

Diocese of Dunkeld

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*Sunday 3rd February 2008*

***FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

*Year A [The year of St Matthew]*

**Welcome to Fr John McCauley , Mill Hill Missionary, who will celebrate  
our weekend Masses**

**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday [anticipated Mass of Sunday] : 6.00 p.m.

SUNDAY : 9.30am and 11.30 a.m.

*Monday: No Mass*

*Tuesday: No Mass*

*Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY*

*Mass at 11.00 a.m. and at 6.00 p.m.*

*Thursday: Mass at 10.00 a.m.*

*Friday: Mass at 10.00 a.m.*

*Saturday: Mass at 10.00 a.m.*

*Anticipated Mass of Sunday at 6.00 p.m.*

Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on weekdays  
Sacrament of Reconciliation - after Mass Saturday morning & Saturday evening and on request at any other time

# WHAT IS FOOLISH?

A few days ago I came across a book entitled, *The Hundred Greatest Women of All Time*. The Blessed Virgin Mary came in at No. 10, nine places after Eleanor Roosevelt. It is a laughable illustration of the difference between human standards and divine ones. Actually, I'm surprised that Mary made it into such a book at all, because by the standards of this world she is not particularly impressive. An obscure young woman, probably illiterate, from a poor village called Nazareth, she did not rise to be a queen or even get elected to her parish council. [*Must start that again after we move back to the Church*]. She performed no great charitable work, like Mother Teresa; she was not as good a singer as the Spice Girls, [*well, I am told the Spice Girls are good singers*] not as good an actress as Madonna, not as good a politician as Margaret Thatcher or Hilary Clinton. All she did was to give birth to a baby called Jesus, who was subsequently executed as a criminal.

How insignificant her life appears from a human point of view; but how very different it appears from God's viewpoint. Mary is the supreme example of God's choosing what is foolish by human reckoning, in order to shame the wise, of his choosing the weak by human reckoning to shame the strong.

She is the supreme example, but not the only example. None of Jesus' early followers were particularly rich, or powerful, or highly educated, or brave, or morally superior to the general run of men and women. Most of his disciples were fishermen — a skilled profession, but not a learned one. The twelve squabbled about who was the greatest among them, and asked Jesus to bring down fire on those who annoyed them — they were not spiritual or moral giants. Peter, their leader, had to employ a scribe when he wanted to write a letter — he was no scholar. All the disciples ran away when Jesus was arrested — they were not much of an army.

Yet these were the men who turned the world upside down, who confronted kings and converted empires. They did so, not by their own power — they didn't have any — but by the power of Jesus dwelling in them, through his Holy Spirit.

What about you? Are you sufficiently foolish to do great things for God? Are you sufficiently weak? Sufficiently timid? Because, if you are, there is room for you in God's great plan. There is a world to be conquered; not by the sword or the gun, but by the Gospel. Those who are full of their own wealth, their own power, their own worth, have no room in them for God, and will never achieve anything for God. It is only the empty who have that space within them to be filled by God: the poor in spirit, those who are hungry and thirsty, not only for earthly food but for meaning and purpose and direction in their lives; those who feel in them a great gaping void of any greatness or goodness they can call their own.

Perhaps you are such a one; I hope so, because if you are, then yours is the kingdom of heaven.

Thank you for last week's collection. of £869  
The **second collection** today is for the **MILL HILL MISSIONARIES**

## THE SEASON OF LENT

*Lent begin on Wednesday - ASH WEDNESDAY - A Day of fast and Abstinence. Masses at 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. Arrangements will be made with the school for the distribution of Ashes to the children.*

*Our Lenten Campaign will once again be for SCIAF and SCIAF Boxes will be distributed from Wednesday and these are returned on Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.*

We hope to return to worship in the Church very shortly, certainly before the end of February. Work is progressing well and we will soon be able to worship again in God's House. Parishioners, or families might like to consider donating liturgical items for the Church. I have already received a donation towards the cost of the Presidential Chair and we will likely need some new Sacred vessels, Altar Linen, Thurible and Boat for Incense, Holy Water Dish and other Liturgical Items. If you would like to donate anything in memory of loved ones or on behalf of your family, please let me know.

## DUNKELD DIRECTORIES

We have received a few more Diocesan Directories and these are on sale at the entrance to the Hall.

Please pray for: **Glennie McKenzie, Tracey Foran, George Nicholl, Frank Seabright, John Nelson & Nan Judge**, *recently deceased*; and for **Agnes Boyle, Anna Kierans, John McKinlay, James Ness & Charles Cabrelli** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please remember all the sick and housebound in our parish community and especially those who are in hospital [**Roberta McNally, David Donnet, Kenny Macdonald & Ann McConnachie**]

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT on Wednesdays

#### THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN ACCOUNTS

The Annual Diocesan accounts - as required by Charity Regulation - will be published on the Diocesan website on 28th February. Our own accounts for the parish will be available at the end of the financial year.

#### LOURDES JUBILEE MASS

MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Immaculate Conception Church [St Mary's] Lochee

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Join Bishop Vincent in this Mass to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin to St Bernadette at Lourdes.

#### Baptismal Certificates for School Enrolments

Baptismal Certificates for children enrolling in school can be obtained after Weekend Masses.

#### ASK WEDNESDAY - BEGINNING OF LENT

Ash Wednesday is on February 6th and Lent begins. There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, at 1100 a.m. and 6.00 p.m., both celebrated in the Hall. Arrangements will also be made for the distribution of Ashes in the school.

The Rite of Enrolment for children in Primary 4, preparing for Confirmation and First Communion will take place as soon as we move back into the Church. It is a requirement for the reception of these Sacraments that children regularly attend Sunday Mass.