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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 19th Sunday of Year B, 9th August 2015

# United in Gentleness, Compassion and Forgiveness

In today's first reading, St. Paul begs us to exchange our life of anger and malice for a life of kindness, compassion and forgiveness that mark us as the children of God.

One of the best exercises in gentleness that we can perform is with ourselves. To allow gentleness to reign in our hearts we must not fret over our own faults. While reason requires that we be displeased and sorry when we commit a fault, we must not keep our hearts drenched in bitterness and spitefulness that spring from our self-centered love, which is disturbed at seeing that it is imperfect. This constrains our ability to love.

All angry people think their anger just. Believe me a father's gentle, loving rebuke has far greater power to correct a child than rage and passion. So too when we have committed some fault, if we rebuke our heart with more compassion for it than passion against it, repentance will penetrate more effectively. If we fall into anger let us say: "Alas my poor heart, here we are, fallen into the pit we were so firmly resolved to avoid! Well, we must get



up again and leave it forever." With great courage, confidence and trust in God's mercy return to the path of virtue. When your mind is tranquil, build up a stock of gentleness. Speak all your words and do all your actions in the mildest way you can. Remain in peace. No one is so holy as not to be subject to imperfections.

However, we are called to practice

the freedom of the children of God who know they are loved. They freely choose to follow the known will of their heavenly Father who nourishes them with the Bread of Life, his Son Jesus. We must walk on then, as brothers and sisters united in gentleness, compassion and forgiveness. God always loves us even in our weakest moments. We, too, must do likewise, first with ourselves than others.

## For today's Mass

### Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see  
that the Lord is good.

### Gospel Acclamation

If anyone loves me  
he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.

*There will be a  
second collection  
at Mass today  
in aid of  
the Bishop's upkeep*

## 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 souls of  
Annie Buchan and  
Mia Ferrie  
and the souls  
all the faithful departed.

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

## FEASTDAYS

**Monday 10th August  
St Lawrence**

**Tuesday 11th  
St Clare**

**Wednesday 12th  
St Blaas**

**Friday 14th  
St Maximilian Kolbe**

**Saturday 15th  
Assumption of Our Lady  
(not a Holy Day)**

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £183.56.

## Bishop's upkeep

There will be a special collection this Sunday for the Bishop's upkeep known as the Mensal Fund.

## Youth Pilgrimage

There will be a National Pilgrimage for young Scottish Catholics to Nunraw Abbey on Sunday 13th September 2015. Pilgrims will set off from the pre-Reformation Shrine of Our Lady of Haddington and then walk 7 miles to the Benedictine Abbey of Sancta Maria where Mass will be celebrated.

The event is coordinated by the Catholic Youth Service of Scotland – and is open to all aged 11-25.

If you or a member of your family would like to attend please give names to Mgr Hendry as soon as possible.

## Youth Weekend

A youth event is planned for 2nd-4th October, at Kilgraston School - with prayer, catechesis, a barbecue and overnight camping all part of the fun. Contact the Justyna Jablonska (01738 635074) if you are interested or give your name to Mgr Hendry today.

## Family Mass

Bishop Stephen Robson will celebrate St John's Academy's Annual Family Mass on Tuesday 1st September, at 6.30pm, at the school - all families and friends are welcome.

## Italian Pilgrims' Meeting

There will be a meeting for all who are taking part in the September Pilgrimage to Padua/ Venice in St John's church hall at 7pm on Thursday 20th August.

## Dunkeld News

The latest edition of Bishop Stephen's newsletter is available now in the church porch - and also online at - [www.dunkelddiocese.org.uk](http://www.dunkelddiocese.org.uk)

## Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

Next Saturday is the Feast of the Assumption - it is not a Holy Day - but Mass will be celebrated at 10am (not 8am) on that day.

Catholic Grandparents  
Association (Scotland)

## 5th Annual Pilgrimage Mass and Blessing of the Sick

**Sunday 16th August**

**3pm, Carfin  
Lourdes Grotto**

with Bishop Toal and  
Bishop Robson

**Rosary Procession  
after Mass  
in the Grotto Grounds**  
(Weather permitting)

Tea, Coffee and Snacks available  
at the Xavier Centre

## Justice and Peace

*"Human society...demands that all be guided by justice, respect the rights of others and do their duty. It demands, too that they be animated by such love as will make them feel the needs of others as their own, and induce them to share their goods with others, and to strive in the world to make all alike heirs to the noblest of intellectual and spiritual values."*

**Pacem in Terris, 35**