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22nd Sunday of Year B, 30th August 2015

The Beauty of God's Commandments

Today's readings beg us to live the commandments, the word of God, in a way that allows us to be wise and have a pure heart before God.

There are some matters in which it is clear what God's will is, such as the commandments or the duties of one's vocation. To live according to God's will is to love. The just are not truly just unless they have holy love, which forms a pure heart.

True love always strives to please those in whom it has found pleasure. God's word becomes most pleasing when ordained by love. By often taking delight in what God commands, we become what God desires us to be, and our will is transformed into that of the divine will. The greater the pleasure we take in God's will for us, the more perfect is our transformation in holy love, the true source of divine wisdom. Happy the soul who no longer journeys with its own feet but according to the desire of its God!



To arouse in us a holy, salutary love of God's commandments, we must con-

template their wondrous beauty. Like the visible sun that touches all things with its life-giving warmth, and gives them the vigour needed to produce their proper effects, so God's goodness enlivens all hearts to love God's word. To love the divine commandments, God gives us means that are not merely sufficient. Rather, God gives us a rich abundance of ways to fulfill this divine desire implanted in our hearts.

The commandments are worthy of love because they give goodness to those who lack it and increase goodness in those who have it. There is no toil in what we love, or if there is any, it is a beloved toil.

Thus, while the divine law imposes a necessity to obey God's will it also converts this necessity into holy love, and all difficulty into delight.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The just will live
in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

*Happy the soul who no longer
journeys with his own feet but
according to the desire of its God.*

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
Mary Reville,
Marie MacLellan
and James Cameron
and the souls
all the faithful departed.

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

FEASTDAYS

**Monday 31st
St Aiden (Lindisfarne)**

**Thursday 3rd
St Gregory the Great(Pope)**

**Friday 4th
St Cuthbert**

**Saturday 5th
Most Holy Name of Mary**

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £299.72.

Priest contact

Mgr Hendry will be on holiday from 7-24th September. In an emergency please contact Canon Drysdale (01764 653269).

Next Sunday

Next Sunday's Mass will be said by Fr McAinch because Mgr Hendry will be saying Mass for Canon Drysdale in-Crieff on that day.

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.

Romanian Music Night

A beautiful night of music will be held at Our Lady's Church on Friday September 4th to raise money for The Marie Curie Children's hospital in Bucharest, Romania.

The night will be filled with performances from talented musicians, there will be refreshments such as teas, coffees and cake sold, and a raffle with great prizes will be run!

Tickets are £3.50 and include a hot drink. The night starts at 6.30pm so come along, enjoy the music and support the children at the hospital!

Tickets can be purchased at the door or reservations can be made through email at romaniafundraisinggroup@Gmail.com

Brownie Birthday

2016 is the 75th Birthday of 19th Perth (St John's) Brownies and the 25th Birthday of the Rainbows. To kick off our celebrations a BBQ will be held at Quarrymill on Friday 11th September from 6.30 pm. Tickets £5 for adults and £3 for children from Miss Monaghan in St John's Primary or Mrs Watson on Thursday 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm in St John's Hall.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Sorrento

Holy Year of Mercy, Diocese of Dunkeld - 2016 Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Sorrento - 11 nights/10 days on 8-18 September, 2016. Cost around £910 (B & B) or £1060 (Half Board).

Further information and Booking Form through Bishop Stephen's Secretary: bishops-secretary@dunkeld-diocese.org.uk or Bishop Stephen Robson, Diocesan Office, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee DD3 6XY or Anne Marie Cairns, Alba Tours, 40 Chestnut Grove, Motherwell ML1 3JF.

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 weekly Italian classes resumes on Saturday 10th October.

St James' Kinross

A special welcome to Fr Pletts who becomes our near neighbour this weekend on taking up his new appointment at St James' Kinross.

Justice and Peace

'The Church as received from Christ the mission of preaching the gospel message, which contains a call to all to turn away from sin to the love of the Father, universal brotherhood and a consequent demand for justice in the world. This is the reason why the Church has the right, indeed the duty, to proclaim justice on the social, national and international level, and to denounce instances of injustice, when the fundamental rights of men and women and their very salvation demand it.'

Justice in the World, 36