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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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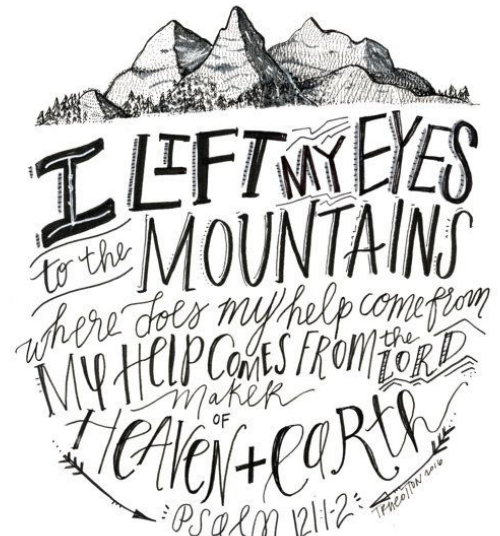
## 5th Sunday of the Year A, 5th February 2017

# A light for the world

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to

social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!



### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

#### Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

### St John's RC Academy is proud to support Catholic Education Week



St John's RC Academy is a nursery, primary and secondary school serving the Catholic community within Perth and Kinross Council.

As a community of faith and learning, we strive to live out the values of the gospel. We 'Seek the Good' in ourselves and one another, and seek the good of others.

We thank our parish communities for the support you give to your school. We ask you to continue to support us and to pray that our work leads to all our children and young people growing in love for God, for themselves and for others.

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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 for the repose  
of the soul of  
Agnes Gallagher (Derry)  
and Jadwiga Wiczore who have died  
recently and for Seamus Brennan  
and all whose anniversaries  
occur about this time

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

## FEASTDAYS

### Monday 6th February

St Paul Miki  
and companions  
Martyrs

### Friday 10th February

St Scholastica  
Virgin

### Saturday 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £317.

## Special Collection

There will be a special collection next Sunday in support of the Catholic Education Service.

## 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.

## Prayer Workshop

The first in a series of workshops led by Dr Albert Lukaszewski will provide an in-depth look at why we pray, what happens when we do, and some of the best ways to approach praying for various reasons.

To be held at the St Ninian Institute in Dundee (Lawside Road), among the matters to be addressed are internal and external posturing in prayer, how to approach spiritual warfare and exorcism, and what to do with spiritual experiences we have in prayer.

Cost £20 pp, including lunch and all materials. Bringing your own bible is recommended!

Call now to book - St Ninian Institute, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY - Tel: 01382 225453

## Our Lady of Lourdes Fund Raising Concert

Broadcaster and singer Alistair McDonald will give a concert in aid of funds for Our Lady of Lourdes new community hall on Thursday 23rd February, at 7.30pm. Tickets £7

## 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.

## World Day of Prayer for the Sick

### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

11am, Saturday  
11th February

Immaculate Conception,  
Lochee, Dundee

## Carnevale

### Masked Dinner Dance

### on Monday - for Martedi Grasso



27th February 2017  
7pm, for 7.30pm



in  
St John's Church Hall  
for tickets please telephone  
622661 or 626892

**Ticket £10**

**Grand Raffle**

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