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St Mary Magdalene's Church

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Monsignor Charles Hendry - Parish Priest

25th Sunday of Year B, 20th September 2015

A simplicity of heart

Today's Gospel challenges us to be child-like servants of God. Simplicity of heart marks a loving child, and is also about a "little virtue".

Like an infant whose one desire is to be fed by its mother, our heart is simple when we have only one desire and that is to love God. We allow our Lord to carry us as we walk according to the desires of God and not our own preferences. A truly simple person spends time with the Lord. They are like the little child who desires only to rest in his mother's arms because here is where he is nourished and cared for.

Simplicity requires that our interior self match our exterior self. Yet, we do not lack simplicity when we put on a smiling face while we feel upset. It is true you are agitated within when you are facing some difficulty. This is natural for our misery tends to follow an extreme course. Although we admit the feeling, we do not have to consent to it. Thus when we are troubled by something and smile, it means we accept our difficulty in a good, wholesome, simple way that helps us to flourish as a child of God.

Walk simply and you will walk confidently. If you are with someone who is moody, don't be concerned about what to do. Simply be your cheerful self. Just now she is sad, but at some other time you will be like her. Help her and yourself to enjoy the time you have together. And at another time she will help you do the same. In this way you are a child-like servant of God to others. We come closer to God's love the more we detach ourselves from things that hinder us from loving God and others. Simplicity places every event in God's hands. Happy are they who no longer journey with their own feet, that is, according to their own thoughts, desires, preferences and inclinations, but according to those of their God! For in their simplicity of heart they will find God's love and peace.



For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the world,
says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assissi and Sorrento

Holy Year of Mercy, Diocese of Dunkeld - 2016 Pilgrimage to Rome, Assissi 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@dunkelldiocese.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.

AROUND PERTH

**Sunday Mass in
St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie**
10am

No Weekday Masses
(7-24th September)

**Sunday Mass in
Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham**
12noon
(5.30pm Vigil; Sunday 11am from 26/29 Sept)

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

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

Diocesan Youth Gathering Kilgraston School Bridge of Earn

3rd - 4th October

**Starts Saturday at 2.30pm -
Depart 2pm after Mass and lunch on Sunday**

**youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk
or speak to your parish priest to sign-up**

Priest contact

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

No weekday Mass

Please note that there is no weekday Mass from 7-24th September.

Italian classes

Please note that weekly Italian classes resumes on Saturday 10th October.

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.

Diocesan Vocations Mass

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

1pm, Saturday 3rd October

**with the
Ordination of Rev. Ron Wylie
to the Permanent Diaconate**


Brownie Birthday

Thanks to all who supported the Brownie Sponsored Walk and Barbecue on Friday and to D G Lindsay | Lindsay Butchers for supplying the burgers and sausages. Over £600 was raised for the Ndiini School Food Programme Charity - enough to sustain the project for two weeks.

Justice and Peace

'The freedom with which Christ has set us free encourages us to become the servants of all. Thus the process of development and liberation takes concrete shape in the exercise of solidarity, that is to say, in the love and service of neighbour, especially of the poorest.'

Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 46.6



We are looking for people with and without learning disabilities to help us grow L'Arche in Scotland.

Would you like to be involved?

It takes a diverse group to start a Community – people with learning disabilities and their families, people who have worked in a L'Arche Community, support from local churches, volunteers, people able to give professional advice in social work, support provision, finance, housing and fundraising. Could you be one of those people?

If you would like to know more or offer your support please contact Anthony Kramers on 07979 810870 or visit our website www.larche.org.uk

Open Meeting : Could L'Arche grow in Perth ?

All welcome on Sunday 18 October 3 – 4.30 pm at Kinnoull Church hall,
Dundee Road, Perth PH2 7EY