

St Mary Magdalene's Church

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Recognising faith

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honour the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature,

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

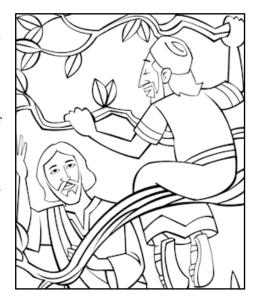
I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace be in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Tuesday, 1st November HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Morning Masses - 8am and 10am Evening Mass 6.30pm

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Wednesday, 2nd November

Masses - 7am, 10am and 6.30pm

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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

Sunday Mass in St John's 6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Betty Quinn,
Lio Valente,
John Johnston, Ralph and Innetta
Giulianotti, Paolo and Maria Dora,
Silvia Brattisani and
and 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.

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £376.05.

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.

November lists

Time now to prepare your November lists, names of those members of your families and those dear to you who have died and for whom Mass will be offered throughout the month of November - the month of the Holy Souls.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church - please fill one in and hand it to one of the priests.

Gift Aid

The parish received a payment from HMRC this week for £4505.52 - representing the tax recovered from those who make their contribution to the church using Gift Aid. Thank you very much.

Any tax payer who is not already using Gift Aid can collect a form from Mgr Hendry today.

Italian Classes

Italian classes continue on Saturdays at 4.15pm in the Small Hall at St John's. All welcome - beginners and fluent speakers.

Justice and Peace

The solidarity which binds all together as members of a common family makes it impossible for wealthy nations to look with indifference upon the hunger, misery and poverty of other nations whose citizens are unable to enjoy even elementary human rights.

Mater et Magistra 157

FEASTDAYS

Tuesday 1stAll Saints

Wednesday 2nd All Souls

Thursday 3rdSt Martin de Porres

Friday 4th
St Charles Borromeo

QUARANT ORE

40 HOURS ADORATION

ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL, DUNDEE

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER - TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

SEE NOTICE IN THE CHURCH PORCH

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name ______ Hospital _____ Ward ____