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Our loving Father



Today's Gospel reading is from part three of the Sermon on the Mount's three-part instruction by Jesus on the way of life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Part three deals with trusting God and performing deeds of loving service to our neighbour.

The Aramaic word mammon does not have a negative connotation. It

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

In God alone
is my soul at rest.

Gospel Acclamation

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

means "property" or "money." What Matthew is pointing out is that since human beings are not self-sufficient, we are dependent on something outside ourselves. It should be God, not the material goods we own.

This is not to say that we don't need material goods. But the reading goes on to remind us not to be anxious. Look at the beauty of nature. The birds do not sow or reap. The flowers do not work or spin cloth. Yet they are provided for by God. Human beings are worth much more than these. How could God not provide for us as well? If what we place first in our lives is God's kingdom and his justice, we will have what we need.

Matthew concludes by reminding us to address each day's problems as they come, confident that we are in God's loving care. He is a loving father who holds the whole world in his hands. He will certainly care for us.

Lourdes Pilgrims

The annual Dunkeld Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Stephen, flying by air from Edinburgh, is from 14 - 21 July 2017. All enquires to Joe Walsh Tours [0141 530 5060] and sick and disabled enquiries to Mrs C Van Der Boom, 5 St Leonard Place, Dundee DD3 9HD (01382 815292).

2017 Lenten Talks

*'Godhead Here In Hiding'
Incarnation and the*

'History Of Human Suffering'

**St Stephen's RC
Church Hall
Blairgowrie**

with Bishop Stephen and others
**Friday 31st March (6pm)–
Saturday 1st April (10.40am)**

ASH WEDNESDAY

A day of fasting and abstinence

Wednesday 1st March

*Masses and distribution of ashes
at 7am, 10am and 6pm*

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 souls of
Peter Senyszak, Agnes Gallagher,
June Auston
and Bill Pearson
and for all
whose anniversaries
occur about this time

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Justice and Peace

A society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized. Only respect for life can be the foundation and guarantee of the most precious and essential goods of society, such as democracy and peace.

Evangelium Vitae, 101

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £341.20.

Special Collection

There will be a special collection next Sunday in aid of the Sick and Retired Priests Fund.

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.

Bingo Tea

*in aid of Student
Priesthood Fund*

Tuesday 7th March
7.30pm

St John's Church Hall

Tickets cost £1
including refreshments

Donation of prizes
gratefully received

Job vacancy

The Coordinator will oversee the work of the Perth and Kinross Foodbank, ensuring a high quality, consistent, non-judgmental service is provided to local people in need of support. Practical tasks will include organising food collections and other donations of food, managing the throughput in the warehouse, organising food distribution and liaising with partners and stakeholders. Current UK driving licence and willingness to drive essential, as is an understanding and support of the Christian values of the Trussell Trust to which the Foodbank is affiliated.

Closing date: Monday March 13th;
Interview date: Friday March 24th (a.m.)

To apply, please send an application letter or e-mail setting out your relevant experience, skills and qualifications, based on the job description to the Secretary of the Management Committee Marjorie Clark at marjorie.clark@btinternet.com, or by post to the Foodbank, 11 Cutlog Vennel, Perth PH1 5HY

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

Grand Raffle

**For tickets and catering purposes - please add your name
to the list at the back of the church**

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