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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 2nd Sunday of the Year A, 15th January 2016

# Disciples - by witness of our lives

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist

knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his

practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

Here I am, Lord!  
I come to do your will.

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

**Please note that enrolment for Primary 1 in St John's Academy for August 2017 will take place between Monday January 16th and Friday January 20th 2017.**

Specific times will be available from the school website or that of Perth and Kinross Council.

Please note:

**YOU ONLY HAVE FIRST PRIORITY IF YOUR CHILD IS A BAPTISED CATHOLIC AND LIVES IN THE CATCHMENT AREA OF ST JOHN'S ACADEMY.**

**YOU MAY MAKE A PLACING REQUEST BUT YOU ARE NOT GUARANTEED A PLACE AND MAY BE PUTTING YOUR CHILD'S PLACE IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT FIRST REGISTER IN THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL THAT COVERS YOUR CATCHMENT AREA.**

See also a copy of the Charter for Catholic Schools  
<http://scs.org.uk/excellent-catholic-schools/>

## 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 souls all  
whose anniversary occur  
about this time

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

## FEASTDAYS

Tuesday 16th January  
St Antony, Abbot

Friday 19th January  
St Fabian, Pope, Martyr

Saturday 20th January  
St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity -  
last Sunday's collection amounted to  
£260.16.

## 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 As-  
sociation and Amici will be on Satur-  
day 28th January, at 1pm, followed by  
Holy Mass in Italian at 2pm celebrated  
by Mgr Aldo Angelosanto.

## Perth L'Arche

The next open meeting exploring  
L'Arche in Perth will be on Sunday the  
29th January at 3pm in the Gannochy  
Avenue Community Hall in Perth, PH2  
7JR. All who are interested to discover  
more are welcome.



**Priests for  
Scotland**

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 apply for seminary. For more information please contact our Vocations Director  
**Fr Michael Carrie**  
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www.dunkeldvocations.co.uk or www.pfs.org.uk

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