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St Mary Magdalene's Church

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31st Sunday of Year C, 30th October 2016

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,

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.



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!

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

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 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.

FEASTDAYS

Tuesday 1st

All Saints

Wednesday 2nd

All Souls

Thursday 3rd

St Martin de Porres

Friday 4th

St Charles Borromeo

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 No-
vember - 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 - rep-
resenting 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 us-
ing Gift Aid can collect a form from
Mgr Hendry today.

Italian Classes

Italian classes continue on Satur-
days 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 com-
mon family makes it impossible for
wealthy nations to look with indif-
ference upon the hunger, misery
and poverty of other nations whose
citizens are unable to enjoy even
elementary human rights.*

Mater et Magistra 157

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 _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass