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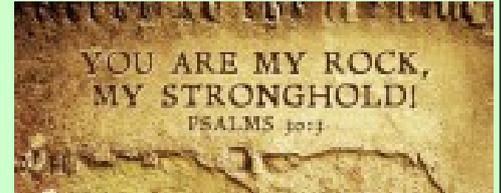
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday 16th February 2014

ORDINARY TIME

CYCLE A

This week:

Sunday: Masses at 9.30 and 11.00
Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30
Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30
Thursday: Funeral Mass at 11.00 a.m. [John Rice]
Friday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [Feast of Chair of St Peter
Anticipated Mass of Sunday at 6.00 p.m.]



Next Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of the Year

The Scripture Readings are from Year A

The Year of St Matthew

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

before or after Morning Mass

Before Vigil Mass

On request at any time



This week and next, we are covering Wellburn & St Clement's

PLEASE PRAY FOR: For our recently deceased: **Mgr Ben Donachie, Betty Murphy, Mary Carroll & John Rice [Funeral Mass on Thursday at 11.00 a.m.]**

For all whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Mary McInally, Anne Boyle, Leo Kierans, George Armstrong, Frank Ferrie, Caroline Rice, Charlie Kelly, Davina Smith, Ruby Low, Sheila Murphy, Annie Carroll, Liz Ross, Lizzie Aitken, Margaret Dailly, James Dailly, Charlie Craig, Bernadette Chapman, Catherine Short, Mary Ann McGarvey, Margaret Nolan & Anne Hume.**

And those sick at home or in hospital; **Fr Martin Pletts, Bobbie Bull, Lulu Smith [age 2], Baby Orryn Glancy [age 5 months].** And all those who are sick or housebound in our parish and receive the Eucharist each Sunday:

**If one of your family is in hospital, you should let Canon Aldo know.
If someone is sick at home, please let Fr Ken or Deacon Charles know.
Please let us know if you are going into hospital and we will let Canon Aldo know**

COLLECTIONS

**for
9th February
£ 1205
(£564 was Gift Aid)**

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from after Mass till 3.00 p.m.

The Children's Liturgy will be at 11.00 a.m. Mass. However, it will not be every Sunday unless we have more helpers and leaders.

TEA GROUP

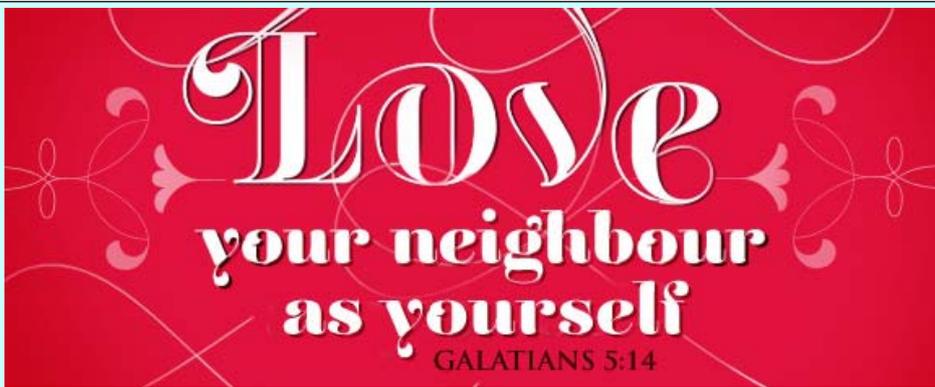
Why not come and get to know your fellow parishioners with a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit after 11a.m. mass. There is no charge but all donations go to SCIAF.

Bishop Stephen will celebrate the Month's Mind Mass for Sr. Mary Rose will be here on Tuesday 4th March at 7.00 p.m.

SEMINARY VISIT

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week I shall be visiting Oscott College, Birmingham, on behalf of Bishop Stephen to meet our seminarians. There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9.30a.m.

'This year the Dundee Passion Play will take place in the grounds of Wellburn Home, Lochee on Palm Sunday, the 13th of April. Anyone wishing to be part of this project as choir member, actor, musician, or behind the scenes assistant would be very welcome. Rehearsals will be held in St. Joseph's Church House, 42 Wilkie's Lane, Dundee on Mondays from 7- 8.30pm, beginning Monday 10th February. For further information telephone Jim Murphie 01382 668430 or email dundee Passion Play@gmail.com. All welcome.'



Any new movement or community which emerges from an older tradition has to face the problems of its own identity and new direction. It will also need to answer honestly how different is it from the old community or how similar and alike? We see this happening these days in political parties as they try to re-invent themselves and make challenging proposals for a new Government.

This was one of the problems and situations that early Church had to face in its relationship with Judaism. Jesus was a Jew and his early followers were all Jews. They upheld the Law of Moses and they honoured the traditions of their own people BUT there is also discontinuity with that tradition when it comes to fasting, healing on the Sabbath and attitudes towards their long-term enemies, the Samaritans.

Now a little background to today's Gospel. Matthew is a Jewish convert and probably a Scribe, living in Syria and writing his Gospel in the 80's for a mixed community of Jewish and Gentile converts. He has to hold both of these groups together in the community – both the convert Jews who respect the traditions of the Law of Moses and the convert Gentiles who have their own traditions. However, Jewish convert Christians who believe Jesus is the Messiah, are now being expelled from the synagogue by the Pharisees which increases the hostility of Christians towards them

So when Matthew writes his Gospel, he is anxious to show that Jesus does not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets – rather he is their completion. Matthew shows the continuity with the ancient tradition but he shows the discontinuity when Jesus says: "You have heard how it was said.....but I say this to you."..... Jesus completes the Law but he also goes beyond it and because Jesus is who he is, he has the authority to put before the people a new and radical vision.

The message of Jesus never ceases to amaze us. For example, his association with sinners made him suspect in the eyes of his fellow Israelite – even more damaging was his attitude to religious Law when he healed on the Sabbath and made light of the important ceremonial washing of hands before meals which drew the anger of the Scribes and Pharisees who observed this Law scrupulously. For most Jews, the Law was the ultimate revelation of God and a secure guide to good conduct.

Small wonder then, that some of his listeners must have been surprised when he declared that he came, not to abolish the law and the prophets, but to complete them Moreover, to be saved, they would need to be more virtuous than the Scribes and Pharisees because too many of them were paying no more than lip service to the Commandments. Jesus saw his role as broadening the scope of the commandments and forcing us to look beyond our actions to our attitudes.

He was pointing out that it is not just deeds that fall under God's judgement but motives also and that outward actions should flow from proper motives, convictions and dispositions. Getting by within the letter of the law is not what Jesus had in mind and far from being whittled down; he presents the commandments in a more challenging fashion. Jesus calls for virtue that has deep roots in the human heart, stating that if our intentions are good, honest and sincere, then the actions coming from our hearts will flow from love and will reflect something of the life-giving quality of Christ himself. In other words, what we say and do must express what is in our hearts.

So whatever about knowing the name and number of the Ten Commandments, it is more important to appreciate the value that lies behind each of them. Christ wants us to examine our intentions and move away from external appearance, observances and check that our motives are sincere.

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As Church goes we are being challenged to look carefully at our lives – not merely at what we do but at the thoughts and motivation behind our behaviour towards others. There are many examples given in this Gospel – for example – How do we mend an ongoing difference/grudge/ bitterness with a neighbour? If Reconciliation is a sacred duty and we cannot reach out our hand in friendship to someone with whom we are quarrelling – then how can we reach out our hand to receive Christ in the Eucharist? All these relationships are so important to ourselves, others and with God.

Take marriage for example - the avoidance of adultery is not just the key to a good marriage but instead there must be such loving, constant trust between spouses that neither will ever deliberately injure, hurt or deceive the other person but continue to grow in love .

As for murder – it's not enough for the Christian to observe the Law not to kill or do violence to one's neighbour. Murder is more than just the taking of a person's life Very often it can be the ultimate outgrowth of anger, hatred and wicked feelings with roots in bigotry and bitterness which erupt in a moment of uncontrollable violence. If murder is reprehensible, so are its sources – anyone who nurses a grudge, harbours resentment and seeks revenge can easily drift into anger and hatred to the point of murder.

There is more in this Gospel than meets the eye. The search for personal meaning and fulfilment continues in life. When we look within our selves, we realize we have a long way to go on the road to Christian maturity. We can all feel a bit helpless and our efforts a bit shabby against the clear demands of the Gospel. That's why Matthew in this Gospel is calling the Community of believers in his time and ourselves today – to face the vision of Jesus with a willing heart and a ready spirit. None of us can do this alone. That is why we are here, gathered in community, to pray that God will Bless and gives us courage to bring that vision down to earth and live it among each other. And so we pray.....

Grant O lord that each day
Before we enter the little death of sleep
We may undergo the little judgement of the past day.
So that every wrong deed may be forgiven
And every unholy thought set right.
Let nothing go down into the depths of our being
Which has not been forgiven and sanctified
Then we shall be ready
For our final birth into eternity,
And look forward with love and hope
To standing before you
Who are both judge and saviour.
Holy Judge and loving saviour. Amen

