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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
[Year B]
Sunday 15th February 2015



This week:

Sunday: Masses at 9.30 and 11.00

Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Charismatic Prayer Group at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY - DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

Mass [with P4 to P7] at 9.30 a.m.

Mass at 7.00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration from after Mass until 3.00 p.m.

Thursday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

Funeral Mass for Jack O'Rourke at 1.00 p.m.

Friday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. Saturday: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

Anticipated Mass of Sunday at 6.00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Reconciliation:

Before and after morning Mass each weekday SATURDAY FROM 5.30—5.50 P.M.





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

For our recently deceased: Jack O'Rourke, Irma Zampolini, Dennis Kierans & Audrey Hill And for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Brough, Leo Kierans, George Armstrong, Mamie Steele, Betty Murphy, Heidi Devlin, Ruby Law, Vena Smith, Sheila Murphy, Susan Conway, Joanna Jaletzky, Chic Kelly, James Dailly, Margaret Dailly, Meg Vance, Pamela Robertson, Bernadette Chapman & Mary Carroll

For those sick in hospital: Baby Orryn Glancy, Baby Christopher Kane, & Pauline Murphy 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

Sunday 8th February £1363.50 (£641.50 was Gift Aid)



CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION was £47

NEXT SUNDAY - Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Fund

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Wednesdays,

in the Small Chapel [enter by side door] from 10.00 to 3.00 Please try to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament during the day

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will continues today at 11 o'clock Mass.



SHORT TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart is once again promoting the SHORT TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT. This is simply a promise to abstain from all intoxicating drink during Lent. Prayer Leaflets are available at the back of the Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

We begin the Season of Lent on Wednesday, a day of FAST and ABSTINENCE.

The senior pupils will attend Mass on Wednesday at 9.30 a.m., when ashes will be distributed. There will also be an EVENING

MASS at 7.00 p.m.

During Lent, there will be EVENING MASS here each Tuesday [beginning 24th February] at 7.00 p.m., and on Wednesdays in St Mary's, Lochee, also at 7.00 p.m. An opportunity for those working to attend a weekday Mass

DREADED DISEASES

The disease most dreaded by the Jews of old was leprosy. It was an infectious plague which struck fear and horror into its victims because there was no hope of a cure. The fate of the leper was truly pathetic. As soon as the first signs of the disease appeared, the afflicted person was debarred from all social life and forced to withdraw from society. This meant bidding farewell to his family, leaving behind his way of life, his trade, everything and everybody he had known and loved. It was a farewell as final as death. The mental anguish and heartbreak of being completely banished from the local community, was utterly devastating. In every sense the leper was an outcast, with no hope of enjoying human companionship or receiving love. The victim was reduced to the status of a non-person, scavenging for food on the town dump, with a warning bell slung around his neck. Moreover, it was taken for granted that the disease was a punishment for sin and a sign of separation from the life-giving power of God. The prophet Isaiah used leprosy as a symbol of how diseased God's people were when they were unfaithful to him.

The gospel shows us how Christ was moved to compassion when he met the leper. He was not afraid to reach out and touch the infected man. This is only one of many personal encounters between Jesus and sick people, where his compassion is so evident. It says something profound about the healer, as a font of mercy, and gives us an insight into God's caring approach to physical and spiritual sickness. Spiritual leprosy is a reality in every age. It's a sickness of the soul which cuts us off from God and is much more serious because it remains invisible and goes unnoticed for a much longer time. The really good news for all of us is that just as Jesus reached out to touch and cure the leper, he stretches out his healing hand to bind up the wounds of all our sins.

It's a day to be mindful in our prayers of people who are victims of Aids, or Ebola those modern plagues which threatens the health and lives of thousands all over the world. The Aids generation has come of age and they are the social lepers of our times. What is often forgotten is that they are still people. As yet, there is no cure or vaccine to prevent the infection. Anyone who makes self-righteous statements with - deep conviction like 'Aids is the wrath of God' or 'Serves them right, they have made their bed, let them lie on it,' does not have the heart and mind of Christ. By the very nature of our discipleship, the Lord sends us out to heal, reconcile and love unconditionally. God's power is in its kindness which reaches hearts in ways beyond explaining. While we might feel a pang of moral outrage at the treatment received by lepers in the time of Christ, if the need arose could we be counted upon to bring his healing and compassion to a friend threatened by the dreaded disease of Aids?









WEE BOX, TWICE AS BIG

Your WEE BOXES could make twice the difference this Lent. All donations SCIAF receives by 17th May will be DOUBLED by the UK Government.

SCIAF began 50 years ago. Please collect your Lenten Box, which is returned on Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.







Bishop Stephen would live you to visit the Diocesan website

www.dunkelddiocese.org.uk

And respond to the questions on the Synod on the Family.

The website also has other important information about events in the days and weeks ahead, as we commemorate the 400th anniversary of the martyrdom of St John Ogilvie and details of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and other events in the Diocese.

