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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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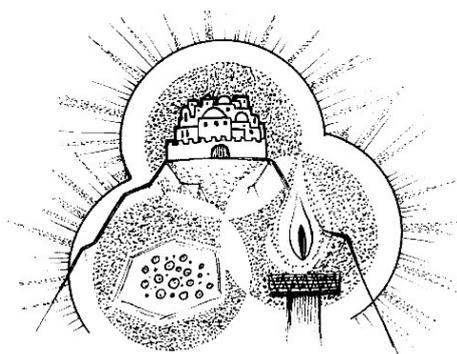
## 5th Sunday of Year A

9th February 2020

# A light to the whole world

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When



we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

### 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 Feb to the 5th of April. Vigil Hours: Noon until 2pm, seven days a week & 6pm-7pm Mon-Thurs E-mail Phil Kearns [40daysforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife20@gmail.com)

### Sick calls

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. Thank you for your patience.

### Mass of Intercession for Priests

Saturday 15th February 11.30am at St Joseph's Convent, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY - with Bishop Stephen Robson.

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

## 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 souls  
of all  
the faithful departed.

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

**Amen**

## FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday 10th February**  
St Scolastica

**Tuesday 11th February**  
Our Lady of Lourdes

**Friday 14th February**  
St Cyril

## 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**

## World Day Of Prayer for the Sick - 11th February

Pope Francis writes - "I think of our many brothers and sisters throughout the world who have no access to medical care because they live in poverty. For this reason, I urge healthcare institutions and government leaders throughout the world not to neglect social justice out of a preoccupation for financial concerns. It is my hope that, by joining the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity, efforts will be made to cooperate in ensuring that everyone has access to suitable treatments for preserving and restoring their health. I offer heartfelt thanks to all those volunteers who serve the sick, often compensating for structural shortcomings, while reflecting the image of Christ, the Good Samaritan, by their acts of tender love and closeness."

"To the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all those who bear the burden of illness, along with their families and all healthcare workers. With the assurance of a remembrance in my prayers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing."

## 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 February, 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 speakers 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 supported by FREE ONLINE or by a BOOK. In LENT 2020 Dunkeld Diocese offers a retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola in an accessible and up to date form.

Material will be provided for people to pray with each day of Lent. This will include Scripture readings, meditations, pictures and full instructions.

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

If there is sufficient interest in the Perth area it may be possible to organize a group on Thursdays..... please email Mary O'Duffin mary.oduffin@dunkelldiocese.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