

St John the Baptist's, Perth

SUNDAY MASS in St JOHN'S
6.30pm (Saturday Vigil)
& on Sunday
9am, 11am, 6.30pm

WEEKDAYS
Monday-Saturday
at 10am, Tuesday 7pm

MSZA ŚW.
PO POLSKU
Niedziela 5pm
Pojednania 4.15pm

RECONCILIATION
in St John's
Saturday
5-6pm



Priests: Very Rev. Martin Monsignor Drysdale STL VG, St John's Presbytery, 20 Melville Street, Perth, PH1 5PY (01738 622241)
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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 17th July 2016

Welcome
to all
our
visitors

TO BE LIKE MARTHA AND MARY

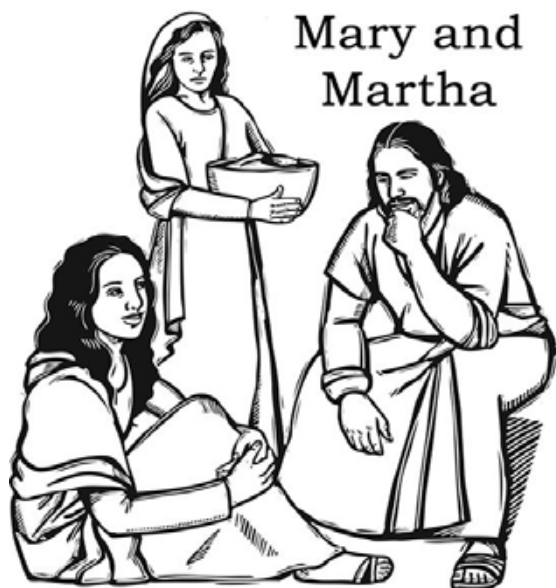
"Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed Him to her home. She had a sister named Mary." —Luke 10:38-39

Some people say they are like Martha; others say they are like Mary. However, the Lord is not calling us to be Martha or Mary, but Martha and Mary.

We should imitate Abraham, Sarah, and Martha by making great sacrifices in offering hospitality. Prior to our high-tech times, a family began preparing a meal by picking out a steer and working with flour (Gn 18:6-7). No freezer, microwaves, or packaged foods! To offer hospitality was a monumental, sacrificial task. We can understand why Martha complained about being left alone to do such daunting household tasks (Lk 10:40).

We also need to imitate Mary by sitting at the Lord's feet and listening to His words (Lk 10:39). This too is a formidable task. Listening to someone, especially to God, is often more challenging than the hardest work.

All workers must be listening to the Lord, or they won't know what they're doing or why they're doing it. All listeners need to do some working. Those who hear God's Word must do God's Word, or they will be deceiving themselves (Jas 1:22). "Work with anxious concern to achieve your salvation" (Phil 2:12). Only those who are like both Martha and Mary are like Jesus. Be like Jesus.



Mary and Martha

Teas after
the 11am
Mass on Sunday
and 10am Mass
on Tuesdays

Priests for
Scotland
A LIFE
WORTH
LIVING

Scottish Bishops' statement on nuclear weapons

The Bishops of Scotland have for a long time pointed out the immorality of the use of strategic nuclear weapons due to the indiscriminate destruction of innocent human life that their use would cause.

The renewal of Trident is questioned not just by those concerned with the morality of nuclear weapons themselves but also by those concerned about the use of scarce financial resources.

Lives are being lost now because money that could be spent on the needy and the poor is tied up in nuclear arsenals. We endorse the words of Pope Francis: "Spending on nuclear weapons squanders the wealth of nations".

The United Kingdom, permanent member of the UN Security Council and declared nuclear power, signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1968. That treaty binds signatories who do not have nuclear weapons not to acquire them, but it also binds those who do have nuclear weapons to work towards the disposing and elimination of all nuclear weapons. Britain should take more decisive and courageous steps to revive that aspect of the treaty and not seek to prolong the status quo.



Prayers

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Eleanor Hughes, and May Quirie who died recently and for Michael Duggan, John Stevenson, David Forbes, John Fyall, Molly Gowrie, Roxanne Shipman, Bridget, Michael, Anne McManamon, Elizabeth Drysdale and Marty Grubb and the souls of all the faithful departed.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

For this Sunday's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The just will live
in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.



Idź, i ty czyn podobnie

Przykład pociąga. I dobry, i zły. Fala przemo- cy pochłania stale nowe ofiary. Ofiary to nie tylko osoby poszkodowane; to również ci, którzy są przyczyną zła, dramatu, tragedii. Fala nienawiści i okrucieństwa porywa, wciąga i niszczy charak- tery kolejnych, często młodych osób. Walka ze złem staje się coraz trudniejsza. Przypowieść o miłosiernym Samar- ytaninie nie mówi nic o liczbie zbójców ani też o ich dalszym losie. Zło nie jest tu nagłaśniane. Natomiast jako przykład podany jest czyn Samarytanina. To jego postawie Je- zus poświęcił najwięcej uwagi. Owszem, byli też i lewita i kapłan. Ich postawa jednak sz- zególnie boli. Wydaje się, że byli dobrze przy- gotowani i uformo- wani, przeszli zapewne niejedną egzamin, ale to nie oni zdali egzamin z życia. Ich postawa bulwersuje bardziej nawet niż zachowanie złoczyńców. Pomocy udzielił napadniętemu człowiekowi Samaryta- nin, którego każdy Żyd uważał za wroga. Pomoc jest udzielona natychmi- ast i obejmuje cały czas leczenia i rekonwales- cencji. Samarytanin

mówi do gospodarza: „Miej o nim staranie, a jeśli co więcej wydasz, ja oddam tobie, gdy będę wracał”. Powódź roku 1997 w naszej Ojczyźnie i tragedia tysięcy powo- dzian wywołała w społeczeństwie od- ruch indywidualnej i społecznie zorganizow- anej solidarności. Wśród wielu inicjatyw zrodziła się akcja „Rodzina rodzinie”. W wielu wy- padkach nie skończyło się tylko na pomocy materialnej. Sporo osób dotkniętych skutkami powodzi mówiło, że jeszcze większe znaczenie niż pomoc materi- alna miało dla nich wspar- cie duchowe, pomoc moralna. Największym zaskoczeniem było to, że pomagali obcy ludzie. Powstały nowe przyjaźnie... Młode małżeństwo z Raciborza wychowujące dwójkę dzieci dzięki natych- miastowej pomocy szybko otrząsnęło się z apatii i przygnębienia. Prawdziwa tragedia nadeszła jednak kilka miesięcy po powodzi, kiedy wydawało się już, że największe szkody zostały naprawione. Otóż ojciec rodziny pewnego dnia nie wrócił z pracy do domu. Młoda żona została zawiado- miona, że stracił życie

w nieszczęśliwym wy- padku, jaki miał mie- jsce w zakładzie pracy. Został przygnieciony ciężarem, który urwał się z suwnicy. Żona była w stanie błogosławionym. Oczekiwali trzecie- go dziecka. Ufali, że narodziny wniosą nową nadzieję i radość życia, że pomogą zapomnieć o ranach i lękach jakie przyniosła powódź. Przyszła próba jeszc- ze trudniejsza. Gdyby nie obecność „ob- cych” osób, które nam pomogły w czasie powo- dzi, nie wiem, jakbym to wytrzymała – mówi tragicznie doświadczona matka. Teraz oni są jak rodzina. Przyjeżdżają do nas bardzo często i nigdy z pustymi rękami. W maju przyszedł na świat chłopiec. Na matkę chrzestną poproszono osobę, która pierwsza dotarła po powodzi do ich domu i razem ze swoją siostrą do tej pory tej rodzinie pomaga. Obie zrezygnowały z wielu weekendów, a teraz planują zaprosić do siebie całą osieroconą rodzinę na wakacje. Po- dobnych sytuacji niesie- nia bliźnim

Święcenia Diakonu

Zapraszamy na Święcenia Diakonu naszego rodaka Krzysz- tofa Jabłońskiego 4 sier- pnia (czwartek) 2016 r. o godz 19:00 pm. Święceń udzieli Biskup Stephen Robson, Ordynariusz Diecezji Dunkeld w Kat- edrze św. Andrzeja w Dundee. Po uroczystości święceń będzie przyjęcie w holu katedralnym. Z naszej parafii będzie zor- ganizowany autobus(y) w zależności od ilości chętnych na wyjazd. Lista do zapisania się na wyjazd znajduje się na gazecie w tyle kościoła. Polecam naszego rodaka Krzysztofa, Waszym modlitwom.

Ordination Day

Spowiedź i Msza św.

W każdą niedzielę ist- nieje możliwość skor- zystania z Sakramentu Pokuty od godz. 4:15pm. Zapraszamy do regularnej spowiedzi i do pełnego uczestnictwa we Mszy św. Msza św. o godz. 5pm.

Polish Sunday Mass - 5pm

Sunday Reflection

Parish website: www.stjohns-perth.org.uk Discover us @StJohnRCPerth

Czas urlopów i wakacje

Każdy z nas z radością przeżywa ten czas wakacyjno-urlopowy by zregenerować nasze nadszarpnięte siły całorocznym wysiłkiem. Dzieci w szkole, rodzice w pracy. Przeżywajmy ten czas w radości, z najbliższymi, będąc w mie- jscach, które pomogą nam znów „naładować baterie” na kolejny rok naszych zajęć i obowiązków. Niech ten czas relaksu nie będzie spędzany pogańsko przy libacjach alkoholowych i bez Boga. Pamiętajmy, że jesteśmy chrześcijanami, ludźmi wiary i to nas do czegoś zobowiązuje. Niech przykład codzien- nej modlitwy, niedziel- nej Mszy św., miłość bliźniego, będzie wzorem, także dla naszych dzieci i najbliższej rodziny, bo od modlitwy i sakra- mentów świętych nie ma wakacji!!! Niech Boża opatrzność zawsze i wszędzie nam towar- zyszy i czuwa nad nami. Z pewnością tak będzie jeśli my również o tym Bogu będziemy pamiętać. Życzę Wam wszystkim miłych, radosnych, pełnych słońca i relaksu wakacji i ur- lópów. Szczęść Boże!

Happy Holidays

Kalendarz Liturgiczny

W tym tygodniu w kalendarzu liturgicznym wspominąć będziemy:

We wtorek

– Wspomnienie św. Brunona z Kwerfurtu, biskupa i męczennika.

W środę

– Wspomnienie świętych pustelników Andrzeja Świerada i Benedykta.

W piątek

– Wspomnienie św. Bonawentury, biskupa i doktora Kościoła.

W sobotę

– Wspomnienie Najświętszej Maryi Panny z Góry Karmel.

Feastdays this week

Collections

Many thanks for your generosity; the income on 3rd July was - Offering £1490.84; Catholic Papers £14.71; Votive Candles £28.91 and Shop £60.

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St Mary Magdalene's

Parishioners at St Mary Magdalene's extend a warm welcome to all to join them for the FIRST patronal FEASTDAY!

Pope Francis has raised the celebration from a memorial to a feastday and, on Friday 22nd July, our daughter parish will celebrate Masses at 8am and 7pm. All welcome.

Permanent Diaconate Ordination

Krzysztof Jablonski will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon on Thursday 4th August, by Bishop Stephen Robson in St Andrew's Cathedral Dundee at 7pm.

A coach from the parish will be organised - if you would like to join us please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

Race Night

Our Lady of Lourdes parish are holding a Race Night in St John's Church Hall on Friday 29th July - starting at 7pm - in aid of the Church Hall building Fund.

Tickets are £5 (inc. buffet and a glass of wine) - wine will also be available on the night - also BYOB.

For tickets - please see Joan Sweeney



The Church is the community of believers, the community of hope lived and communicated, the community of love; and she needs to listen unceasingly to what she must believe, to her reasons for hoping, to the new commandment of love. She is the people of God immersed in the world.

Evangelii Nuntiandi 15.3



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.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club will take a break until after the summer holidays. Thanks to all our regulars and to our volunteers.

Italian Classes

Our Saturday Italian classes have stopped for the summer - and will restart in September - date tbc.

Union of Catholic Mothers




We wish all Members a very Happy Summer break. Next meeting will be Tuesday 6th September.

Parish Shop

New copies Day by Day for August now on sale - £1

Parish Library

Borrow from our extensive range



All bookings for the Church Hall, and rooms, should be made using the dedicated phone line

07549 605007
only within these times:
Monday 7-9pm
Wednesday 12noon-2pm
Friday 11am-12noon

Please respect others who use the hall and kitchen - by leaving it clean and tidy at all times.

Feastdays this week

Wednesday 20th
St Apollinaris - Bishop, Martyr

Thursday 21st
St Laurence of Brindisi - Priest, Doctor

Friday 22nd
St Mary Magdalene

Saturday 23rd
St Bridget of Sweden - Religious

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and return with your collection - or hand to the priest after Mass

A Pastoral Letter

from +Hugh, Bishop of Aberdeen and +Stephen, Bishop of Dunkeld

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The recent Referendum has thrown us into uncertainty. Some of this, please God, will be of short duration, but other elements will be with us for longer. We are not used to this. The whole world, indeed, seems particularly volatile and tormented at present. Pope Francis' call for a Year of Mercy seems increasingly timely.

It's not the role of bishops to offer partisan political opinions, but surely we can ask ourselves, as Catholic Christians, how to respond to the present situation. What might our faith, hope and love urge us to offer?

Prayer, first of all. 'First of all, says St Paul, there should be prayers offered for everyone... and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet' (1 Tim 2:1). The liturgical form this takes is the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass – something not to be undervalued, something to come from the heart.

Secondly, we will need an array of social virtues to meet the challenges ahead: wisdom and courage, a sense of solidarity and the common good, the overcoming of selfish interests. Civility seems especially needed. In matters of free political debate, it is better, as St Ignatius of Loyola says, 'to put a good interpretation on another's statement than to condemn it as false' (Spiritual Exer-

cises §22).

There is something else though. In times of transition, things usually hidden can surface. They can be dark. Our political leaders have already spoken out against recent expressions of xenophobia (fear of foreigners) directed at people from elsewhere living in our country. In a civilised society, these are deplorable. As a people who believe that all men and women are created in the image and likeness of God and who have received the grace of belonging to a Church called Catholic, we should be especially sensitive here. More so still in our dioceses, where we have welcomed so many fellow-believers from other countries, not least those of the EU. Our government will, we hope, offer those from abroad the practical reassurances they deserve. But beyond that and in the context of our parishes and communities, we must reaffirm our love of them as our brothers and sisters in Christ and show our gratitude for their presence, their faith and a fervour that often puts us to shame.

The New Testament describes Gentile, non-Jewish Christians as 'aliens' and 'foreigners' who, by God's grace, have been given a place in the Temple of God which is the Church (cf. Eph 2:11-22). What we have received, we also should give. Other passages describe Christians as nomads, migrants, refugees, displaced persons, pilgrims making their

way through this world to heaven.

In our own society, trying to be a consistent Catholic Christian will, anyway, always place us at the margins. We will often feel inwardly estranged from much going on around us. All this should make us sensitive to those who are refugees or migrants or marginal in the more obvious social senses. We should recognise ourselves in them – and recognise Christ. 'I was a stranger and you made me welcome' (Mt 25: 35, 43). 'While we have the opportunity, then, says St Paul, let us do good to all, and especially to our brothers and sisters in the faith' (Gal 6:10).

In the name of our dioceses, therefore, we would like to reassure all those in our congregations from elsewhere, and especially from the EU, that they are a welcome and cherished presence. We are grateful for the riches you bring. We would be poorer without you. We wish you to keep your own forms of Catholic culture and at the same time take an ever fuller part in our Scottish Catholic life here. We don't want you to leave. We want to make our common pilgrimage of faith with you, in the communion of the one Church of Christ, turned to 'the one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all' (Eph 4:6).

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One of those commandments is to love the stranger in our midst. May we always do so.

Devotedly in Christ,
+ Hugh OSB,
Bishop of Aberdeen
+ Stephen,
Bishop of Dunkeld

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