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6th Sunday of Easter, 1st May 2016

Let all the peoples praise you

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.



As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

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

*The Month of May is a time of
special devotion to Our Blessed Lady
Please take a moment to recite the Rosary*

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Let the peoples praise you,
O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus said:
'If anyone loves me
he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Communications Collection NEXT 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 Henry and Helen
McLaughlan, Christina Martin
and Leo Valente
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
£277.45

Ukrainian Collection

Thank you again for your generos-
ity - last Sunday's special collection
in response to the Pope's Appeal for
the people of the Ukraine amounted to
£310.

Justice and Peace

*"The Holy Spirit is the soul of the
Church. It is he who explains to
the faithful the deep meaning of the
teaching of Jesus and of his mystery.
It is the Holy Spirit who, today just
as at the beginning of the Church,
acts in every evangeliser who al-
lows himself to be possessed and led
by him. The Holy Spirit places on
his lips the words which he could
not find by himself, and at the same
time the Holy Spirit predisposes the
soul of the hearer to be open and
receptive to the good news and to
the kingdom being proclaimed."*

Evangelii Nuntiandi, 75.2

FEASTDAYS

Monday 2nd
St Athanasius
Mass 8am

Tuesday 3rd
Ss Philip and James
Mass 8am

Thursday 5th
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
**Ascension of
Our Lord**
Masses 8am and 6.30pm

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



Next meeting Tuesday 3rd May. An
Evening dedicated to Our Lady to in-
clude the Rosary together with a visit
from Sr. Deirdre of Kilgraston. All
welcome.

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