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22nd Sunday of the Year
30th August 2020 - Liturgical Year A
Next Sunday is the 23rd Sunday of the Year



This week:

- Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Aidan]**
Funeral Mass for Cathy Walls at 10.30 [By invitation only]
- Tuesday Mass at 9.30 a.m. — WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION**
- Wednesday Mass at 9.30 a.m.**
- Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Gregory the Great]**
- Friday Mass at 9.30 a.m.**
- Saturday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.**
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.



From Rock and Keeper of the Keys, to 'Satan'!. When Peter tries to ensue Jesus' talk of dying, he forgets disciples are to follow Jesus - not lead him 'Get behind me' is another translation of how Jesus first called Peter - 'follow me'. Jesus' rebuke is also a renewed call to discipleship. Peter is called Satan, because had he succeeded here, he would have done what Satan failed to do

when testing Jesus.

Of your charity, please pray for:

Our recently deceased: Cathy Walls and Alice Morgan
and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr James Wallace
or those sick in hospital or at home; Mike McKay

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for the considerable donations [£682 (Gift Aid - £435) 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

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Our Gift Aid envelopes are available as are direct debit forms

Today's Mass Readings for the 22nd Sunday of the Year

Jeremiah 20:7-9 — Jeremiah describes the difficulties preaching the word brought him.

Psalm; For you my souls is thirsting, O lord my God

Romans 12:1-2 — Paul believes we must offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God.

Matthew 16:21-27 — Jesus warns of the suffering discipleship will involve.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There are no scheduled time for Confession as yet and we cannot use the Confessional Box. We are available for face to face, socially distanced confession on request any day of the week except Sunday.

Hospital chaplaincy and visitation

If you or a loved one is in hospital and wish to receive the Sacraments, please make contact with the Duty Hospital Chaplain on 07821 624124. Other priests have been refused entry to wards at this time. The chaplain can be contacted by pager through the hospital switchboard on 01382 660111.

SCIAF BOXES

Some of you may still have SCIAF Lenten Boxes at home. If you have, perhaps you can change any money into notes or a cheque and let me have it as soon as possible. The Government have agreed to double any donations received by the end of September.

Funeral for Cathy Walls

The remains of the late Cathy Walls will be received into the Church on Sunday at 6.00 p.m.

The Funeral Mass will be on Monday at 10.30 a.m.

Due to current restrictions attendance is by invitation only

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 and CONFIRMATION

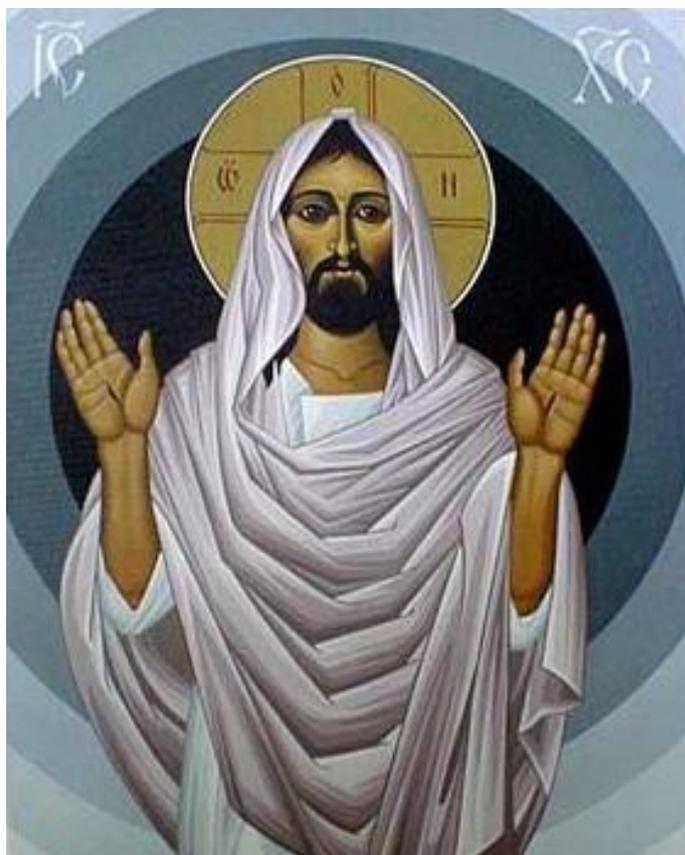
All being well we hope to have our delayed First Communion on the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 22nd November - at 11 o'clock Mass. More details later. First Confessions will be arranged also.



Confirmation, all being well, will be in St Andrew's Cathedral on 30th November at 7.00 p.m., Feast of St Andrew, with St Mary's, Lochee and Our Lady of Victories.

WORLD DAY OF CREATION - September 1st

Pope Francis writes:



The annual *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of this Day, on the same date as the Orthodox Church, will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our Orthodox brothers and sisters. We live at a time when all Christians are faced with the same decisive challenges, to which we must respond together, in order to be more credible and effective. It is my hope that this Day will in some way also involve other Churches and ecclesial Communities, and be celebrated in union with similar initiatives of the World Council of Churches.



The Cost of Discipleship

If invited to pick and choose within the Gospels, and form our religion only with what appeals to us, what a cosy, comfortable church we would have! We might keep the stories about Christ's



birth and infancy, his temptation in the desert and his healing miracles. We would include our favourite parables, like the Prodigal son, the Pharisee and the Publican, and of course, the Good Samaritan. But would we leave out that Gospel for today, that hard teaching about renouncing self, taking up the cross, losing our lives for the sake of Jesus? And even if we have not removed those words from our Gospels, do we remain deaf to them in practise, in our lives?

In a way, isn't following Christ like accepting a friend whom we must accept in full or not at all; welcoming the demands as well as the benefits of friendship? Just as we need to take people as they are, without trying to change them to suit ourselves, so with the Gospel: we accept the whole of Christ's recorded words, because we trust him and know that his ways are truth.

So what does the Lord want from us? What does he mean by "renounce yourself," "lose your life for my sake," "carry your cross," or "present your bodies as a holy sacrifice?" Surely these words don't refer to anything suicidal, to devaluing of this present life, its joys and its achievements? And yet, are these not something more than a pious way of saying: Put up with what cannot be changed? These are questions to revolve in the mind, without expecting any quick or simple solution. If we will allow, God's Word challenges us out of any complacency with a comfortable, conforming religion. It unmaskes our many evasions, our double standards, our desire for "cheap grace" — wanting salvation at cut price, unwilling to involve ourselves in sacrifice.

Perhaps a clue to this demand is in the first reading, in Jeremiah's extraordinary accusation that he was seduced by God. Letting his prophetic vocation overpower him, Jeremiah was involved in many a thankless task. He had fallen in love with God, so that nothing held him back from doing God's will, no matter where this might lead. Have we fallen in love with Christ? Are we seduced by him, so as to give to his service all that is ours to give? Wouldn't that be becoming a living sacrifice?

We might overly focus on the "renunciation" in today's Gospel so as to miss its positive aspect. All growth, all lasting achievement demands effort and sacrifice. Yet the sacrifice can be a satisfying part of experience, when orientated towards a high and valued goal. (Examples: athletic training; mountain-climbing; studying a language; practising any skill.) So, the self discipline involved in Christian life, and accepting the circumstances in which God places us, contribute to our personal destiny. And we look forward in hope to the great reward of loyal service — when the Son of man, coming in glory, will reward all according to their behaviour.