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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 14th Sunday of Year B, 5th July 2015

# Pray in order that you may believe

In today's Gospel we see Jesus experiencing rejection and being amazed at the lack of faith people have in Him.

There is often a long period between our first awakening from unbelief and the final resolution we make to believe fully in God's love and care for us. There are many difficulties that occur between the first movement of faith in the God of Jesus Christ and our full consent to believe.

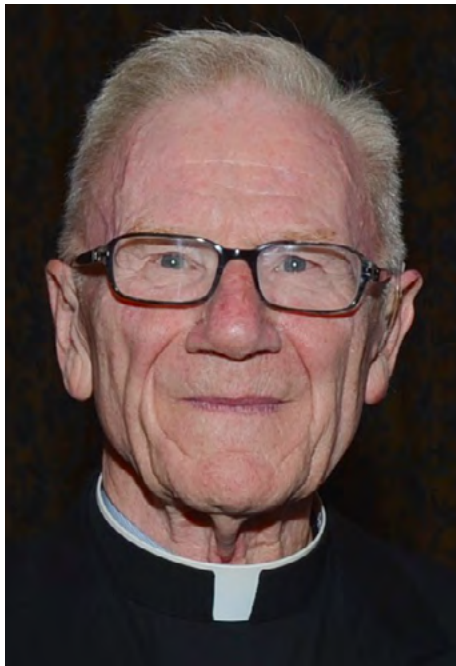
St. Augustine delayed for some time before consenting fully to the teachings of Jesus Christ. But St. Ambrose said to him: "If you do not believe, pray in order that you may believe."

During this period we pray like St. Augustine who cried out: "Lord, I do believe, but help me in my unbelief." That is to say, "While I am no longer in the dark night of unfaithfulness, for the beams of your faith light up the horizon of my soul, I still do not believe as I ought. The knowledge that comes to me through faith is still weak and mingles with unbelief."

God continually draws our hearts until we find the teachings of Jesus pleasing. Till we reach this stage, God's goodness never fails to reach us through inspirations. However, we are free to consent to God's loving appeals or reject them. Mighty rivers, coming upon open plains, spread out and take up ever more space.

Similarly, if we do not reject God's holy love, it goes on expanding with continual increase in us until we are entirely converted. Holy love guides us through our journey of forgiveness.

It consoles us, animates and strengthens us in our difficulties. Hence faith includes a first start of love that the heart feels for the things of God. Let us not reject this gift of faith.



*Please pray for*  
**Monsignor Hendry**  
*on the occasion of the*  
**Diamond Jubilee**  
*of his*  
**Ordination to**  
**the Priesthood**

### For today's Mass

**Responsorial Psalm**

Our eyes are on the Lord  
till he show us his mercy.

**Gospel Acclamation**

The Word was made flesh  
and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become  
children of God.

## SIXTY YEARS OF PRIESTLY SERVICE

St John the Baptist's, Perth  
1955-1964

St James', Kinross  
1964-1969

St Fillan's & St Alphonsus',  
Doune  
1969-1971

The Holy Family, Dunblane  
1971-1976

St Serf's, High Valleyfield  
1976-1983

St Ninian's, Dundee  
1983-1987

St Bernadette's, Tullibody  
1987-1990

St Fillan's, Crieff  
1990-1992

St John the Baptist's, Perth  
1992-2012

St Mary Magdalene's, Perth  
2012-

## AROUND PERTH

**Sunday Mass in  
St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie**  
10am  
8am - Weekdays  
(except Wednesday)

7am - Wednesday

**Sunday Mass in  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham**  
12 noon

**Sunday Mass in  
St Mary's, Kinnoull**  
10am

**Sunday Mass in St John's**  
6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

## PRAYERS

Please pray for  
the repose of  
the soul of  
Denise McLoughlin Ewing  
and the souls  
all the faithful departed.

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

## FEASTDAYS

**Monday 6th**  
St Maria Goretti

**Saturday 11th**  
St Benedict, abbot,  
Patron of Europe

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity -  
last Sunday's collection amounted to  
£276.20 - special collection for Peter's  
Pence £148.20.

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*Mgr Hendry thanks everyone for  
their prayers and generosity on the occasion  
of the 60th Anniversary of  
his Priestly Ordination.*

*Thanks to all those who made the preparations  
for the Civic Reception and 60th Jubilee Mass  
and to all who took part.*

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