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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

17th November 2019

# Trusting in God's Mercy

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.



## November is the Month of the Holy Souls

**Please make a special effort to come to Mass and pray for those who have died:**

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8am
- Wednesday at 7am
- Saturday at 10am

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.

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord comes to rule  
the peoples with fairness.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Stay awake,  
praying at all times  
for the strength  
to stand with confidence  
before the Son of Man.



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

Claire Duncan (London)

and of all the faithful  
departed

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

## FEASTDAYS

Monday 18th November

St Fergus

8am Mass

Monday 12th November

St Josephat

8am Mass

Thursday 21st November

Presentation of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am Mass

Friday 22nd November

St Cecilia

8am Mass

## Keeping Christmas

At Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
Struan Road, Perth - Concert on  
Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7pm.  
All welcome to come and join us with  
tea and coffee to be served after the per-  
formance. A bucket collection will be  
taken at the end of the show for Parish  
funds.

## Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted  
to £242.97 - thank you for your gen-  
erosity.

## Italian Association

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.

Saturday 30th November

Monthly meets - begins with Holy  
Mass in Italian at 1pm in St John's  
Church.

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.



Available from St John's Church Shop  
now - and online at [stjohns-perth.org.uk](http://stjohns-perth.org.uk)  
- and Kindle Books.

## Justice and Peace

*The Eucharist commits us to the poor.  
To receive in truth the Body and Blood  
of Christ given up for us, we must  
recognize Christ in the poorest, his  
brethren.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1397

**Today is the start of  
Catholic Education Week  
- there will be a second  
collection in  
support of this work**

St John's RC Academy is proud to  
support Catholic Education Week

We are a 2-18 all-through school serving the  
Catholic community within Perth and Kinross.



We 'Seek the Good' in ourselves  
and one another.

We grow together as a  
community of faith and learning.



Headteacher - Mr Sean P Hagney  
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## De profundis

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 rest in peace.  
Amen.

**There will be a second col-  
lection next Sunday in aid  
of the Poor Mission Fund**

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