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As an example of leadership

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be pre-

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

May your love be upon us,
O Lord,
as we place all our hope
in you.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the Way,
the Truth and the Life,
says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father
except through me.



paring the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

Opportunities for Education

Recently the Pope prayed that opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

If you can help the young people of St John's Academy with work experience or placements, or can help the school in any other way with preparing young people for the world of work then get in touch either by email to st-johnsacademy@pkc.gov.UK, tweet to [@gruffthree](https://twitter.com/gruffthree) or phone 01738 454300 and ask for Pauline Ward.

Second collection this week for Mission Sunday

AROUND PERTH

**Sunday Mass in
St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie**
10am - Sunday
8am - Weekdays
(except Wednesday)
7am - Wednesday

**Sunday Mass in
Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham**
5.30pm (vigil); 11am

**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
David Cunningham
and the souls
all the faithful departed.
**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.**

Collections

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £206.56. This Sunday is Mission Sunday - there will be a second collection for the missions.

November lists

November envelopes are available at the back of the church. Masses will be celebrated throughout November for those whose names appear on your lists. Please hand them in to Mgr Hendry as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Eucharistic Ministers

A Day of Formation and Celebration for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is to be held on Saturday, 31st October from 10.30am-3pm. in St John's High School, Dundee. Packed lunches to be taken.

Feastdays

Monday 19th October
Canadian Martyrs

Thursday 22nd October
St John Paul II

Italian Association

Members and friends are reminded about the Rosary in Italian, at 2pm on Sundays, and also about going to the Messa per i Mortu celebrated by Archbishop Tartaglia in St Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow on Monday 2nd November. Our bus leaves St John's at 4pm - with High Tea en route.

We will be attending White Christmas in Pitlochry on Thursday 3rd December - price (including High Tea) £30.50.

Christmas Dinner Dance at McDiarmid Park - Monday 14th December - cost £28.

Justice and Peace

Christ's proclaimed the fatherhood of God towards all and the intervention of God's justice on behalf of the needy and the oppressed (Luke 6:21-23). In this way he identified himself with his 'least brethren', as he stated: 'As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me' (Matt. 25:40).'

Justice in the World, 31

One Million Children Praying the Rosary



This boy in Trnava (Croatia) is one of the children praying the rosary worldwide.

Each year on 18 October, one million children around the world pray the Holy Rosary. This is an initiative supported and promoted by Aid to the Church in Need. The idea began in Caracas, Venezuela and grew to be a national project of the Venezuelan Church - 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary'.

The idea was to introduce children to praying the Rosary and to ask them to pray particularly for personal peace and family peace, as well as unity and peace throughout the world.

Aid to the Church in Need has supported this project since 2008 by printing and distributing materials, which has helped it to grow from a Venezuelan idea into a worldwide prayer campaign.

Today, children in 38 countries have joined this prayer campaign and we think it would be great if children in England, Scotland and Wales joined in too.

Children - your children, your grandchildren, church groups and schools - can take part by praying the Rosary at 9am on 18 October each year.

In Perth and Blairgowrie young people in the Society of St Vincent de Paul (Minnie Vinnies) are taking part this week. Join your prayers with them.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass