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Generous giving...

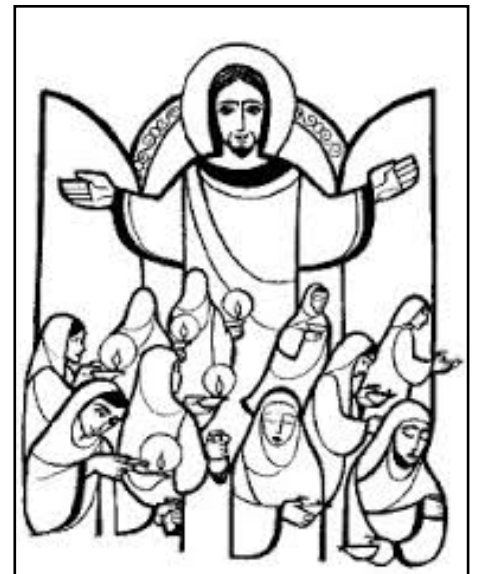
The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honor and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to of-

fer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will



provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise
to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Even if you have to die,
says the Lord, keep faithful,
and I will give you
the crown of life.

Next Week - National Prisoners Week 15-22 November 2015

Just Us

That sounds a little exclusive! Already you may be asking 'what about the others'? But if the 'us' is taken to mean every human being then there are no 'others', no longer any 'us and them'. 'Othering' happens when people are seen as being not like us. They are labelled and placed somewhere far away in our thinking.

Whose job is it to build community, include the isolated, and care for the vulnerable? We can't leave it to professionals, or even to others... it's Just Us who make a difference! That might mean supporting persons returning from prison, helping people in, making life better for all the community.

There are other ways: treasuring our differences, refusing to see only one side, accepting that all have great potential, and that to err is human too.

"What the Lord requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God." Micah 6:8

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 soul of Kathleen Neville, Peg Walsh, Henry Sinclair, Giovanna Forlenza, Antonia Forlenza and the Forlenza family the souls

all the faithful departed.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Feastdays this week

Monday 9th November

The Dedication
of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday 10th November

St Leo the Great

Wednesday 11th November

St Martin de Tours

Thursday 12th November

St Josephat

Collections

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £308.

Remembrance Sunday

Today is Remembrance Sunday - we pray especially for the souls of all who have died in war.

November lists

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Sean Hagney who has been appointed Headteacher at St John's Academy in succession to Mrs Audrey May. Mr Hagney is a parishioner at St Columba's, Cupar.

BINGO TEA

Tuesday, 17th November

in aid of Lourdes Pilgrim fund

Tickets £1

Includes refreshments

Donations of prizes gratefully received

Justice and Peace

We cannot proceed to increase the wealth and power of the rich while we entrench the needy in their poverty and add to the woes of the oppressed.'

Populorum Progressio, p.33

Italian Association

Members and friends 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.

De profunis

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand it? For with Thee there is mercy, and by reason of Thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord. My soul has relied on His word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord. For with the Lord there is mercy; and with Him plentiful redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

HOLY SOULS

They are waiting for our petitions

Silent and calm,

Their lips no prayer can utter

No suppliant psalm.

We have made them all too weary,

With long delay,

For the souls in their still agony

Good Christian pray.

Requiescant in Pace,

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For the souls thou holdest dearest

Let prayers arise,

The voice of love is mighty

And will pierce the skies;

Waste not in selfish weeping

One precious day,

But speeding thy love to heaven

Good Christian pray.

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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