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The Year of the Priest
Sunday 6th September 2009
Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year [B]
The Year of Mark

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY [anticipated Mass of Sunday] : 6.00 p.m.
SUNDAY : 9.30am and 11.00 a.m.

*Monday: Requiem Mass at 9.30 a.m. [Elizabeth Herman RIP]
Mass in St Anne's, Carnoustie, at 7.00 p.m. [Year of Priest]*
Tuesday: Requiem Mass at 9.30 a.m. [Winnie Reilly RIP]
Wednesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Friday: Requiem Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday after Morning Mass
Saturday from 5.30–6.00
On request any other time



COLLECTIONS

Sunday 30th August
£951.19
THANK YOU

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will resume again on Wednesday from after mass until 4.30 p.m. Please pay a visit to the Blessed sacrament during the day.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word continues for children up to Primary 4 [those who have not yet received the Sacraments of Initiation]

YEAR OF THE PRIEST

The next celebration will be Mass, in honour of Mary, Mother of Priests, in St Anne's Church, Thomas Street, Carnoustie, on Monday at 7.00 p.m. All welcome.

BINGO

There will be a PRIZE BINGO in aid of Wellburn on Sunday 27th September at 7.00 p.m., in St Mary's [Lochee] Church Hall. Admission is £1.00, including refreshments

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Elizabeth Harman [Requiem Mass on Monday at 9.30 a.m.], Winnie Reilly [Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.]*, recently deceased; for *Fr James Wallace, John Walsh, Lydia Shearer, Kevin Boyle, David Campbell, May Beattie, Winnie Reid, James Quinn, Jack Kilhooley, Cathie Flynn & Stan Boath* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Pray also for: *Canon Connolly, Jeff Gilmartin, Sheila Noble, Molly Gorrie, Theresa Gray, Jean Rollo, David Donnett, Jenny Robertson, John & Jenny Davidson, Thea Atkinson, Catherine Ramsey, Irwin Robertson, Gloria Thomson, Mary McIrvine, Harry Mooney & Nan Grant* who are sick or in hospital.

THANKS

To Fr Bernard O'Connor OSA for celebrating Mass on Thursday and Friday of last week. Fr Bernard was grateful for the welcome received and for the opportunity to renew old friendships..

Sweets & Biscuits in the Church

On Monday we had to clean up some wafer biscuits and sweets left in the Church after Sunday Mass. Please be considerate for our cleaners and clean up any mess young children may make at Mass.

Dundee Schools Music Theatre present **THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE** in the Whitehall Theatre from Wednesday until Friday of this week. Tickets are on sale from the City Council Box Office at 6 City Square or can be booked on 01382 434940

VOCATIONS NEWS - SEMINARY APPLICANTS YEAR

Those who may be considering applying for seminary and wish to take part in the Seminary Applicants Year should contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Canon John Harty. The Seminary Applicants Year is a year-long programme of prayer and discernment which is required of those preparing for the seminary and wishing to study for the diocesan priesthood. For more information see www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

The Diocesan Vocations Mass will take place on Thursday 17th September at 7.00 p.m., in St Andrew's Cathedral. The preacher will be Fr Martin Pletts.

BACK PACK APPEAL

Mary's Meals is a campaign set up to provide school children in countries such as Malawi, Uganda and Liberia with at least one decent meal a day and currently feeds around 300,000 children. Many of these children lack the basic equipment for school which our children here take for granted. The Back Pack Appeal aims to provide these kids with a school-bag and the essential items needed for school e.g. pencils, exercise books crayons etc. If you would be interested in helping with this appeal and would like to know more please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or phone Brida Tennant(826870), Pat Gray(580819), Ben Johnston (858129), Fiona McHugh(827657) or any of the ladies who do tea on Sunday after 11.00 Mass.

Catholic Papers are on sale at the back of the Church, including the latest edition of Open House.

In this week's Scottish Catholic Observer:

Uddingston priest, Mgr Leo Cushley new head of English at Section of General Affairs in Vatican
Religious leaders call for free vote on Lockerbie
Cherie Blair says Church must accept contraception
Teddy Kennedy's death and Funeral
St Monica example of Holy Parent says Pope

St Peter & St. Paul's Theatre Group

Celtic Night / Ceilidh

The Friary, Friday 25 September at 7.30pm
Music by the Murphie Ceilidh Band
Tickets £5 on sale after mass next week or contact
Gerry McLaughlin on 900061 or
gerry.mcl@blueyonder.co.uk



2010 Production

To mark the group's 10th Anniversary they are performing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat", the show which started us off, at Abertay from 5-8 May 2010. If you are interested in taking part please come along to the Main Lecture Theatre, Abertay University on Wednesday 16 September. The group's AGM will take place at 7pm and will be followed by a first singing rehearsal in preparation for auditions for principal parts. But even if you only want to be in the chorus come along then.

GIFT AID - TAX YEAR 2008/09

We have recently received a cheque for £7,653.49 from the Inland Revenue as our Gift Aid Returns for the past tax year. This has come from a total of 83 parishioners contributing £27,135, allowing us to recover £6,783.75 and a further £869.74 in transitional relief. Firstly and most importantly, many thanks to all those who Gift Aid their Weekly Offerings. Thanks to Brida and Margaret who administer the system for the parish. Please consider completing a simple Gift Aid Declaration if you pay Income Tax. There must be more than 83 Tax Payers in the parish.

CAN YOU HEAR THE LORD?

Spending time in the company of people who are deaf and dumb makes us realise how precious the gifts of speech and hearing are. Unlike us, they are cut off completely from the world of sound and have no experience of the conversation of friends, the laughter of children and the joy of listening to music. While our sympathy and pity are with the man in today's story, nevertheless, we regard him as one of the lucky ones, to have met Jesus who cured him, gave him a break in life and made him like the rest of us. We take for granted our ability to hear and speak, but both gifts are meant for a purpose even greater than human communication. They are also our means of listening to God and speaking his word. This is something we should never forget. What we hear and what we say determine to a great extent what we do and they make us the persons we are.

This is an occasion to express our concern and care for those who live lonely lives on the margins of society because of hearing and speech handicaps. However, it is good to remember that the deaf mute is not an historical figure from first century Israel. He resembles the whole human race. His plight is ours in so far as we refuse to listen to what God is saying to us and act upon it. We all need the healing hand of Christ to make us hear and speak the message of God properly. Jesus is the one who can remove deafness and dumbness from our being so that we can make full use of these faculties. Is it possible

that we are like this man because of our refusal to give a listening ear to the lonely, the troubled, and the worried? How many times have we failed to utter a word of encouragement, of hope and thanks, or have kept a discreet silence when we should have spoken the truth? Then there are the problems we have in speaking to our partner or neighbours, because of a long standing row or simply out of jealousy, envy or pride.

What Jesus is saying to us is that the greatest tragedy of all is not to be born deaf and dumb, but to have ears and fail to hear and to have tongues and fail to speak. We are the deaf and dumb who need to be brought to Jesus for his healing touch, which brings communication where there are silences, companionship where there is loneliness, and encouragement where there is despair.

