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Sharing our possessions with others

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then,

Sell your possessions, and give to the needy.
Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old,
with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail,
where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

Luke 12:33

God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St Gregory the Great

taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord,
you have been our refuge
from one generation
to the next.

Gospel Acclamation

Your word is truth,
O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.



Perth Pilgrims lead the way at World Youth Day in Krakow -

Photo courtesy of Paul McSherry

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 Annie Buchan, Sally Wilson, Gladys Pugh (funeral at 11am in St Mary Magdalene's) 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

Monday 1st

St Alphonsus

Thursday 4th

St John Vianney

Friday 5th

Dedication of the Basilica
St Mary Major

Sunday 7th

Feast of the Transfiguration

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £247.61.

World Youth Day 2016

Today, Bishop Robson leads a group of young people from our diocese at the closing Mass with Pope Francis at the World Youth Day in Krakow.

We wish them a joyful and prayer experience as they gather with more than one million others from around the world.

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.*



St Ninian Institute

24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee DD3 6XY

Thursday 4 August

9.15am – 9.55am - Life to the full. Tim Stevens of CaFE will give a presentation on **Sharing the Joy of the Gospel** through the power of the sacraments

10.05am – 10.45am - Tim Stevens continues by **Sharing the Joy of the Gospel** through the community of parish courses. Tim will share a wide range of resources currently available.

Friday 5 August

2-3pm - Prof John Haldane, distinguished international academic, returns to the St Ninian Pastoral institute to give a presentation entitled **'Why do we need mercy?'** This topic has been chosen to contribute to the many positive discussions held in the Holy Year of Mercy.

All are welcome. There are no charges for any of the above. If you or anyone you know would like to attend any of these presentations please phone the office on 01382 225453, by Tuesday 2nd August, so we know the numbers to expect.

Perth Foodbank

The need for food parcels continues to grow. Since 1st April supply of parcels has increased by 37% and the number of people helped by 45%.

Although we have an adequate stock of most foodstuffs, we are in urgent need of more sugar, long-life milk, juice and treats (sweets, chocolate and crisps). Donations can be left in the Foodbank box at the back of the church after each weekend Mass.

We also urgently need more volunteers to cope with the extra demand. If you can spare a couple of hours one afternoon, please speak to Ivan Carnegie or David Smith.

Permanent Diaconate Ordination for Krzy

Krzysztof Jablonski will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon on Thursday 4th August, by Bishop Stephen Robson in St Andrew's Cathedral Dundee at 7pm.

A coach leaves from St John's at 6pm and if you would like to join us there are still spaces available. Add your name to the list at the back of St John's.

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