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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

3rd Sunday of Year (A)

22nd January 2023

NORMAL MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

Tuesday – Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
9:30am (after Mass)
or call to make an appointment.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Lack of hope, or despair, can create a living hell for people. When we find ourselves in a personal situation of darkness where we feel trapped and are unable to imagine any way out, then despair has a stranglehold on us. And in the midst of despair, people act in harmful and even dangerous ways. How many times do we hear of a parent, caught up in despair, taking the lives of his whole family, then turning the gun on himself?

Believing in a God of light and hope means that no matter how dark our darkness, the light is always and forever much stronger and brighter, even if we personally can't see our way out of our troubling situation. Besides the hope that we all have as individuals, we need to nourish the hope that comes from being a part of a worldwide community of believers. We need each other if we are not going to slip into despair in the face of the death and destruc-

tion we find so easily in our world today. We all know from instinct and from experience that two heads are better than one, and if we want to stretch that image, four heads are better than two, and eight heads are better than four, and so on.

So much has been accomplished in our world, when people, who have hope, join with other people of hope, and decide to put their hope into action. As Catholics, we are spread over the entire earth. That is one of our great strengths. We are a Catholic, universal, body of Christian believers. But we need to have connections with one another here at the local level. Every parish is a community of communities. We need to know the names of some of our community members and look into the faces of our fellow believers. Please consider joining with others to bring Christ's hope to those who are sitting in the darkness.

Have a wonderful week—stay well and be happy—God bless you all.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light
and my help.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus proclaimed the Good
News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of
sickness among the people.

Fr Bogdan SDS

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the soul of
all who have died recently
and for all whose anniversaries occur
about this time.
**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.**

Thank you!

Thank you

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated!

Epiphany Sunday's Collection (8th January):
£686.00.

Sunday's 15th January:
£515.70.

Our Second Collection for the work
of Justice & Peace – £112.65.

Rainbow Leader Wanted

Rainbow Unit at St John's Perth is looking for a new leader. Do you like working with young girls aged 4 – 7 years and are able to offer a couple of hours of your time each week (term time)? Rainbows are the youngest members of the Girl Guide movement. Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things, having fun, exploring the world beyond themselves in a safe and nurturing environment. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, trying out cooking and playing games.

You can become an inspiring role model to girls and young women – and have a lot of fun in the process. As a leader, you will be part of a team of volunteers who plan and deliver a programme of awesome activities. If you'd like to volunteer to become a leader, you'll be supported to complete the Leadership qualification. You'll have training on everything from planning your programme to child safety. For further information please contact Anne Mitchell on 01738 628039.

New Rota for the 'Cleaning Angels'

A new rota for our 'Cleaning Angels' is ready to be picked up in the back of the Church. Thank you for your cooperation to keep our church clean and ready for the services.

Important Memorials

Memorials can be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion—birthdays, anniversaries, living and dead etc... or for your own special intention by ordering a Holy Mass. Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priest. It is a donation. Thank you for all your orders!

The Story of the Conversion of St Paul

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b).

Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior. One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him.

So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday 23rd January
Weekday in 3rd week of Ordinary time

Tuesday 24th January
Memorial of St Francis de Sales

Wednesday 25th January
Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

Thursday 26th January
Memorial of St Timothy and St Titus

Friday 27th January
Weekday in 3rd week of Ordinary time

Saturday 28th January
Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2023

Justice & Peace
8th January-The Epiphany of the Lord

The Ecclesiastical Students Fund
19th February- 7th Sunday of the Year

Papal & Episcopal Charities (inc SCIAF)
19th March- 4th Sunday of Lent

Holy Places
7th April- Good Friday

The Apostolate of Communications
21st May- 7th Sunday of Easter

The Day for Life
28th May- Solemnity of Pentecost

Peter's Pence
2nd July- 13th Sunday of the Year

The Apostleship of the Sea
16th July- 15th Sunday of the Year

Bishop's Mensal Fund
6th August- Feast of the Transfiguration

The Sick & Retired Priests Fund
10th September- 23rd Sunday of the Year

Mission Sunday
22nd October- 29th Sunday of the Year

Catholic Education Service
26th November- Solemnity of Christ the King

Poor Mission Fund
3rd December- 1st Sunday of Advent

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 Fr Bogdan after Mass