



Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

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17th Week in Ordinary Time Year A

The Greatest Treasure of My Life

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then, in his joy, he sells all he has and buys that field."

Matthew 13:44

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to reflect on what we value most in life. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a treasure hidden in a field and to a pearl of great price. In both parables, those who discover the treasure are filled with such joy that they willingly give up everything else in order to possess it.

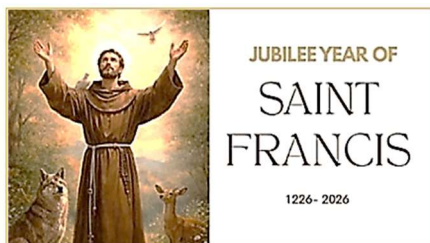
These images challenge each of us with a simple but profound question: **What is the greatest treasure of my life?**

We live in a world that constantly encourages us to seek success, comfort and security. Yet Christ reminds us that the greatest treasure cannot be bought, earned or possessed by our own efforts. The true treasure is a living relationship with Him—a relationship that gives meaning to everything else we have and everything we do.

During these summer weeks many people are travelling, spending time with family, or enjoying a well-earned holiday. Let us remember that a holiday is also an opportunity to renew our friendship with God. Wherever we may be, Sunday remains the Lord's Day, inviting us to gather around His altar, to listen to His Word and to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. **May we pray this week for the wisdom of King Solomon, who asked God not for riches or power, but for an understanding heart. May we too learn to recognise Christ as the greatest treasure of our lives and to place Him above everything else.**

May the Lord bless you and your families with His peace and joy.

Fr Leszek Więcaszek SAC
Parish Priest



FRANCISCAN JUBILEE REFLECTION

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the **treasure hidden in a field** and the **pearl of great price** (Matthew 13:44–52). The one who discovers this treasure is filled with such joy that he willingly gives up everything else to possess it. These words beautifully reflect the life of **St Francis of Assisi**. Francis discovered that the greatest treasure was not wealth, success or comfort, but **Jesus Christ Himself**. Having encountered the

Lord, he joyfully let go of everything else so that his heart could belong entirely to God.

As we continue to celebrate the **Franciscan Jubilee**, we are invited to ask ourselves: *What is the treasure of my life?* Do I seek first the Kingdom of God, or have other things taken its place? May the witness of St Francis inspire us to rediscover the joy of the Gospel, to live with simplicity, and to recognise Christ as the priceless treasure worth giving everything for. **"My God and my All!"** – the prayer of St Francis – may become our own prayer this week

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *Please Note*

There will be no Children's Liturgy this or the following two Sundays due to holidays – we will recommence on Sunday 2nd August. **Wishing you all happy holidays.**

ON THE WEEKEND OF 25–26 JULY 2026:

as we celebrate this weekend the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the Church will also observe the Sixth **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**.

May our grandparents and elderly parishioners always know that they are valued, loved and never forgotten by God or by the Church.

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DUNKELD NEWS

The latest issue of *Dunkeld News* is now available in our parish. Please take one copy for your family.

FR MARK CONNOLLY DEANERY MISSION APPEAL

Thank You for Your Generosity

Last weekend we were delighted to welcome **Fr Mark Connolly** from **St Joseph's House, Cardonald**, who visited our parish on behalf of the **Mill Hill Missionaries** for the annual Deanery Mission Appeal.

We sincerely thank Fr Mark for sharing with us the inspiring work of the Church's missionaries and for reminding us of our common responsibility to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported the appeal through their generous donations and prayers. Your kindness will help the Mill Hill Missionaries continue their pastoral, educational and humanitarian work among communities in need across the world.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity, and may He continue to bless the missionary work of the Church.

Please keep Fr Mark and all missionaries in your prayers.

As a sign of our care and appreciation, we warmly invite everyone, **especially elderly parishioners** to join us on **Tuesday 28th July** for Holy Mass at 10.00am, followed by tea, coffee and some sweet treats.



EXPERIENCING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

*Parish Eucharistic
Revival Project*

In August, our parish will begin a new programme of prayer, formation and spiritual renewal focused on the Eucharist.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12
"You have asked for yourself understanding."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 119(118) 97a
"O Lord, how I love your law!"

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30
"He predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son."

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Matthew 11:25
Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. **Alleluia**

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52
"He sells all that he has and buys that field"

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays: Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass at 10.00am followed by coffee/tea in the hall.

Thursdays: Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass at 10.00am.

ALPHA IS FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO EXPLORE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH



We continue the ALPHA Course on Wednesday **29th July at 6.30pm** in Our Lady of Lourdes, in the church hall. *You are warmly invited to come along, to bring a family member, friend or anyone who is curious, to share some food and to get to know each other.*

Come along and see what you think

ON THE LOOK-OUT IF YOU HAVE A BABY'S HIGH-CHAIR

that you no longer need and can donate for use at parish functions in the hall, please speak to Fr Leszek or parish secretary at ololadmin@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

HOSPITAL VISITS BY A PRIEST

If you know someone in hospital who would like a visit from a priest for prayer, spiritual support, Holy Communion (*Viaticum: communion for dying*), Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Priest on call, at 07842 538056 ASAP.