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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## The Baptism of the Lord

12th January 2020

# “This is my beloved Son...”

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, “This is my beloved son . . .” In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: “You are my beloved son . . .”

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of bap-

tism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: “I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11). The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.



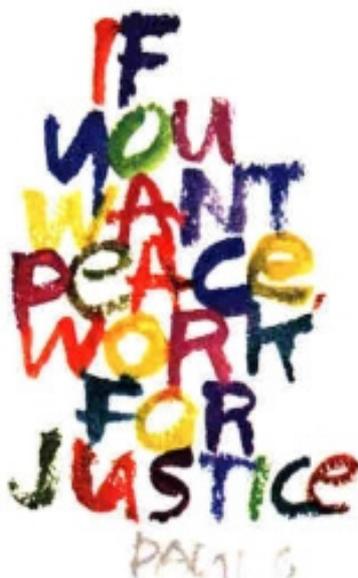
### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

#### Gospel Acclamation

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:  
“This is my Son, the Beloved.  
Listen to him.



## Priests for Scotland

### A LIFE WORTH LIVING

If you would like to learn more about becoming a priest - please contact  
Dunkeld Diocese's  
Vocations Director  
Fr Mark Cassidy - 01382 611282



TODAY MARKS THE END OF CHRISTMAS-TIDE

## 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  
Mary Graham  
and Frank Lanni  
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

**Monday 13th January**

St Kentigern  
Bishop

**Friday 17th January**

St Antony  
Abbot

## Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted to £356.22. Thank you for your generosity.

## Perth Italian Association

The next monthly meeting of the Italian Association will take place on Saturday 25th January - starting with Holy Mass in Italian at 1pm in St John's.

## 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.

## Concert after Mass today

We welcome back Mrs Grazyna Mlynarczyka and her music pupils who will perform a short concert after today's 10am Mass.

This New Year Concert has become a regular and popular event at St Mary Magdalene's and we encourage you to support the young musicians.

## St John's UCM

Next meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers will be on Tuesday 21st January, with Mass at 7pm followed by a Burns Supper.



## 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 3rd-8th August - reservations close on Monday 9th March - contact [youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)

## Safeguarding training

Dunkeld Diocese have announced a new series of training dates - January-June 2020 have been announced. Please check [www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk](http://www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk) for the details.



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)

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