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23rd Sunday of Year C, 4th September 2016

Discipleship

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings.

Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple

is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.



For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

I call you friends,
says the Lord,
because I have made
known to you
everything I have learnt
from my Father.

This Sunday there will be a special collection in aid of SCIAF's Af- rica Appeal



Catholic approach to atheism

First of two identical presentations exploring the concepts of atheism humanism from a Catholic perspective Followed by 3 on-line assessments with *Fr Rogi Thomas* 7pm-8.30pm, **6th September** at St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee *Module with assessment - £100 Presentation only - £10*

Introduction to Islam

Examining the core teaching of Islam from a Catholic viewpoint Followed by 3 on-line assessments with *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* St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee *Free entry - funded by the diocese*

ENQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION

- call 01382 225453 or email stninian@dunkelldiocese.org.uk

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

Ivy Ciantar and

David McDonald

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

Thursday 8th

Birthday of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 9th

St Peter Clavier

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £255.95

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

Romanian fundraiser

Eight S6 pupils from St John's Academy will travel to Bucharest to volunteer at the Budimex Children's Hospital and St Joseph's Recovery Centre.

This project is a continuation of the work of the late Sr Mary Aloysius and her Lawside Mercy Project.

The money we raise will support the charity that has been set up by Raluka Tanase to continue the work of Sr with sick and abandoned children in Romania. The concert will take place on Thursday 8th September at Our Lady's RC church in Letham 6.30pm-9.30pm.

Musical performances from talented young musicians, home baking and tea and coffee are included in a bargain price of £5 per ticket! Thank you for your support. Tickets available at the door.

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.

CARITAS Award meeting

Leaders of parish ministries and Caritas Award supervisors are invited to come to St John's Academy at 11am on Monday 5th September. You will have the opportunity to meet the Caritas participants and they will have the chance to ask you some questions about your ministry.

Ordinations and Vocations

Today we pray for Dr Harry Schnitkemmer as he is being ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at 11am in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee - for service in our prisons.

Justice and Peace

.. the superfluous goods of wealthier nations ought to be placed at the disposal of poorer nations. ... Continuing avarice [on the part of wealthier nations] will arouse the judgement of God and the wrath of the poor, with consequences no one can foresee. If prosperous nations continue to be jealous of their own advantage alone, they will jeopardise their highest values, sacrificing the pursuit of excellence to the acquisition of possessions.

Populorum Progressio 49

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