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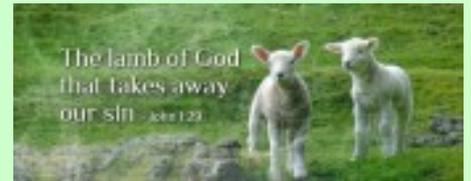
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday 2nd February 2014

The Year of Matthew [A]



This week:

Sunday: Masses at 9.30 and 11.00

Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [our Lady of Lourdes]

Wednesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Cyril & Methodius]

Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

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



Thanks to Fr Beatus for Sunday Morning Masses while we cover Aberfeldy and Pitlochry for the next few weeks to allow Fr Tobias to visit his family in Africa.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: For our recently deceased: **Mgr Ben Donachie, Rosemary Lowes, John Cussick, Andrew Adams & Eleanor Wallace**

For all whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Steven walker, Bill Taylor, Ronald Mackie, Charles Cabrelli, Mary McInally, Darren Fitsimmons, Davina McGuff, Meg Vance, Jessie Moncur, Katherine Reilly, Frank Ferris, Phylis Golden, Mary devlin, Pammela Robertson, Bob Spence, Joanna Jaletzky, John Deacon, Harry & Christine Craig, Letitia Kelly & Irene Kiddie**

And those sick at home or in hospital: **Fr Martin Pletts, Bobbie Bull, Lulu Smith [age 2], Baby Christopher Kane, Baby Orryn Glancy.** 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
2nd February
£ 1228
(£673 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.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mgr Ben Donachie, a priest of this Diocese.
Reception of Remains in Cathedral on Tuesday at 6.00 p.m.
Requiem Mass on Wednesday at 12 noon in St Andrew's Cathedral



**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK
Tuesday 11 February 2014
Mass in St Mary's, Lochee at 7.00 p.m.**





Light of the World Salt of the Earth



Jesus said to his disciples "You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world!" In the ancient times, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving and seasoning food. So too was light for obvious reasons and both are still vitally important today. **What was Jesus saying when he used these two images?** He was telling his disciples that they had a vital role to play in the world through their good deeds. When religious practice is divorced and separated from life, a vital element is missing but when it leads to deeds, a very effective witness is given.

There is a beautiful story told of a man visiting Mother Teresa's home for the poor and dying in Calcutta. He arrived just as the Sisters were bringing in some of the dying from the streets. They had picked one man out of the gutters, covered with dirt and open sores. Without knowing that she was being watched, one of the Sisters began caring for the dying man. The visitor kept watching the Sister as she worked and he saw how tenderly she cared for her patient. He noticed how as she worked, she smiled at him giving him her complete caring attention, Afterwards this man told Mother Teresa that when he came it was to write a report and that he didn't believe in God. His heart was full of hate for these street people, especially their lifestyle. He said "Now I am leaving here believing in God. I have seen the love of God in action through the hands, the tenderness, the gestures and acceptance of that Sister which were so full of love for that wretched man. I have seen God's love descend upon him and now I believe"

This surely is an example of the kind of thing Jesus had in mind when he tells us that we must let our light shine, the light of our good deeds, especially our deeds of love People do take notice of good deeds and they don't have to be as spectacular as the is story. They will generally be much simpler, much more ordinary but that doesn't mean that they can't give effective witness to the light.

When Jesus tells us to let our light shine before people, he doesn't mean that we should advertise our good deeds, much less crow and brag about them. He is just asking us to do them and they will speak for themselves. This light will shine brightly when one is a genuine, loving, caring person, when one sees that truth is told, that justice is done and when one exercises mercy, showing compassion and love.

What are the implications of this? Well, it doesn't mean that we have to leave our jobs, rush out and get involved in a whirlwind of good works but it does mean that we are called to practice our Christianity, not just in Church, but out in the world in whatever situation we happen to find ourselves. All the more so, if we happen to be situated in some "hilltop" where all we can see is us and where people look to us for light... These are a few examples that come to mind, but you can fill in your own situation.....

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If I'm a teacher, what do people expect from me? That I prepare and teach well and don't show favouritism. That I bring light and show extra concern towards those who find learning difficult and so become a means of bringing light into their darkness.

If I am a politician, what do people expect from me? That I work for the good of the country and its people and not just for my own good or my cronies. A corrupt politician has a lot to answer for, but then a good politician can bring light into the lives of many.

If I am a doctor, nurse, health care worker what do people expect from me? That I would treat all the sick alike and bring the light of healing to many.

If I am a police officer, what do people expect from me? That I would be not try to bend the law or break it but uphold and enforce it fairly

If I am an employer, what do people expect from me? That I pay an honest wage and create decent working conditions for my employees. People who do this shed a lot of light around them.

If I am a worker, what do people expect from me? That I know my job, do it honestly and do it generously to the best of my ability.

If I am a reporter, what do people expect from me? That I deal in facts, not half-truths and lies. That I write about important issues, and don't go in for trivialities and sensationalism. A good journalist can shed the light in many dark corners as many have.

If I'm in business what do people expect from me. Basically that I do not overcharge and that I give values for money.

If I'm a parent, what do my children expect from me? That I be there for them. That I put them before everything else, including my career.

If I'm a priest (well I am a priest and I welcome your expectations from me....but basically, you would at least expect me to practise what I preach.

We could go on and multiply these examples and still not cover everything. Each of us must look at our own situation and ask ourselves how we can practise our Christianity there. How we can be '**salt and light**' among the people we meet every day. We may not be able to be a beacon but we can at least be a humble candle which sheds its light in its own immediate vicinity. Often we think we are good simply because we are not conscious of doing any great evil but what about the good we fail to do. So be not simply good - be good for something and let your light shine!

The most important thing about each of us is our capacity for goodness. We can be a source of light. We have hands that can care, eyes that can see, ears that can hear, tongues that can speak, feet that can walk and above all, hearts that can love.

Unfortunately, through laziness, selfishness, and cowardice, our light can be dimmed so that we become shadows of the people we could be..... Lord, help us to believe in our own goodness, and to let the light of that goodness shine. On seeing this light, others find their way and you, will be glorified. Amen.