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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 5th Sunday of Easter, 24th April 2016

### A sign of his love

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet.

It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they



show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

## International Party

Organised by our Indian, Filipino,  
Polish and Scots Communities

Friday 6th May

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

7-10pm - Party

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever,  
O God my King.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Jesus said,  
'I give you a new commandment:  
love one another,  
just as I have loved you.'

## UKRAINE COLLECTION EMERGENCY APPEAL TODAY

Due to the particularly grave situation facing the Ukrainian people, The Holy Father wishes to draw the attention of the faithful to the tragic consequences of the ongoing conflict, overlooked by many. For this reason he announced during the Regina Coeli of 2nd April that a special humanitarian initiative will be implemented by means of a collection to be held throughout Europe on Sunday 24th April. The proceeds of this collection will be joined to a substantial offering to be made by His Holiness as a sign of his own participation in this collection. These funds will be used for the benefit of those living in conflict zones and those displaced within the country.

## 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 Canon Hugh Sreenan  
who died this week  
and for the souls of Helen and  
Henry McLaughlan  
and Denise Walsh  
and all the faithful departed whose  
anniversaries occur at this time.

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

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity -  
last Sunday's collection amounted to  
£318.22



## Union of Catholic Mothers

Next meeting Tuesday 3rd May. An  
Evening dedicated to Our Lady to in-  
clude the Rosary. All welcome.

## Justice and Peace

*" . . . . nation must meet na-  
tion, as brothers and sisters, as  
children of God. In this mutual  
understanding and friendship,  
in this sacred communion, we  
must also begin to work togeth-  
er to build the common future  
of the human race. We also urge  
men [and women] to explore  
concrete and practicable ways  
of organising and co-ordinating  
their efforts, so that available  
resources might be shared with  
others; in this way genuine  
bonds between nations might be  
forged."*

**Populorum Progressio, p. 43**

## FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday 25th**  
St Mark, the Evangelist

**Thursday 28th**  
St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr;  
St Louis Marie Grignion  
de Montfort, Priest

**Friday 29th**  
St Catherine of Siena, Virgin,  
Doctor of the Church,  
Patron of Europe

**Saturday 30th**  
St Pius V, Pope, Religious

## Italian Association

The Association will meet on Satur-  
day 30th April, at 1pm, followed by  
Mass in Italian at 2pm.

## Italian Classes

Italian classes in hall every Saturday  
from 4.15-6.15pm except for the last  
Saturday of the month. Open to all -  
beginners and fluent speakers.

## Franciscan Regional Assembly

The year's Regional Assembly of the  
Third Order of Franciscans, OFS, will  
take place in St John's Church Hall,  
Perth, on Saturday 14th May - joining  
the parish for the usual weekday Mass  
at 10am.

The theme of the day, from 11am-  
3pm, is 'Surprised by Mercy' - speak-  
ers Helen MacGilp and Paula Pearce -  
with reflection and prayer from 3-4pm.

Parishioners welcome to attend -  
please bring a packed lunch. See noti-  
ceboard.

## Celebrating 75 years of Brownies and 25 years of Rainbows

*Past and present Rainbows, Brownies and Leaders  
are invited to*

### Barbecue

3pm - 5.30pm, Saturday 7th May  
in St John's Church Hall, and grounds

and thereafter to the Vigil Mass  
at 6.30pm in St John's

*Thanksgiving for these great milestones in the life  
of the Girl Guide movement in our parish*

**Tickets FREE - but call 01738 628039 to let us know for catering purposes**

**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