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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## Palm Sunday Year A, 9th April 2017

# Deepening Our Faith in the Triumph of the Cross

*Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. (Matthew 27:50)*

Saints like Ignatius Loyola and Teresa of Ávila have taught that using our imagination in prayer can help us to grow in our faith. So let's take their advice today as we read the passion of our Lord.

First, picture yourself with Jesus as he is arrested and brought before the chief priests. Listen as they level false charges against him. See him mourn over the way these men are bound in anger and hatred toward him.

Next, picture Jesus being humiliated by the soldiers. Watch as they spit upon him, mock him, and beat him. The challenge to hold his peace is overwhelming, but Jesus remains resolute and focused on his mission.

Now picture him at Calvary. He is exhausted. His body is wracked with pain and weariness. Nails have pierced his



hands and feet. The pain sears through his body as the soldiers raise the cross. The suffering is enormous as the crowd continues to jeer and hurl accusations against him. Nonetheless, Jesus looks at us with compassion, understanding, and mercy. He will not accuse! He will not condemn! All he wants is our salvation.

Watching Jesus as he nears the end, you hear him speak to one of the thieves crucified with him. You think to yourself, "Even now he is still leading people to his Father!" Finally, you hear him cry out in a loud voice as he hands

over his spirit—for you.

These are only a few of the events that encompass Jesus' passion. Try to read and reflect on these scenes, or choose some other scenes from today's Gospel: the Last Supper, Jesus' agony in the garden, or Peter's denial. Contemplate the passion story today. Let it move you to treasure Jesus above all others. This is the greatest story ever told.

*"Jesus, I am overwhelmed by the love you poured out for me in your passion and death. Thank you, Lord."*

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?

#### Gospel Acclamation

Christ was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.

But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all names.

## 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 souls Henryka Mrozowska  
and for all those whose  
anniversaries  
occur about this time

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

## PALM SUNDAY

Catechesis - Mass - Fellowship  
**1.30pm - 5.30pm, 9th April**  
at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull

for all young people aged 12-25  
from throughout Scotland

**COME ALONG**

Give them a warm Perth welcome

## Justice and Peace

*Besides the good of the individual, there  
is a good that is linked to living in so-  
ciety: the common good. It is the good  
of "all of us", made up of individuals,  
families and intermediate groups who  
together constitute society. It is a good  
that is sought not for its own sake, but  
for the people who belong to the social  
community and who can only really and  
effectively pursue their good within it.  
To desire the common good and strive  
towards it is a requirement of justice  
and charity.*

**Caritas in Veritate, 7**

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity -  
last Sunday's collection amounted to  
£1198.45.

## Planned giving envelopes

Envelopes are now available from the  
sacristy for those who take part in the  
planned giving scheme. We are most  
grateful to you for your faithful sup-  
port - and the system also enables us  
to recover your Gift Aid donations too.  
For more details contact Mgr Hendry.

## Italian Pilgrims

The Italian Association's Biennial  
Pilgrimage will take place from 11-  
18th September 2017 - visiting Rome,  
Assisi and Orvieto. If you are inter-  
ested in taking part - please contact  
Norma Giulianotti - 01738 622661 for  
more details.

In association with the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh



## The Margaret Sinclair Story

7.30pm, Saturday 6th May

*Rachel Murray performs Stephen Callaghan's play  
portraying the devout and generous life of Leith girl,  
Margaret Sinclair, providing a striking contemporary  
example of evangelical heroism for us all.*

TICKETS - £7; £5 (concessions)

Group discounts available please call

**Telephone - 01382 225453**

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at St Joseph's Retreat Centre,  
24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee DD3 6XY

## Wee Boxes

Please remember to continue your  
Lenten Alms - using the SCIAF Wee  
Boxes - and to bring them to the church  
on Maundy Thursday.

# Holy Week

**Monday**

8am, Mass

**Tuesday**

8am, Mass

**Wednesday**

7am, Mass

**Thursday**

7pm, Mass of Our Lord's Last Supper

*followed by prayer at the  
Altar of Repose until 9pm*

**Good Friday**

3pm, Solemn Liturgy

7pm, Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday**

8.30pm, Easter Vigil

**Easter Day**

10am, Mass

**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