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19th Sunday of the Year
9th August 2020 - Liturgical Year A
Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Assumption
[transferred from 15th August]



This week:

Monday: Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Lawrence]
Wednesday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Clare]
Thursday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Blane]
Friday: Mass at 9.30 a.m. [St Maximilan Kolbe]
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.

Our initial reaction to Peter's attempt to walk on the water is probably sympathy; he clearly believes that Jesus can make it possible for him to walk on the water...but on this water... Right now? Peter has made the fundamental mistake though. He says: 'Lord, if it you, tell me to come to you'. He is putting the Lord to the test - just as Satan tried to do in the desert following Jesus' baptism by John

Of your charity, please pray for:

Our recently deceased: Derek Mortali, Mike Finnan & Teresa Kenneth
and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alice Donnachie, Leah Dello Sterpiao,
Norman Mackie & Elizabeth Kiddie
or those sick in hospital or at home

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for the considerable donations [£964 (Gift Aid - £387) 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 are direct debit forms

Today's Mass Readings for the 19th Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 — God is a calming presence in both the First Reading and Gospel today. In this reading, Elijah finds God not in the storm but in the gentle breeze.

Romans 9:1-5 — Paul acknowledges the role of the Jews in the salvation history. He would do anything to help them see this.

Matthew 14:22-33 — Jesus shows us that when we keep our eyes on him, none of life's storms can hurt us.

REQUIEM MASSES

This week we celebrate Funeral Masses for two of our faithful parishioners:

On Thursday, we will celebrate the Funeral Mass for Teresa Kenneth, who died on August 5th in Ninewells. Mass will be 11.00 a.m., on Thursday 13th August, with burial in Birkhill.

On Friday we will celebrate the Funeral Mass for Derek Mortali, with Mass at 11.30 followed by committal at Dundee Crematorium at 12.30.

Unfortunately in these times of the Virus, admission to the Mass will be by invitation only; similarly at the Graveside and Crematorium.

We hope to arrange streaming of the Masses. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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.

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

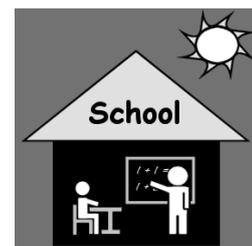
All being well we hope to have our delayed First Communion on the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 22nd November - at 11 o'clock Mass. More details when school hopefully resumes. First Confessions will be arranged also.

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.



SCHOOL STARTING AND EXAM RESULTS

Our schools reopen this Wednesday, 12 August. Hopefully all the young people who have received their results from the SQA will have got the grades they hoped for. If not, anyone can appeal their results through the school.



Let pray too for all the children, young people, teachers, classroom assistants and all school staff members. This year's return to school - after such a long time away - will not be without its challenges - so good luck to all.

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS:

MONDAY

St Lawrence [Deacon and Martyr] was martyred in Rome in the persecution of Valerian in the year 258, four days after Pope Sixtus II and his fellow deacons.

TUESDAY

St Clare, Virgin, born at Assisi in 1193, died 1253. She followed St Francis in his life of poverty and was founder and leader of the Poor Clares. She led an austere life abounding in work of piety and charity.

WEDNESDAY

St Blane or Blann. Bishop who was born in Ireland and was influenced by St Cogall and St Kenneth, before travelling to the Isle of Bute. He finally settled on mainland Scotland, where he built a monastery on what would become the site of a Cathedral begun by David I, in the place that would bear his name - Dunblane. He died in 590

FRIDAY

St Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan and died in Auschwitz after volunteering to replace a man condemned to death who had a family



To be human is to be a risk-taker. Every choice we make involves risk. Even the food we eat involves some risk. But, of course, it also nourishes our body. Like every risk, there are two sides to it and maturity consists in being able to assess the risk accurately.

Some risks are more obvious than others. When Jesus called Peter to come to him across the water, the most obvious risk was one of drowning. Yet there was an opportunity to meet the master, to trust him, to show one's faith in him. Peter's choice was stark, to risk drowning or to refuse the call of Jesus. Sunday's gospel tells us the choice Peter made.

Similar choices face us in following Christ. For some there is the risk of giving up the security of job or career to follow him in full-time ministry. There is the risk that it will not work out. For others, there is the risk involved in committing oneself to another in permanent Christian marriage. It, too, may not work out as planned. For the single person, the risk is in living a life of outgoing generous love and service where the care may not be reciprocated.

In these choices, the possible loss involved is sometimes much more obvious than the gain. It takes the wisdom of the spirit of God to discern and decide which risks are worth taking. Some can never take the risk of trusting themselves or God. This inability is a serious handicap because the road to happiness consists in choosing the truly best option and in following it through. Peter did that and walked on water with the help of Jesus.



The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, usually falls on 15th August, but it has been transferred this year to Sunday 16th August.

This feast honours the blessedness that was her destiny, the glorification of the immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ.

This is a celebration that offers to the Church and to all humanity an exemplar and a consoling message, teaching us the fulfillment of our highest hopes. Our own future glorification is happily in store for those who Christ had made brothers and sisters by taking on our flesh and blood.