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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 25th Sunday of Year C, 18th September 2016

# Being Human

The parable Jesus tells in this Sunday's Gospel has long caused controversy. Is Jesus really commending the fraudulent behaviour of the dishonest steward? Thankfully not! Rather Jesus is commending the steward for being astute and for having valuable insight into human nature. The steward, to his credit, knows how people work, he knows how they are wired, and he knows their strengths and their weaknesses. Regrettably, he chooses to use this knowledge for his own selfish ends.

Over this last we in the Catholic Church Scotland, have been journeying through Vocations Awareness Week. Every day during this week we have offered prayers for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life. Over that time, we may well have pondered what it takes to become a Priest, or a deacon or a religious sister – what qualifications are needed and what qualities are required. Academic qualifications are certainly important – Priests, for example, have to know Church teaching and be able to explain in a way that is

convincing and credible. But Priests also have to be keen students of human nature, they have to know and understand their flocks. They have to understand what motivates people, and what drives them. They have to grasp something of the complexities of modern life – the pressures, the dramas, the hopes and the fears. Like the steward in the Gospel, they have to have great insight into human nature. As Pope Francis famously stated our priests are called to be 'shepherds living with the smell of the sheep'.

In recent years Scotland has experienced all sorts of changes in every conceivable area of human life. With these changes there may well be new challenges for the Church but also new opportunities. As we draw towards the end of Vocations Awareness Week, we pray that our Church will continue to be blessed with young men and young women who are ready and able to read the 'signs of the times' in our country, in our communities and in our parishes.

## **Second collection today in aid of the Student Priesthood Fund**

### **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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## **For today's Mass**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Praise the Lord,  
who raises the poor.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son

## **Diocese of Dunkeld**

# **Annual Mass for Vocations**

*to the priesthood,  
permanent diaconate  
and religious life*

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

7pm,

**Monday 19th September**

celebrated with

**Rt. Rev. Stephen Robson**  
Bishop of Dunkeld

## 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  
Theresa Boyle  
and Sarah Gallagher  
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 20th

Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and the companions - the Korean Martyrs

### Wednesday 21st

St Matthew

### Friday 23rd

St Padre Pio

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £253.69

There will be a second collection today in aid of the Student Priesthood Fund.

## Music Charity concert

Perth and Kinross's Instrumental Music Service is celebrating its 50th anniversary year with a concert in support of the next generation of young musicians.

Contrary to George Bernard Shaw maxim, 'those who can, do, and those who can't, teach!' - the staff of the music service will themselves be performing in St John's Episcopal Church, Princes St, Perth, at 2.30pm on Sunday 2nd October.

Tickets available at the door (and at Concorde) £10; concessions £5 and families £25 - raffle and refreshments.

## Romania Fundraiser 70s Night

On Saturday 1st October, at 7.30pm in St John the Baptist RC Church Hall, there will be a fund raiser in aid of St John's Academy's Romania Project.

Tickets £8 (including entrance, a welcome drink and entertainment). A three course meal will be served, 70s style, and you are asked to pay what you think the meal is worth at the end of the evening.

70s dress code (open to [modest] interpretation!) BYOB. All profits will be taken to Romania and donated to the volunteering charity we work with at Budimex Children's Hospital.

Please see any of the Romania group, Mr McGuire or Mrs Ward for tickets or email [FMcGuire@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:FMcGuire@pkc.gov.uk) to book your place.

## 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.

## Bringing a L'Arche community to Perth

There is a network of people with a growing desire to see L'Arche become established in Perth. L'Arche works with people with and without learning disabilities'.

Our next open meeting is on Wednesday 12th October at 7pm in Kinnoull Church hall. To learn more please contact:

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## Justice and Peace

*... many Catholics ... could in no way convince themselves that so enormous and unjust an inequality in the distribution of this world's goods truly conform to the designs of the all-wise Creator.*

**Quadragesimo Anno 5**

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