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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 24th Sunday of Year C, 11th September 2016

# Vocations Awareness

This Sunday we begin our celebration of Vocations Awareness Week in Scotland – a time when we are encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

As we begin this period of prayer for Vocations, this weekend's Gospel provides us with the perfect template of priestly ministry – the Good Shepherd who searches for the lost sheep.

Now I've never met a shepherd. I have no idea of how you become a shepherd. I don't know what Shepherds do when they retire and I have only a very sketchy notion of what a Shepherd might even look like! But when I hear the word 'shepherd' I immediately imagine a caring father figure, someone who is committed, someone who is dedicated and someone who never gives up. There is something deep in our psyche that finds the figure of the shepherd comforting and consoling. Jesus the physician, Jesus the psychologist and Jesus the family therapist understood this well!

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

I will leave this place  
and go to my father.

#### Gospel Acclamation

May the Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see  
what hope his call holds for us.

While I have never met a shepherd I certainly have been lost! My earliest childhood memory is getting lost in a supermarket and panicking when I couldn't find my mum! Getting lost or becoming lost can be truly terrifying. At one time or another, we have all been there..... lost in airports or in train stations or on the way home from a night out. We all have panicked when we've realised we've taken the wrong turn or that the sat nav isn't working or that our surroundings aren't familiar. But being lost isn't just about being in the wrong place. Indeed the true terror of being lost is finding that we are now distant and disconnected from our family, from our friends and from those with whom we desire to share life's journey.

Jesus understands us well. He knows our fear of being lost, our fear of being disconnected, forgotten and even abandoned. He knows too our hopes – he knows the comfort we derive from knowing that somewhere there is a Shepherd who will not rest until we are brought home.

In our parishes, schools and communities, the Priest is our shepherd. Through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments, he saves what is 'lost' through sin and restores what is 'lost' amidst the cares and concerns of the world. As sheep need a shepherd, we need our priests.

This week pray for more vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life. Encourage all those who are engaged in ministry in your community and finally, discern whether you could be called to the Priesthood, Diaconate or religious life.

### Introduction to Islam

Examining the core teaching of Islam from a Catholic viewpoint

Followed by 3 on-line assessments  
with *Rev. Dr. Harry Schnitker*

7pm-8.30pm, **13th September**

St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee

*Module with assessment - £100*

*Presentation only - £10*

### The Human Being through Catholic eyes

An introduction to Catholic Anthropology

with *Bishop John Keenan*

7pm-8.30pm, **6th October**

St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee

*Module with assessment - £100*

*Presentation only - £10*

### Vocation of the Catholic Teacher

Exploring the vocation of the teacher with update on the implementation and good practice using This is Our Faith

with *Margaret McFarlane*

7pm-8.30pm, **25th October**

St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee

*Module with assessment - £100*

*Presentation only - £10*

St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee

*Free entry - funded by the diocese*

### Introduction to other World Religions

Exploring world religions (except for Islam) comparing and contrasting their teachings to those of Catholicism

with *Dr Harry Schnitker*

7pm-8.30pm, **26th October**

St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee

*Module with assessment - £100*

*Presentation only - £10*

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**ENQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION**

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## 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

Sarah Gallagher, Ivy Ciantar,  
Guiseppe Borzoni and Pat Hebner  
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 12th

Holy Name of Mary

### Tuesday 13th

St John Chrysostom

### Wednesday 14th

Exaltation of the Cross

### Thursday 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

### Friday 16th

St Ninian

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £249.35

The special collection for SCIAF's African Appeal amounted to £205.25

The next second collection will be on Sunday 17th September - in aid of the Student Priesthood Fund.

## National Youth Pilgrimage to Whithorn Sunday 18th September

Once per year, the youth of Scotland are invited by the Bishops to gather on pilgrimage and to renew their commitment to their faith. This year the National Youth Pilgrimage will be to the cave of St Ninian at Whithorn. St Ninian brought the Christian faith to Scotland in the year AD 397. On the pilgrimage, we will learn about his life, see some of the oldest Christian artefacts in Scotland and walk the pilgrim route to the cave. We will pray and celebrate Mass and meet up with other Catholics - old friends and new...

**WHO CAN COME?** 12-30 year olds from parishes in the Diocese of Dunkeld. This is also an opportunity for pilgrims from across Scotland who attended Krakow 2016 to meet up again!

**COST:** £10 per person payable by cash before getting onto the bus.

**PACKING LIST:** A packed lunch is required, a rain jacket, warm clothing, alternative clothing in the event of hot weather! Decent walking shoes/ boots are essential.

**DEPARTURE:** A bus will depart from 24-28 Lawside Rd, Dundee, at 7am. The bus will do a pick up at St John's RC Church 20 Melville Street, Perth at 7.45am. Please indicate preferred pick-up on the permission/consent form. The journey is around 4 hours to Whithorn so plenty of time for those WYD songs!

**RETURN:** We hope to return to Perth by 9pm and then to Dundee by 9.45pm.

Please let Mgr Hendry know if you are interested in attending

## Italian Association

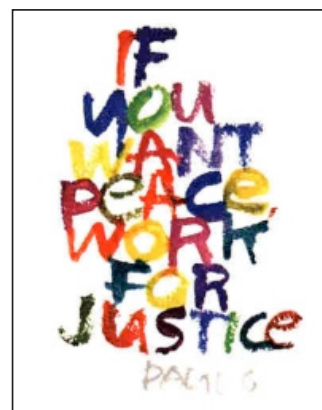
The next meeting of the Italian Association will be on Saturday 24th September, at 1pm in St John's Church Hall, followed by Holy Mass in Italian at 2.30pm in the church.

## Italian Classes

Italian classes will recommence on Saturday 1st October - at 4.15pm in the Small Hall at St John's. All welcome - beginners and fluent speakers.

## Coffee Morning

Zena Davidson and Irene Joyce are having a Coffee Morning and raffle for Macmillan Cancer Support. It will be in the Church Hall on Friday, 30th September, 2016 between 10am and 1pm. Everyone welcome.



## Justice and Peace

*... the practice of penance should  
emphasise the social dimension of  
sin and of the sacrament.*

**Justice in the World 58**

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