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18th Sunday of the Year
2nd August 2020 - Liturgical Year A
Next Sunday is the 19th Sunday of the Year



This week:

Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St John Vianney]
Wednesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [Dedication of St Mary Major]
Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [The Transfiguration]
Friday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Dominic]
Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Next Sunday: Masses at 9.30 and 11.00

Hopefully we will continue to stream our Masses on You Tube.

Our Masses are open each day for approximately 30 people on a first come first served basis. Please follow the directions and keep social distance. Holy Communion [in the hand] will be distributed at the end of Mass.

The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle found in all four gospels. Only Matthew's account refers to five thousand men, women and children. There is nothing in any of the accounts to support the view that that the miracle was really people sharing their food with each other. The miracle is entirely the work of God, performed by Jesus. It recalls how God alone fed manna in the desert.

Of your charity, please pray for:

Our recently deceased: Sheila Lynch, Frances Toshney & Caroline De Luca
and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Denis Tully, Charles Vance, Ann Marshall, Jane Smith & Fr Tony Boyle
or those sick in hospital or at home

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for the considerable donations [£1101.50 (Gift Aid - £595) received this week by cheque and into the parish bank account'

If you are able to make a donation to the parish or a direct debit, our bank details are:

Royal Bank of Scotland - Kingsway Circus Branch

277 Strathmartine Road, Dundee DD3 8NS

Trustees for the RC Diocese of Dunkeld—St Peter and Paul Mission

Sort Code: 83-18-12

Account Number: 00106267

Our Gift Aid envelopes are available if you are at Mass this weekend

Today's Mass Readings for the 18th Sunday of the Year

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

"Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters." God invites his people to come to him for true life

Responsorial: Psalm 144:8-9, 15-18

R./: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:35-39

The love of Christ holds us in a strong embrace

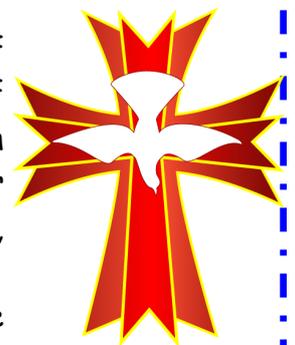
Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

The loaves and fishes foreshadow the Eucharist, the true bread of life

CONFIRMATIONS



Bishop Stephen will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our children who missed out because of the virus on the Feast of St Andrew - Monday 30th November - in St Andrew's Cathedral at 7.00 p.m. Our young people will also be joined by children from St Mary's, Lochee and Our Lady of Victories, who also missed out. More details will follow and as most of the children are will be at St John's High after the holidays, myself, Fr mark Cassidy and Fr Michael Carrie will meet with them nearer the time. Lets all hope that we will be able to celebrate then.



We are open for Mass on each morning at 9.30 a.m., and at the usual times for Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning, and please follow directions to seats

Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and should be received in the hand, and you are asked to leave immediately after receiving Holy Communion.

Using social distancing we can probably allow 27/30 people to Mass. There is no Holy Water and the Fonts and there will be no sign of peace. You must wear a mask at all times and sanitise your hands.

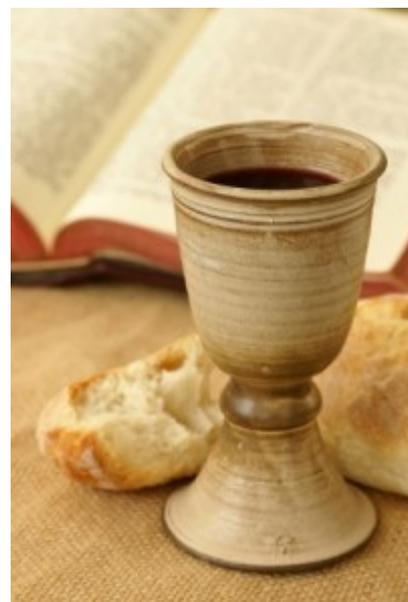
Please do not congregate outside the church after Mass.



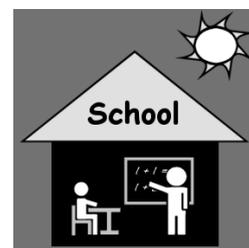
FIRST COMMUNIONS

All being well we hope to have our delayed First Communion on the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 22nd

November - at 11 o'clock Mass. More details when school hopefully resumes. First Confessions will be arranged also.



SCHOOL STARTING AND EXAM RESULTS



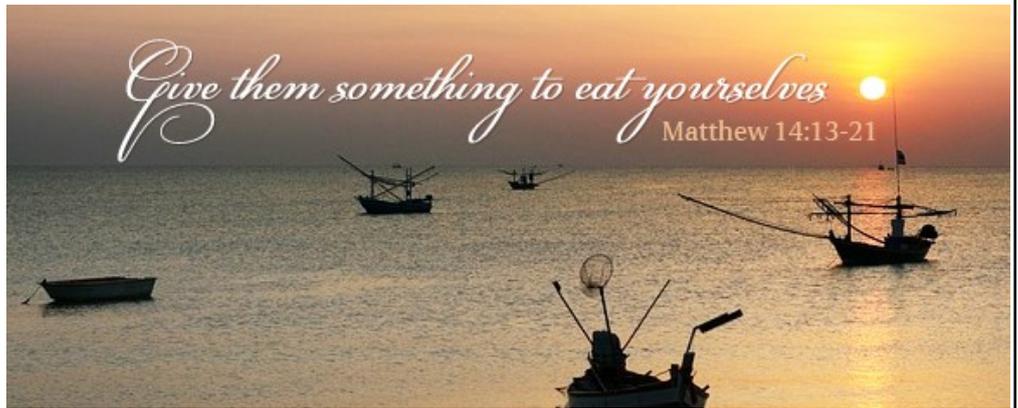
Our children return to school on Wednesday 12th August and we wish them well. We also hope those waiting for SQA Results on Tuesday get the results they hope for.

Our congratulations to Mrs Denise Derby who has been appointed the substantive Head Teacher of St Peter and Paul's replacing Mrs Debbie Gallacher who is now a Quality Improvement Officer with Dundee City Council.

The parish looks forward to working with Mrs Derby in the coming years

Hungers of body and spirit

The crowds in today's gospel had nothing to eat, but our Lord knew they had another hunger apart from that of the stomach. They followed Jesus, listening to every word he spoke, and in none of the stories does it say that they were



bothered about food for the body. In today's episode, it is the apostles who expressed this concern, on behalf of the people. In another place it says that Jesus "looked at the crowd, and felt sorry for them, because they had been with him for several days, and had nothing to eat." Yet the twin hungers in today's world are for meaning as well as for food.

Jesus sets the apostles a seemingly impossible challenge. When they point out the lack of food he tells them to feed the people themselves. This, of course, cannot be done, and they tell him so. He then taught them, and us, a basic lesson: "Whatever you have is enough. Just let me have it, and I will do the rest." At Cana, all they had was water, and it was all he needed; He would do the rest. In another version of this story, where one of the apostles says "We only have a few loaves and some fish, but what is that among so many?" The temptation was to put the loaves and fish back in the bag.

There is power in the actions of Jesus as he says a prayer and begins distributing the bread. Before he called Lazarus forth from the tomb, he raised his eyes to heaven, and said "I thank you, Father, that you have heard me." It was his constant contact with the Father that inspired his actions. At his baptism in the Jordan he had heard the Father's voice saying "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." He lived constantly with the Father's approval, even when everyone else rejected him. What a lesson this is for all of us! In commissioning his apostles, later on, he would tell them to feed the hungry. Because he came "to do and to teach," that is why he fed the hungry before sending his disciples to do the same.

It is a scandal that so large a part of today's world is made up of hungry people. Most of us have more than we need of money, clothes, food, etc. We may not have as much as we want, but we have more than we need. There is a struggle here, and there is a tension from which we cannot escape. "Whatever you do for the least of these, I will take as being done for me." The decisions to walk in the Christian Way removes many of my options and choices. Christianity is much more than just saying prayers. It is also a call to action. It is a call to do as Jesus would do. I cannot read today's gospel and remain indifferent or detached.

"It is in giving that we receive." When we give, we discover that we are not at a loss. It is an extraordinary paradox, but it is literally me. I will never know this until I try it. How do you consider yourself in the whole area of responsibility for the welfare of others? We are all familiar with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, and Mary's Meals etc., and we may admire what they do. But we must go beyond admiration and become willing to imitate, and follow their example. Christianity is about witnessing, and in the witnessing is the invitation to "go and do likewise." The opposite to love is not hatred, but indifference. If God is love, and I am indifferent, then I must seriously examine where God is in my life. This is a fundamental and basic question that must be asked, and it must be answered.