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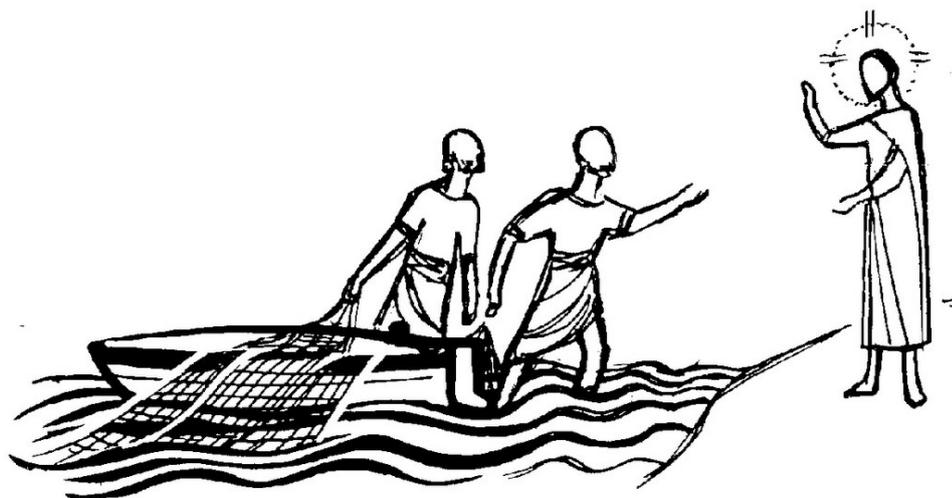
## 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 26th January 2020 The ministry of Our Lord

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

(Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.



When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen

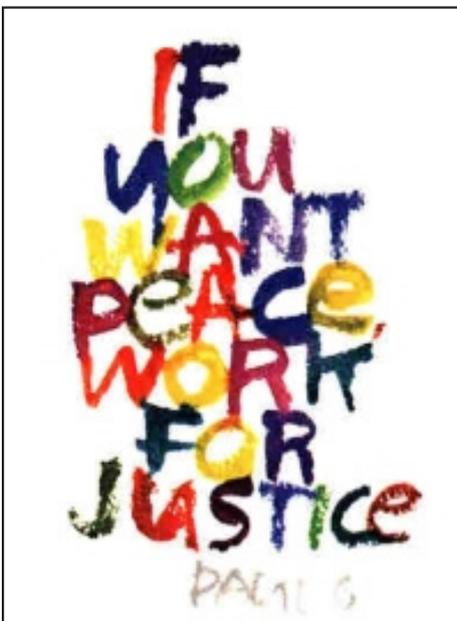
### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light  
and my help.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Jesus proclaimed  
the Good News  
of the Kingdom  
and cured all kinds of sickness  
among the people.



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## 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

Bishop Ian Murray,  
Adam Martin, John Bruen,

Frances McCann

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 28th January**

St Thomas Aquinas

**Thursday 30th January**

St John Bosco

**Friday 31st January**

St Francis de Sales

## Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted to £289.35. Thank you for your generosity.

## BINGO TEA

**Tuesday 11th  
February**

**All proceeds towards  
funding Nurses and  
Youth Volunteers  
with the Dunkeld  
Lourdes Pilgrimage**

**Tickets £1  
inc. Tea & Cake.  
Eyes down 7.30pm**

## Life Teen Europe

For the past three years Dunkeld Youth Service has facilitated a 5-day trip to the Life Teen Europe Summer Camp. It takes place in the Emmaus Retreat Centre, Helvoirt, the Netherlands and welcomes teenagers (ages 14-19) from across Europe, in particular the Netherlands, Germany, Scotland, Spain and Italy.

They will participate in a range of faith- and team-building activities which will give them a chance to grow in their own faith, and also to receive the support of other teens in their faith, as well as allow them to make friends and connections that can last for many years to come.

This year we will return again to the Emmaus Retreat Centre in Helvoirt, The Netherlands to explore the theme of FIAT! The dates are 2nd-9th August - reservations close on Monday 9th March - contact [youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)

## St John's UCM



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th February, after 7pm Mass. It will be a Mini Bingo in aid of UCM funds, family & friends welcome.

## Maltese Mass

Scotland's Maltese community will gather in Perth on Sunday 2nd February for a Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul. Malta is proud of its 2000 year association with Christianity. Paul was being taken to Rome to be tried as a political rebel, but the ship carrying him and some 274 others was caught in a violent storm only to be wrecked two weeks later on the Maltese coast. All aboard swam safely to land.

The site of the wreck is traditionally known as St. Paul's Island, and is marked by a statue commemorating the event. Mass will be celebrated at 1pm in St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, by Fr Jean Gové, a recently ordained Maltese priest, serving in Dunkeld Diocese, and who is currently studying at St Andrews University.

Following the Mass there will be a Potluck Lunch. Please contact Fr Jean Gové – [govejean@gmail.com](mailto:govejean@gmail.com) or contact +356 9910 1030

## Italian classes

Classes for beginners and for speakers at all levels have restarted in St John's Church Hall on Saturdays at 4.15pm. All welcome.

## Catholic Papers

The Scottish Catholic Observer, Catholic Herald, Catholic Times etc are available in the church porch - please take copies and share them with the wider community.

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