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St Mary Magdalene's Church

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2nd Sunday of Lent A 8th March 2020

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.



On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus'

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

May your love be upon us,
O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation

From the bright cloud
the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to him.'

Lent Retreat

A retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola is taking place on Thursdays - being delivered in an accessible and up-to-date format.

DAILY PRAYER:

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

Our Local Group is led by

Mary O'Duffin,

Meeting in Perth Riverside Church, Bute Drive, Perth. PH1 3BG

Updated time - 6.30pm

6.30pm - THURSDAY EVENINGS

...19th, 26th March

2nd April, then, after Holy Week,

final two sessions on 16th April and 23rd April.

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 Joan Stobo
and John Byrne (London)
and for 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 10th March
St John Ogilvie
8am Mass

Faith Sharing Groups

The materials for the Lenten Faith Sharing Programme introduced in Perth by Deacon Len Moir are now available on the Diocesan website for download - please find them in the RE Resources menu.

Virus protection

Bishop Stephen has provided advice to parishes with contingency measures during the current outbreak of Corona-virus (COVID 19).

These include everyone maintaining good hygiene - including good hand washing/ safe disposal of tissues...

....Priests and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, before proceeding to the sanctuary, to discreetly wash their hands (or use good quality hand gel) with warm water and soap.

The Holy Water stoops for blessing at the entrance to the Church to be emptied (as on Good Friday and Holy Saturday). We can still bless ourselves as we enter the Church but without using Holy Water.

The Sign of Peace to be suspended until further notice to avoid unnecessary contact.

Communicants to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue - or, if not, then care must be taken not to be infected by salivary contact.

Only the priest ought to communicate from the Chalice to complete the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Communication from the chalice to be suspended until further notice.

Only the Priest Celebrant or Assisting Deacon should purify the Sacred Vessels - paten, chalice and ciborium - used at Mass.

Catechetical Talks for Adults

Fr Pletts in St James, Kinross offers a series of brief catechetical talks for adults on a Tuesday evening, beginning Tuesday 18th February from 7-8pm. The talks 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 10th March - What do we mean when the Church speaks of the sanctity of human life (including contraception, abortion, and euthanasia)?

Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted to £302.02. Thank you for your generosity.

SCIAF BOXES

SCIAF's WEE BOXES are available in the porch for your Lenten Almsgiving - please take one away and return it when you come along to the services on Holy Thursday.

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 - **together with your name and phone number.** Thank you for your patience.

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.

Italian Stations

There will be Stations of the Cross in Italian in St John's, on Saturdays at 2pm, during Lent.

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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

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