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3rd Sunday of Easter, 10th April 2016

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep....

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the



For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord Jesus,
explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts
burn within us
as you talk to us.

meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of hu-

man hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

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 souls of May Doogan,
Ann Ward, Philip Sharkey
and Bridie Cregg
and all the faithful departed who
anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Saturday 16th April 2016

St Andrew's Cathedral
150 Nethergate, Dundee

NIGHFEVER

Please spread the word
about Adoration and invite
people to come along to pray
for the evangelising mission!

5:30pm
Holy Mass
7pm
Nightfever begins
10:30- 11pm
Night Prayer & Benediction

Collection

Thank you for your generosity -
last Sunday's collection amounted to
£611.80

SCIAF Boxes

Thank you for returning your Lenten
Alms - the SCIAF boxes raised a fur-
ther £25.75

Special collection

Today we welcome a Columban Sis-
ter who will make a Missionary appeal
in our parish and tell us about her work.

Beetle Drive

19th Perth Brownies and Rainbows
are celebrating some significant birth-
days this year – Brownies started in
St John's 75 years ago and Rainbows
started 25 years ago.

To raise funds, and to help us cele-
brate, we are having a Beetle drive on
22nd April 2016 from 7pm in St John's
Church Hall. Cost is £3 for an adult and
£1 for child.

This lets you play the game, a cup of
tea / juice and some biscuits / cakes.
There will be a raffle and a cake and
candy stall.

Tickets are available from Brown-
ies, Rainbows or from Miss Monaghan
in St John's Academy as well as at the
door.

International Party

**Organised by our Indian, Filipino,
Polish and Scots Communities**

Friday 6th May

**Tickets: available at Masses
next Sunday**

**Tickets are FREE but only take one if
you are actually going to attend as we
need to know the numbers for catering**

**6.30-7pm International
Mass in St John's Church**

**7-7.15pm - Arrival for
party and soft drinks**

**7.15-7.45 Music
performed by children
from each group**

7.50-8.45pm - Food

10pm - End

Collection boxes

Boxes of envelopes are available for
those who support of planned Sunday
giving. If you do not already use this
system for your collection, which per-
mits the Church to recover Gift Aid
on your contribution, please consider
consider this and speak to Mgr Hendry

Perth Italian Association

BINGO TEA

in aid of

*Mukuru Street Children,
Mary's Meals and Club Funds*

Eyes Down 7.30pm,

Monday 11th April

in St John's Church Hall, Melville Street

Tickets £1 Inc. Refreshments

Fantastic Prizes and Raffle

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