgement).' (2 Tim 1:18)

Following the example of Scripture, and Christian practice through the ages, we pray for all the faithful departed during this month. We will be offering Mass for our departed loved ones during the month of November, and all of us should make a special effort to pray at home for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

**Envelopes for your November Lists and Mass Offerings are available at the back of the Church - please complete them and hand them to Mgr Hendry**

**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*