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Taste and See that the Lord is Good

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges us to remain faithful to Him and to live in the "spirit that gives life."

Our Saviour came to recreate humanity. When we live in the Spirit of Jesus, we transcend our ordinary life in order to live a loftier life. We are so filled with divine love that we are like the stars whose light is totally absorbed in the sunlight. God lives in us, and our only desire is to unite our will to God's Will.

To progress in living in the Spirit of Jesus, we must first of all accept ourselves as being less than perfect. Don't lose heart, be patient, wait while joyously carrying out your daily activities. Do everything you are taught in a spirit of gentleness and fidelity. Develop a spirit of compassion. After we have planted and watered, we must realize that it is for God to give the increase to the trees that are our good inclinations and habits. For this reason we must wait to obtain the fruits of our desires and labours from divine Providence. If we are not progressing, as we



desire, let us not be disturbed. In living a holy life our whole life is destined to be a practical testing. Let us remain at peace so that calmness always reigns in our hearts. It is up to us to cultivate our souls well, and we must faithfully attend to them. But as for a plentiful harvest, let us leave the care of that to our Lord. The labourer will never be blamed for not having a fine harvest, unless he or she did not carefully till and sow his or her field. Our unwa-

vering dependence on God assures us that we are solidly planted where God wants us to be.

I have no doubt that our Saviour is holding you by the hand. If you stumble, it is only to let you know that if you let go of His hand you would fall rather than stumble. For those of us who love and hope in God, our weakness is not as great as God's mercy.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see
that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation

Your words are spirit, Lord
and they are life:
you have the message
of eternal life.

*If you stumble, it is only to let you
know that if you let go of His hand
you would fall rather than stumble*

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**

12noon
(5.30pm Vigil; Sunday 11am from 28/29 Sept)

**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
Sandy Kelly,
Barry Christie,
Gustavine and James Walker
and the souls
all the faithful departed.

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

FEASTDAYS

**Monday 24th
St Bartholomew**

**Thursday 27th
St Monica**

**Friday 28th
St Augustine**

**Saturday 29th
Passion of St John the Baptist**

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £255.50.

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 7pm, at the school - all families and friends are welcome.

Italian Association

The September meeting of the Italian Association will be later than usual - it will be held on Saturday 3rd October, at 1pm in the Church Hall.

Italian classes

Please note that our weekly Italian classes will resume from Saturday 10th October.



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

The McLellan Commission Report

The Commission set out 8 principal recommendations:

1. Support for the survivors of abuse must be an absolute priority for the Catholic Church in Scotland in the field of safeguarding. The Bishops' Conference of Scotland should make a public apology to all survivors of abuse within the Church.

2. The "Awareness and Safety" manual should be completely revised or rewritten.

3. There must be some external scrutiny and independence in the safeguarding policies and practices of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

4. Effectiveness and improvement must be measured at every level of safeguarding in the Church.

5. A consistent approach to safeguarding is essential: consistent across different parts of Scotland and consistent across different parts of the Church.

6. Justice must be done, and justice must be seen to be done, for those who have been abused and for those against whom allegations of abuse are made.

7. The priority of undertaking regular high-quality training and continuous professional development in safeguarding must be understood and accepted by all those involved in safeguarding at every level.

8. The Catholic Church in Scotland must set out a theology of safeguarding which is coherent and compelling.

Justice and Peace

'It is to all Christians that we address a fresh and insistent call to action...

'Laypeople should take up as their own proper task the renewal of the temporal order. If the role of the hierarchy is to teach and to interpret authentically the norms of morality to be followed in this matter, it belongs to the laity, without waiting passively for offers and directives, to take the initiative freely and to infuse a Christian spirit into the mentality, customs, laws and structures of the community in which they live.'

Octagesimo Adveniens, 48.1