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3rd Sunday of the Year A, 22nd January 2016

Proclaim the Good News

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of

Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful

presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light
and my help.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus proclaimed
the Good News
of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds
of sickness
among the people.



The next part of my story...

Marriage?
Single Life?
Career?
Priesthood...

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2017?
The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting you to
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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 the repose
of the soul of
Adam Martin
and all whose anniversaries
occur about this time

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

FEASTDAYS

Tuesday 24th January
St Frances de Sales

Wednesday 25th January
Conversion of St Paul

Thursday 26th January
St Timothy and St Titus

Saturday 28th January
St Thomas Aquinas

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £287.90.

Weekday Mass

There will be no weekday Mass in St Mary Magdalene's until further notice. Thank you.

Italian Classes

Weekly Italian classes have restarted in St John's Small Hall on Saturdays 4.15-6pm - suitable for all from native speakers to beginners!

Italian Association

The next meeting of the Italian Association and Amici will be on Saturday 28th January, at 1pm, followed by Holy Mass in Italian at 2pm celebrated by Mgr Aldo Angelosanto.

Union of Catholic Mothers

Next meeting - Tuesday 24th, Mass begins at 7pm and is followed by Burns Supper. Bring own wine.

Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Perth's Jambouree Cabaret Singers and Choir are staging a production of 'Joseph' on 23rd and 24th June in St Leonard-in-the-Fields Church, Perth, and they are inviting enthusiastic musicians - of all ages - to join them.

Contact details on www.jambouree.co.uk or email venezia12@blueyonder.co.uk



Film night

Our Lady of Lourdes Struan Road, will be showing "The Song of Bernadette" (1943 B&W version) at 7pm, Wednesday 15th February, in the church. Approx running time is 155 minutes. Refreshments to follow. A donation of £5 for the evening would be appreciated - but not essential. Parishioners and friends welcome.

Burns' Supper

- A Pennies For Playgrounds Fundraiser -

**A night of Burns' traditions,
Scottish music and dancing and
of course, Haggis, neeps and
tatties!**

❖ Friday 3rd February: 7:30-10:30pm

❖ St Johns Church Hall (20 Melville street)

❖ Tartan dress code optional

Adults: £7.00

Pupils: £5.00



BYOB

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