St John the Baptist's, Perth

SUNDAY HOLY MASS 4pm (anticipated Sunday Mass) & on Sunday 9am, 11am, 6.30pm WEEKDAY HOLY MASS Monday-Saturday at 10am, Tuesday 7pm or as announced

MSZA ŚW. PO POLSKU Niedziela 5pm Pojednania 4.15pm SACRAMENT of CONFESSION 6pm-6.30pm on Tuesdays & following 10am Mass on Saturdays



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30th Sunday of the Year Year C, 27th October 2019

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

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Today's Gospel - together with the past two Sundays - form a trilogy on prayer, especially the greatest prayer: the sacrifice of the Mass.

Two weeks ago, the Gospel focused thanksgiving. Jesus Samaripraised the tan leper because he returned to express thanks. In Greek, to someone thank "Eucharist." The Mass, the "Eucharist" is the great prayer of gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts.

Last Sunday we heard about another aspect of prayer: persistence, not growing weary, but keeping at it and the need to change our persistently bad habits. Persistence also applies to the Mass. If the Mass is the highest form of prayer, we must keep at it - weekly or even daily.

Today's Gospel speaks about our posture at Mass. I am not talking about kneeling, standing and sitting. I am talking about a much deeper posture. We see it in the tax collector. He acknowledged who God is - and the distance between him and God. And he accepted responsibility for his own failings, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

We do not come to Mass to tell God how great we are. The Pharisee did that - and we do have to admit that he was a very good man. Yet he did not go home justified, whereas the tax collector did. The tax collector had the right posture before God.

The prayers of the Mass can help us attain that posture. We begin Mass by calling to mind our sins. It does not have

be a detailed examination of conscience, but a simple recognition of the truth. And the truth is this: I have blown it. I have fallen on my face. Maybe it happened this very week. Maybe it happened some time ago and I am still living with the consequences. As my mum would say, "You have no one to blame but yourself." And so, we say, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord have mercy."

That was the posture of the tax collector. We begin Mass with that posture, and it sets the tone for rest of the Mass. The readings, if we listen carefully, always call us to some change, what the Bible calls "repentance." The Prayers of the Faithful express our need for God. During the Eucharistic Prayer we kneel. Kneeling expresses receptivity. St. Paul says that he kneels before God the Father from who every blessing comes. Before Communion we say, "Lord, I am not worthy." Who is? Only a Pharisee would think he deserves to receive something so incredible - the Body and Blood of Jesus.

In his book, "Developing the Leader Within You," John Maxwell cites a sociological study that indicates that even the most intro-

verted person significantly influences over a thousand people in the course of life. All of us have the possibility of deeply influencing other people - for better or for worse. That is why it is so important to avoid complacency. We can easily start thinking like the Pharisee - I have it all together, I have no need for improvement. Rather, we must take the posture of the tax collector. He recognized he had large areas for improvement. Like him we want to see who God is and who we are - to acknowledge

that all good gifts come from God.

We express that relationship most perfectly in the prayer of the Mass.

To sum up: 1) The Mass is the great prayer of thanksgiving. 2) That prayer requires persistence - daily personal prayer and the Eucharist at least every Sunday. 3) And when we attend Holy Mass, we take the posture of the tax collector - we accept our responsibility for failings and recognize who we are and who God is.

Canon Mulholland

Friday 1st November

Solemnity of All Saints

a Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Mass - 10am & 7pm Vigil Mass (Thursday) at 7pm

Saturday 2nd November

All Souls

Holy Mass - 7am

followed by breakfast coffee and croissants in hall

Holy Mass - 10am

"Remember, Lord, your servants who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Grant to them and to all who sleep in Christ, a place of light and peace."

For today's liturgy

Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

XXX Niedziela Zwykła

Modlić się, aby być sobą. Zaczyna się od porównywania z innymi w celu rozdęcia swojego ego. Każde porównywanie zalatuje demonem, zarówno takie, które ma na celu triumfowanie, jak i takie, które napedza pogardę do siebie. Każdy z nas jest nieporównywalny i, co najwyżej, nie jest taki, jaki powinien być, a nie taki, jak inni. Nikt nie powinien być dla mnie obiektem porównywania, bo mam być soba, a nie kimś – nawet jeśli to bycie KIMŚ oznaczałoby wielkość lub świętość. Gdyby celnik modlił się słowami "Panie, żałuję, że nie jestem tak czysty i wierny jak ten tam stojący z przodu faryzeusz", jego modlitwa też nie byłaby miła Bogu. Celnik po prostu widzi prawdę o sobie i ją wyznaje, ani nawet na chwile nie spoglada na faryzeusza, by się z nim porównać. Zbyt wielu z nas popełnia ten karygodny błąd – przygląda się innym, zamiast sobie. Nieważne, czy czyni to po to, by się pysznić, czy po to, by sobą wzgardzić. duchowym życiu porównywanie zawsze jest błędem. Ponadto głęboka modlitwa daje tak prawdziwy obraz samego siebie, że człowiek uświadamia sobie, że jego istnienie wobec Boga jest nicościa, bez względu na to, czy aktualnie jest się grzesznikiem większym, czy mniejszym. Wobec Boga nikt nie jest KIMŚ! Modlimy się nie dlatego, bo jest to przyjemne albo dlatego, że mamy taką psychologiczną potrzebę, tylko dlatego, że jesteśmy świadomi miłości Boga.

Większość doskon-

ale obywa się bez modlitwy, gdyż modlitwa jest zrozumiała i upragniona dopiero wtedy, gdy się przekroczy granice tego, co naturalne, i gdy się dozna choć raz miłości Ojca do dziecka. Taka relację kreuje prawdziwa modlitwa. Trzeba zacząć się modlić, aby odczuć w sobie to pragnienie modlitwy. Bez doświadczenia modlitwy nie jest możliwe jej pragnienie. Ono wzrasta, gdy coraz więcej czasu poświęcamy modlitwie. Przyglądając się celnikowi, nie sposób nie zauważyć jego uniżenia. Stoi z daleka, manifestując w ten sposób tęsknotę za bliskościa i jednocześnie poczucie jej niegodności. Osiaga upodobanie Boga dzięki temu, że nie podoba się narcystycznie sobie i liczy wyłącznie na miłosierdzie. Nie gra roli, nie maskuje się i nie zakłamuje prawdy o so-

Możliwe, żе do końca życia będziemy się zmagać z pewnymi grzechami, wadami czy nałogami, bylebyśmy nie przestali ich nazywać grzechami i nie zaprzestali się do tego przyznawać. Bóg nie oczekuje od nas ideału, tylko prawdy, którą trzeba niekiedy powtarzać latami przy konfesjonale. I to nie dlatego, że Bóg jej nie zna, tylko dlatego, że nie jest nam łatwo uznać ja w sobie samych. Świadomość prawdy o swej nędzy jest bólem. Prawdziwe bóle ludzkie należa najpierw do Boga i trzeba Mu je oddawać w ratach, ponieważ nie stać nas na pozbycie się ich w całości.

Fr Bogdan

Spowiedź i Msza św.

W każdą niedzielę istnieje możliwość skorzystania z Sakramentu Spowiedzi od godz. 4:15pm. Zapraszamy do regularnej spowiedzi i do pełnego uczestnictwa we Mszy św. Msza św. w każdą niedzielę o godz. 5pm.

Październik -Miesiąc Różańcowy

miesiacu p a ź d z i e r n i k u zapraszam do udziału nabożeństwach różańcowych, które odprawiamy w każdy piątek października o 7:00pm. godz. Ponadto w każdą niedzielę października o godz. 4:30pm (pół godziny przed Mszą św.) również sie modlimy odmawiaiac różaniec. Starajmy się odmawiać różaniec jak najczęściej, a szczególnie w tym miesiącu Maryjnym. Bądźmy też świadomi tego, że naszym obowiązkiem jest uczyć dzieci jak się odmawia różaniec. Jeśli rodzice odmawiają tę modlitwe to i dzieci ja znają. Dlatego dołóżmy wszelkich starań by ta piękna modlitwa polecana przez Maryję wszystkich Jej największych objawieniach jak: Lourdes, Fatima, La Salette, Medugorje nie była zaniedbywana lub zapominana. Nawet jedna "dziesiątka" (Ojcze nasz i 10 razy Zdrowaś Maryjo) odmówiona w ramach wieczornej modlitwy, czy wspólnie z najbliższymi przyniesie Maryi chwałę, a nam wyprosi wiele Bożych łask, których nam tak bardzo potrzeba każdego dnia. Królowo Różańca Świętego – módl się za

Listopad - Msze za zmarłych

Nasz katechizm ka-

tolicki wyliczając "Uc-

do duszy" jako ostatni

zynki miłosierne

uczynek miłosierdzia "Modlić się wylicza: za żywych i zmarłych". Tak wiec modlitwa za zmarłych to nasz obowiązek, to ludzki chrześcijańskie nasze zadanie. Miesiąc listopad jest tym miesiącem kiedy to oddajemy cześć naszym drogim zmarłym, przywołujemy kiedy ich w naszej pamięci i ciagle cheemy z serca im podziękować za to wszystko co dla nas uczynili będąc częścią naszego ziemskiego życia. Są to często nasi rodzice, rodzeństwo, nasi kochani dziadkowie, czy sąsiedzi, przyjaciele, a może nasi pełni poświęcenia nauczyciele czy księża z rodzinnej parafii. Nawet trudno ich wszystkich wyliczyć. My ciagle jeszcze mamy wobec nich tak wielki dług wdzięczności za wszystko co dzisiaj dzięki nim posiadamy, jakimi jesteśmy ludźmi. Niech ten zbliżający się miesiąc listopad będzie naszym czasem, aby im za to wszystko podziękować. Tego długu często nawet nie potrafimy spłacić w całości, bo nasze życie jest za krótkie. Dlatego najpiękniejszym darem wdzięczności dla nich wszystkich będzie nasza modlitwa i ofiara Mszy św., która jest takim bukietem duchowych róż. Nie mamy innej możliwości jak tylko poprzez ten duchowy dar pomóc im w osiagnieciu nieba i bycia z Bogiem w wieczności. Nasza parafia jak co roku będzie ofiarować przez cały miesiąc listopad 30 Mszy św. za zmarłych poleconych w waszych

"wypominkach". Prosimy o zabranie ze sobą kart "wypominkowych", wypisanie na nich imion i nazwisk Waszych drogich zmarłych, włożenie tych kart do koperty, wraz z ofiarą mszalną i zwrócenie ich do jednego z księży przed 2 listopada. Karty na "wypominki" znajdują się w przedsionku kościoła.

Nabożeństwo modlitewne na cmentarzu

Jak co roku zapraszado udziału nabożeństwie modlitewnym przy grobach polskich żołnierzy poległych w czasie II wojny światowej. Nabożeństwo odbędzie się na cmentarzu w Perth w niedzielę 3 listopada o godz. 3pm. Po ceremonii na cmentarzu udamy się bezpośrednio kościoła św. Jana Chrzciciela gdzie o godz. 4pm będzie odprawiona Msza św. w intencji polskich żołnierzy spoczywających naszym cmentarzu. Serdecznie zapraszamy do wspólnej celebracji!

Dekorowanie kościoła

To już stało się tradycją, że w październiku Polska Wspólnota jest odpowiedzialna za dekorowanie naszego kościoła. wszystkim Dziękuję naszym Paniom, które wyraziły swoją ofiarność i chęć pomocy by nasza świątynia mogła wyglądać dostojnie w tym miesiącu poświęconym szczególnie Matce Bożej Różańcowej. Wyrazy wdzieczności należą się Paniom Sylwi Krużynskiej i Elżbiecie Szafran za udekorowanie kościoła na tę niedzielę. Wielkie Bóg zapłać!

nami!

Collections

Last Sunday's collection - £1382.50 - and last week's Mission Collection raised £799.40.

Remaining Second Collections for 2019:

2nd/3rd November Mission Appeal for the Salvatorians -Fr Bogdan's Order

16th/17th November-**Catholic Education** Service

30th Nov/1st December-**Poor Mission Fund** for parishes within our Diocese that struggle financially.

All Souls Indulgences

in purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the first to the eighth of November; on other days of the year it is partial. A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [November 2 (as well as on the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day}] piously visit a church. In visiting the church, it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited.

An indulgence, applicable only to the souls To acquire a plenary indulgence, it is necessary also to fulfil the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the visit; it is, however, fitting that communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the visit. The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of the day.

The Society of the Divine Saviour - SDS (The Salvatorians)

The Founder of the Salvatorians, the Servant of God. Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. Was born 16th June 1848, in the poor, rural family in Gurtweil, the archidiocese of Freiburg. At the age of 30, he was ordined a priest. As aseminarian, he felt that God was called him to found the Church's apostolic work by fully engaging in the apostolic mission of the Church with the help of all possible ways and means. In Rome he founded the Apostolic Teaching Society on 8th December 1881, which eventually turned into a religious institute called the Society of the Divine Saviour. On 8th December 1888, with the help and and participation of the Bl. Mary of the Apostles, he founded a female branch of the Assembly, called the Salvatorian Sisters. Father Jordan was the first superior General of the Salvatorians. permanently staying at the main house in Rome. He founded numerous apostolic institutions in Europe, Asia, and America with great courage. The last three years of his life were spent in Switzerland. It was a very hidden life, full of great suffering. He died at the age of 70 on 8th September 1918. In 1956 his remains were transported to Rome. His proces of beatification is in progres. On 14th January 2011 the Holy Father Benedict XVI has instructed the Congregation for the promulgation of the decree on the heroic virtues of the Servant of God, Fran-

cis Mary of the Cross Jordan. The purpose of the Society is to strengthen, to defend and to spread the Catholic faith everywhere in so far as this is committed to it by Divine Providence. Therefore, by exercising this ecclesiastical teaching function in word and writing, it intends to achieve the end that all people might know more and more the one true God and Him whom He sent, Jesus Christ (Rule from 1882).

The Polish Province: Poland is amongst the 42 countries where Salvatorians are workig. The frst Salvatorians arrived in Poland 1900. The Polish Province was founded in 1927, and has since grown to over 470 members, which is more than on-third of the total Society. The visible expansion of the province in the '30s was halted by the Second World War. However amongst the many initiatives since the period of war occupancy, one that is worth mentioning is the underground teaching carried out in Kraków-Zakrzówek. The results were visible after the war, after 1945. In the new post-war situation, Salvatorians took up challenge of the Episcopate of Poland, and many priests and brothers started pastoral work in the west od Poland, which belonged to Germany before the war. Also Minor Seminaries restarted, including some catering for late vocations, and also retreat houses and the Union for the Salvatorian Collaborators was reactivated. It was only 1968, that some Salvatorians were allowed to do mission work in Tanzania in East Africa. Since 1997. formation activities have

been dynamically growing. The members of the Province are involved in the following apostolic works: parish work, pastoral care at the foreign missions, parish missions and retreats, apostolic work within the mass-media, spiritual formation, academic teaching at the universities, pastoral youth ministry, apostolic work abroad, pastoral work with Polish people abroad, work in hospices, chaplaincy for religious sisters and brothers, and chaplaincy in hospitals, schools and military units. Currently the members of the Polish Province are present in 22 countries of the world: Albania, Australia, Brazil, Byelorussia, Canada, Comoro, Congo, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Liechtenstein, Poland, Russia, Spain, France, Switzerland, Tanzania, Ukraine, USA, and of course, in Scotland. Altogether, outside of Poland there are 172 priest and brothers. These are working apostolically within communities that belong to the Polish Province or within other administrative units of the Society. In the UK we work in close cooperation with Salvatorians of the British Pro-Province. Through all the ways of working succesfully in the apostolate, the most important and essential means is by giving good example according to the saying: Words move, examples lead. All can and should be good examples and thus help others to know and love God, because "this is the eternal life that all people should know the only true God, and the One whom He has sent,



Union of Catholic Mothers

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th November an evening dedicated to the Holy Souls, and the Rosary

Candlelit Rosary

Many thanks to all who attended and organized October's Candlelit Rosary.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy takes place at our 9am on Sundays. The rota for helpers is at the back of the church.

Lunch club

Lunch Club continues on Mondays from 12-1pm. Soup and a roll with tea or coffee - £2.50 - all welcome.

Holy Hour

On Tuesdays, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6-7pm, during which there will be an opportunity for Confessions. Mass will follow at 7pm.

Prayers

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Recently dead: Margaret McKay.

Anniversaries: Jay Hare. Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen.



Italian **Association** Monday 11th Novem-

ber - a bus leaves Perth at 3pm for the Annual Mass for the Dead (in Italian, at 7pm in St Andrew's Cathedral. Glasgow) - preceded by High Tea at Coia's in Denmark Street.

Friday 22nd November - an outing to Pitlochry Festival Theatre for the production of A Christmas Carol. A bus will leave St John's at 3pm stopping for High Tea at

Bankfoot.

Tuesday 10th December - dinner dance to be held in McDiarmid Park - £30. 6.30pm for 7pm. **Italian Classes** for learners of all stages continue at 4.15pm in the Small Hall on Satur-

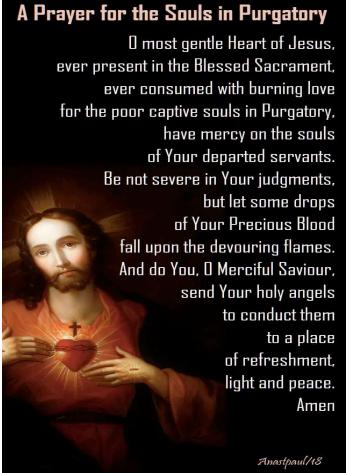
Jesus Christ" (J 17,3).

November Lists, Month of the Holy Souls & Mass offerings

Rooted in Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and the perennial teaching of the Church, the offering of Holy Mass has been considered the most efficacious manner of praying for and assisting the souls of our departed loved ones as they journey through the purification of Purgatory.

Each Mass is, as we know, the re-presentation of the saving sacrifice of Calvary, and, when we specifically ask for Mass to be offered for a deceased loved one, we ask that the merits of that saving sacrifice be applied to the soul of the one we mourn. It has been the pious practice of

Catholics to list their deceased during the month of November, that Masses be offered for them throughout this particular period a sign of our ongoing love and concern for those who have gone ahead of us on this pilgrimage of life. The offering of a stipend, a monetary gift to the priest for the celebration of these Masses is not only an additional sacrifice on the part of the donor for their beloved dead but helps support the priest in his livelihood and supplements his modest income. We never "pay" for a Mass-indeed we cannot pay for the Sacraments—but our financial support of our pastor is

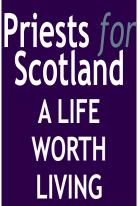


part of our generous contribution to the mission of the Church and the care of those who serve us in their priestly ministry. November lists are available at the back of the church for you to take and return as soon as possible. Please write on them the names of your beloved dead whom you wish to be remembered in the Masses during November and put them, along with any Mass offering you may be able to give.



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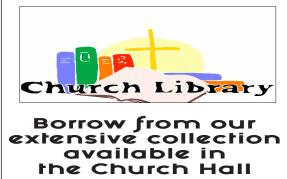
Catholic newspapers the Scottish Catholic Observer etc are available in the church porch - please take copies and share them.



Parish Shop

Open after Mas on Sunday

Cards and Gifts are available



Justice and Peace

If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you.

Saint Thomas of Villanova