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St Mary Magdalene's Church

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Monsignor Charles Hendry - Parish Priest

6th Sunday of the Year A, 12th February 2017

Doing more than the law requires

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Chris-

tians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.



**Whoever Loves Me
Will Keep It**

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

They are happy
who follow God's law!

Gospel Acclamation

Speak, Lord,
your servant is listening:
you have the message
of eternal life.

St John's RC Academy is proud to support Catholic Education Week



St John's RC Academy is a nursery, primary and secondary school serving the Catholic community within Perth and Kinross Council.

As a community of faith and learning, we strive to live out the values of the gospel. We 'Seek the Good' in ourselves and one another, and seek the good of others.

We thank our parish communities for the support you give to your school. We ask you to continue to support us and to pray that our work leads to all our children and young people growing in love for God, for themselves and for others.

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AROUND PERTH

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
Anthony Martin and
Giuseppe Borzone
and all whose anniversaries
occur about this time

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.**

May they rest in peace. Amen.

FEASTDAYS

Monday 13th February

Ss Cyril
and Methodius

Friday 17th

Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £324.

Special Collection

There will be a special collection this Sunday in support of the Catholic Education Service.

Catholic Papers

Catholic newspapers, the Scottish Catholic Observer, Catholic Herald, Catholic Times etc are available in the church porch - please take copies and share them with the wider community.

Beginning experience

The Beginning Experience are holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or widowhood.

The weekend will take place from 31st March - 2nd April, St. Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth.

For further details contact: Ros on 01316690003 or email: rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk. Complete applications must be returned by Friday 24th March, 2017.

PVG training

If you work with children or vulnerable adults within Dunkeld Diocese you MUST be PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) scheme registered for the specific role you have regardless of the membership you have for other businesses or organisations. Anyone working with children or vulnerable adults in the Church must be a member of the PVG scheme for the job they do in the Diocese of Dunkeld. If any volunteer in Ministry within a parish has not attended the new Level 1 Training during 2016, or more recently in Perth, they are reminded they should do so as soon as possible. Failure to attend Level 1 session can result in them being asked to step down from their respective ministries. If you intend to fulfil your obligation to attend training at any of the following sessions - please advise Mgr Hendry or our parish PVG coordinator Mrs Pauline Ward.

Monday 20th February 7pm -
St Mungo's, Alloa

Tuesday 21st February -
6.30pm - St Ninian Pastoral Centre,
Dundee

Monday 27th February
7pm - St Ninian Pastoral Centre,
24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee

Monday 27th February
7pm - St Fillan's Crieff

Monday 6th March
6.30pm - St Ninian Pastoral Centre,
24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee

Carnevale

Masked Dinner Dance

on Monday - for Martedi Grasso



27th February 2017
7pm, for 7.30pm



in
St John's Church Hall

for tickets please telephone
622661 or 626892

Ticket £10

For tickets - please add you names
to the list at the back of the church

Grand Raffle

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