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St Mary Magdalene's Church

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6th Sunday of Year A

16th February 2020

Jesus' life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God



Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbour.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it

will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God.

The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

They are happy
who follow God's law!

Gospel Acclamation

Speak, Lord,
your servant is listening:
you have the message
of eternal life.

Dundee Pregnancy and Parenthood Support

Dundee Pregnancy and Parenthood Support is based at the former Lawside Convent; supplying baby equipment & clothing; companionship at appointments and help with accessing benefits etc. On Facebook and Phone 07453 784295, confidentiality assured.

40 Days For Life

Forty Days for Life is a worldwide mobilisation of prayer during Lent to protect mothers and children. In Dundee the public prayer vigil takes place at the roundabout on Ninewells Avenue 26th February to the 5th of April. Vigil Hours: Noon until 2pm, seven days a week & 6pm-7pm Mon-Thurs E-mail Phil Kearns 40daysfor-life20@gmail.com

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

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 Richard Asensio
who died recently
and for the souls of

Ralph and Annetta Giulianotti
and Eugene Russell
and for the souls of all
the faithful departed.

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

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 17th February
Seven Holy Founders of
the Servite Order

Friday 21st February
St Peter Damian

Saturday 22nd February
St Peter's Chair

Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted
to £334.52. Thank you for your gen-
erosity.

Messages

If you are in urgent need of a priest
- please bear in mind that Mgr Hendry
is no longer driving - but should you
wish to speak to him please telephone
- on 01738 643418 - and speak slowly
and clearly and - if necessary - be ready
to leave an answer phone message - to-
gether with your name and phone num-
ber. Thank you for your patience.

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making donations go further

Funeral Mass

The Funeral Mass for Richard Asen-
sio will take place in St Mary Mag-
dalene's Church on Wednesday 19th
February - at 3pm. The Reception of
Remains will be at 5pm on Tuesday

Catechetical Talks for Adults

Fr Pletts in St James, Kinross offers a se-
ries of brief catechetical talks for adults on
a Tuesday evening, beginning Tuesday 18th
February from 7-8pm. The talk will last
around 15 to 20 minutes and may include
video material, there will be an opportunity
for discussion during and afterwards and
also for tea, coffee and biscuits. The dates
and topics will be:

Tuesday 18th February - Why an obli-
gation for Mass on Sundays and holidays?

Tuesday 25th February - What does the
Church really teach about same-sex attrac-
tion, and why?

Tuesday 3rd March - Do angels and the
devil really exist?

Tuesday 10th March - What do we mean
when the Church speaks of the sanctity of
human life (including contraception, abor-
tion, and euthanasia)?

St John's UCM

Next meeting 18th February
- a Prayerful evening for the
Priesthood and vocations.



Carnivale - Masked Ball

Tickets are now available for the
Italian Association's Annual Masked
Ball on Shrove Tuesday 25th Febru-
ary, at 7pm for 7.30pm - price £10
- includes three course meal and live
music - please bring your own drink.
Please add your name to the list to
book a ticket.

Italian classes

Classes for beginners and for speak-
ers at all levels take place in St John's
Church Hall on Saturdays at 4.15pm.
All welcome.

Lent Retreat 2020

For the last two years the Ignatian
Spirituality Centre in Glasgow has
been offering a Lent Retreat support-
ed by FREE ONLINE or by a BOOK.
In LENT 2020 Dunkeld Diocese of-
fers a retreat based on the Spiritual
Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola in
an accessible and up to date form.

Material will be provided for peo-
ple to pray with each day of Lent.
This will include Scripture readings,
meditations, pictures and full instruc-
tions.

Dates and Times of meetings: 7pm
Monday 25th February 2020; 3rd,
10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March 2020
and 7th and 14th April 2020 - at Dun-
keld Pastoral Centre, 24-28 Lawside
Road, Dundee. DD3 6XY.

If there is sufficient interest in the
Perth area it may be possible to or-
ganize a group on Thursdays.....
please email Mary O'Duffin mary.
oduffin@dunkelddiocese.org.uk to
register your interest.

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