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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

19th January 2020

# “You are the Son of God...”

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.



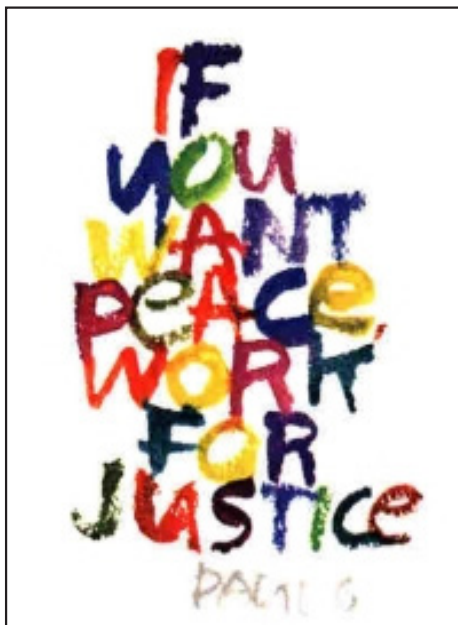
### For today's Mass

#### 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!



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### A LIFE WORTH LIVING

If you would like to learn more about becoming a priest - please contact  
Dunkeld Diocese's  
Vocations Director  
Fr Mark Cassidy - 01382 611282



## 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

Frances McCann,

Betty Hendry, John Bruen,

Mike Hunker, Pagona Rofail,

Joe & Maria Burzone,

Rose Traynor and Frank Lanni

and the souls of all

the faithful departed

**Eternal rest grant**

**unto their souls, O Lord.**

**May they rest in peace.**

**Amen**

## FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday 20th January**

St Fabian, Pope, Martyr

**Tuesday 21st January**

St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

**Wednesday 22nd January**

St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

**Friday 24th January**

St Francis de Sales

Bishop, Doctor

**Saturday 25th January**

Conversion of St Paul

Apostle

## Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted to £435.80. Thank you for your generosity.

## Justice and Peace

Last Sunday's collection in aid of the work of the Bishops' Conference Justice and Peace Commission amounted to £134.80. Thank you.

## Perth Italian Association

The next monthly meeting of the Italian Association will take place on Saturday 25th January - starting with Holy Mass in Italian at 1pm in St John's.

## Italian classes

Classes for beginners and for speakers at all levels have restarted in St John's Church Hall on Saturdays at 4.15pm. All welcome.

## Maltese Mass

Scotland's Maltese community will gather in Perth on Sunday 2nd February for a Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul. Malta is proud of its 2000 year association with Christianity. Paul was being taken to Rome to be tried as a political rebel, but the ship carrying him and some 274 others was caught in a violent storm only to be wrecked two weeks later on the Maltese coast. All aboard swam safely to land.

The site of the wreck is traditionally known as St. Paul's Island, and is marked by a statue commemorating the event. Mass will be celebrated at 1pm in St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, by Fr Jean Gové, a recently ordained Maltese priest, serving in Dunkeld Diocese, and who is currently studying at St Andrews University.

Following the Mass there will be a Potluck Lunch. Please contact Fr Jean Gové – govejean@gmail.com or contact +356 9910 1030

## Life Teen

### Europe

For the past three years Dunkeld Youth Service has facilitated a 5-day trip to the Life Teen Europe Summer Camp. It takes place in the Emmaus Retreat Centre, Helvoirt, the Netherlands and welcomes teenagers (ages 14-19) from across Europe, in particular the Netherlands, Germany, Scotland, Spain and Italy.

They will participate in a range of faith- and team-building activities which will give them a chance to grow in their own faith, and also to receive the support of other teens in their faith, as well as allow them to make friends and connections that can last for many years to come.

This year we will return again to the Emmaus Retreat Centre in Helvoirt, The Netherlands to explore the theme of FIAT! The dates are 2nd-9th August - reservations close on Monday 9th March - contact [youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)

## Safeguarding training

Dunkeld Diocese have announced a new series of training dates - January-June 2020 have been announced. Please check [www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk](http://www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk) for the details.

## St John's UCM

Next meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers will be on Tuesday 21st January, with Mass at 7pm followed by a Burns Supper.



## Catholic Papers

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.

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