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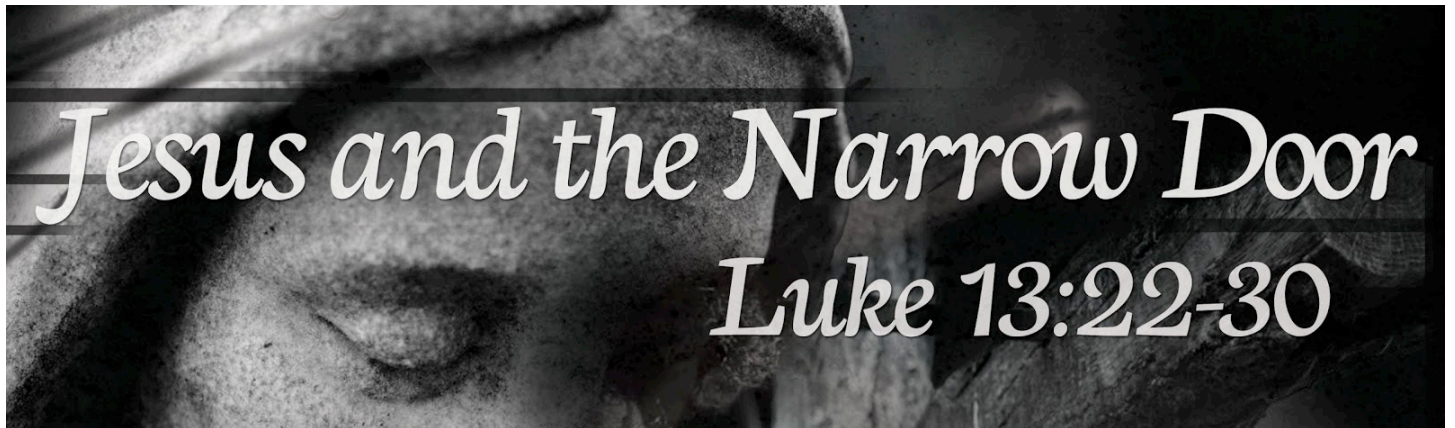
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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

25th August 2019

What must I do to inherit eternal life



Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement.

Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to

knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth. The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south.

And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

If anyone loves me
he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

AROUND PERTH

Mass in

St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday

8am - Weekdays

(except Wednesday and Saturday)

7am - Wednesday; 10am - Saturday

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

4pm (anticipated Mass); 9am; 11am,

5pm (Polish) & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the souls of

Peggy McGhee and Mrs Clarke
(Fr Andrew Clarke's mother) and
Sarah Dickson
and the souls
of all the faithful
departed.

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

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 27th August

St Monica

8am Mass

Wednesday 28th August

St Augustine

7am Mass

Thursday 29th August

**The Beheading of
John the Baptist**

8am Mass

Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted to £364.65 - thank you for your generosity.

Italian classes

Italian Classes for learners of all stages continue in St John's Small Hall on Saturdays - new members welcome.

Preparing for the Sacraments

Children who are not attending our Catholic schools, and are planning to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the coming year, are invited our series of Preparation Classes - at 6pm - in the Church Porch.

These classes will start on Friday 23rd August.

Dunkeld News

The new edition of Dunkeld News will be available from the porch next weekend. Please take a copy - and another to share with someone you know who is unable to attend Mass. Please spread the news.

Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

Annual Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Ven. Margaret Sinclair: Sunday, 8th September, 2019 in St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh: 2pm Holy Hour; 3pm Presentation on the Venerable Margaret Sinclair; 4.30pm Holy Mass; 5.30pm close.

Romania Trip Bingo Tea

St John's Academy's Fairtrade group will once again be hosting a Bingo Tea to raise funds for our annual Romania Trip. The Bingo Tea will be held on Saturday, 7 September 2019 at 11am in the school Assembly Hall.

Ticket Price: £8 Adult, £5 Child (includes 2 bingo games, tea/coffee, sandwiches and cakes). There will also be a selection of stalls selling hand-crafted and Fairtrade gifts open during event.

Visit of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Wednesday 4 September

7pm Arrival of the Relics to St Andrew's Cathedral with a Liturgy of Welcome followed by an **Opening Solemn Mass** with a homily by Canon John Udris

9pm Night Prayer of the Church (after which the Cathedral closes)

Thursday 5 September

10am **Mass in honour of St Teresa of Calcutta** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relics

1pm **Mass** with a homily by Canon John Udris.

7pm Vespers and Benediction leading into an all night Vigil with Rosary, Litany to St Thérèse and devotions on the hour each hour during the night.

Friday 6 September

7am **Mass**
(after which the Cathedral closes until 9.45am)

10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer of the Church followed by veneration of the relics

1pm **Mass**, with the Sacrament of Anointing After Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes.

7pm Holy Hour (with adoration and Benediction) and address by Canon Udris.

9pm Night Prayer (after which the Cathedral closes)

Saturday 7 September

10am **Solemn Mass** followed by adoration and opportunity to venerate the relics.

4pm Liturgy of Thanksgiving. Relics then depart for Edinburgh.

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