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7th Sunday of Easter, 8th May 2016

We are united in belief

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the 17th chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' Farewell Discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. The whole of this chapter is a prayer of Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested.

Several important themes appear in this prayer of Jesus. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth.

In today's reading, we hear Jesus ask that the unity he experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we be one with each other, with him, and with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity.

Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father.



Belief is a major theme in the Gospel of John. It begins in the prologue and continues in the response to Jesus' signs. Belief is the reason Jesus performs signs (2:11, 4:53, 6:69, 9:38) and the reason signs have been recorded in the Gospel (20:30-31). Here Jesus prays not only for those who believe in him but for all who will come to believe in him.

And he prays that the love of the Father in him may also be in all who believe so that Jesus might be in them as well.

*The Month of May
is a time of
special devotion to
Our Blessed Lady*

*Please take a moment to
recite the Rosary*

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY SERVICE

Taize Music

for the personal intentions
of our parishioners

7pm, Wednesday,
18th May in St John's

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king,
most high above all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

I will not leave you orphans,
says the Lord.
I will come back to you,
and your hearts
will be full of joy.

Communications Collection THIS SUNDAY

World Communications Day was established by Paul VI after the Second Vatican Council in order to draw attention to the "the vast and complex phenomenon of the modern means of social communication."

This year's theme was decided in order to coincide with the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, the Holy Year called by Pope Francis to announce the Mercy of God.

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 James McGonagle,
Joyce Westall, Mary Kerr
and Patrick Rogers
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.**

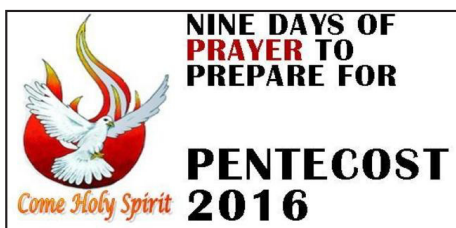
FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

Friday 13th
Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14th
St Mathias

Collection

Thank you for your generosity -
last Sunday's collection amounted to
£232.45



Pentecost

Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost
and the novena has already started.

The novena in honour of the Holy
Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since
it was first made at the direction of Our
Lord Himself when he sent his apostles
back to Jerusalem to await the coming
of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost.
It is still the only novena officially pre-
scribed by the Church.

Addressed to the Third Person of the
Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea
for the light and strength and love so
sorely needed by every Christian.

Our Lady of Fatima

Friday is the Feast of Our Lady of
Fatima is an opportunity for us all to
remember to pray the Rosary with our
families.

Italian Association

The next monthly meeting of the
Italian Association will be on Saturday
28th May - at 1pm - followed by Mass
in Italian at 2pm

May Procession

The May Procession will take place
on Saturday 28th May, at 2.45pm, in
the grounds of St John's Church, cul-
minating in the Crowning of Our La-
dy's statue.

All are welcome to come along.

Italian Rosary

Rosary in Italian will be recited on
Saturday 14th and 21st May - at 2pm
in St John's.

Justice and Peace

*'It is the person who is mo-
tivated by genuine love, more
than anyone else, who pits his
intelligence against the prob-
lems of poverty, trying to un-
cover the causes and looking
for effective ways of combating
and overcoming them.'*

Populorum Progressio, 75

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.

Union of Catholic Mothers



Tuesday 17th, Outing to Crieff for
Mass with Fr Tom Shields, followed by
Fish Suppers. Meet outside St John's at
6pm for transport.

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