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You are the Messiah, the Son of God



Jesus is praying; then he turns to the disciples to ask them who “the crowds” say he is. Mark places this incident at Caesarea Philippi. Luke, however, because of the importance he wishes to give to prayer in his Gospel, places it in the context of Jesus’ praying. The disciples answer that people say he is one of any number of the prophets who have died, from the recent John the Baptist to a prophet from long ago.

He then asks the disciples directly who they say he is. Peter answers for them that Jesus is the Messiah of God. Immediately Jesus tells them not to tell anyone, not because he doesn’t want people to know, but because they don’t understand what being the Messiah means. Jesus then answers his own question about his identity by explaining who he really is—one who must suffer, die, and be raised on the third day.

He then explains to all present what true discipleship really is. It means following in the same path as the Messiah, suffering and dying. True life is found by giving up life.

Showing solidarity with the people fleeing IS

Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley, asks Scots to stand shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious faith.

Addressing more than a thousand Catholic school pupils at the Aid to the Church in Need youth rally at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin, near Motherwell, on Thursday 16 June, Bishop Keenan commended the bravery of keynote speaker, 20-year-old Sarmad Ozan who fled Mosul, northern Iraq after it was seized by IS in 2014.

Bishop Keenan called on Scotland’s political leaders to renew their commitment to religious freedom and “show compassion for those fleeing unimaginable violence and intolerance”. Quoting Pope Francis the Bishop will say, “Persecution is the daily bread of the Church, Jesus said so himself, it is a reality and has been part of the history of Christianity for 2000 years.”

He said, “A great number of our fellow Scots have paid with their lives for their religious beliefs, not least of all our own Saint John Ogilvie, martyred just a few miles from here at Glasgow Cross, for refusing to accept the King’s spiritual jurisdiction”.

“We unite today in prayer to bear witness to the atrocities committed against Christians and all those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs. We ask those in power in Scotland and across the world to show a renewed commitment to religious freedom and a gentle compassion for those fleeing unimaginable violence and intolerance”.

For today’s Mass

Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the world,
says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.



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 Edward Kennedy and Fr Jim Foley who died recently and for Joyce Ward, John Ward, Packie and Brigid McCole and the souls of 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

Tuesday 21st June
St Aloysius Gonzaga
Religious

Wednesday 22nd
St John Fisher & Thomas More
Martyrs

Friday 24th
St John the Baptist
Solemnity

Saturday 25th
St Luan
Celtic Missionary
- born around 530AD

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £305.30

Diamond Jubilee

Congratulations to Mgr Basil O'Sullivan, parish priest at Holy Family, Dunblane, who celebrates the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

Welcome

We welcome our Bishop, Stephen Robson, who will celebrate Mass with us on a pastoral visit today.

Prayer for the Year of Mercy

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful
like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that
whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.*

*You are the visible face
of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power
above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face
in the world,
its Lord risen and glorified.*

*Send your Spirit and consecrate
every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church,
with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives
and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this through the intercession
of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Justice and Peace

'Solidarity helps us to see the 'other' – whether a person, people or nation – not just as some kind of instrument, with a work capacity and physical strength to be exploited at low cost and then discarded when no longer useful, but as our 'neighbour', a 'helper', (cf. Gn.2:18-20) to be made a sharer on a par with ourselves in the banquet of life to which all are equally invited by God.'

Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 39.4

Annual Parish Barbecue

Celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist

7pm, Friday 24th June in St John's

Free Burger and Chips

Bring your own drinks for you and your family

Everyone is welcome



Prizes for the raffle will be gratefully received

Special collection

There will be a special collection at Mass on Sunday 26th June - in aid of Peter's Pence.

“The primary source of support for the Apostolic See should be in offerings freely given by Catholics throughout the whole world, and by other persons of good will. This is in harmony with a tradition dating back to the Gospel (cf. Lk 10:7) and the teaching of the Apostles (cf. 1 Cor 11:14)” (*Letter of Pope John Paul II to the Cardinal Secretary of State, 20 November 1982*).

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