

St John the Baptist's, Perth

SUNDAY MASS in St JOHN'S
6.30pm (Saturday Vigil)
& on Sunday
9am, 11am, 6.30pm

WEEKDAYS
Monday-Saturday
at 10am, Tuesday 7pm

MSZA ŚW.
PO POLSKU
Niedziela 5pm
Pojednania 4.15pm

RECONCILIATION
in St John's
Saturday
5-6pm



Priests: Very Rev. Martin Monsignor Drysdale STL VG, St John's Presbytery, 20 Melville Street, Perth, PH1 5PY (01738 622241)
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Second Sunday of Easter Year C 3rd April 2016

Welcome
to all
our
visitors

CHALLENGING DOUBT

"A week later, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came." —John 20:26

We have a Church full of doubting Thomases. As Thomas later became a great missionary and martyr, so these doubting Thomases today are called to renew the face of the earth in the power of the Holy Spirit (see Ps 104:30). However, they must first be transformed from having little faith to having strong faith.

We have a Church full of fearful disciples. These Christians acknowledge that Jesus is risen. However, because these disciples are locked in fear (see Jn 20:19), the doubting Thomases of the Church find it difficult to believe the fearful disciples. Fear feeds doubt, and doubt makes us more susceptible to fear, which makes our doubts worse, trapping us in greater fears

and uncertainties. Jesus broke this very vicious cycle by personally challenging Thomas' doubts and leading Him to faith. When Thomas cried out: "My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28), he prepared the way for the reception of the Holy Spirit by Jesus' disciples at Pentecost. Because the Holy Spirit is not a spirit of fear but of faith (see 2 Tm 1:7), after Pentecost Jesus' disciples were fearless in leading others to faith, fearlessness, and greater faith. Fearlessness feeds faith.

Because you are alive, you are either in a cycle of fear and doubt or a cycle of fearlessness and faith. On this last day of the octave of Easter, come to the risen Jesus, Who will put you in the cycle leading to eternal life.



Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia

International Party

On Friday 6th May, at 6:30pm, we will be holding our 3rd International Party - for the ethnic groups making up our parish community.

These groups are: the Scots, Poles, Indians, Filipinos, the Irish and Italians. The event will begin with a Mass at 6:30pm, followed by music and singing, as well as regional dishes will enjoy themselves and celebrate.

Each group has been invited to prepare its own brief artistic program and of course the local cuisine.

Teas after
the 11am
Mass on Sunday
and 10am Mass
on Tuesdays

Priests for
Scotland
A LIFE
WORTH
LIVING



Prayers

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Anne Hutchison and Tess Dilleen who died recently and for Waldemar Maryniak, Richard Wilkie, Alice McLoughlin, Joseph Collier, Myra Collier, Mary Duffey, Sean Ryan and the souls of all the faithful departed.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

For this Sunday's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord Jesus,
explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us
as you talk to us.

Miłosierne oblicze Chrystusa



Kto z nas czuje się człowiekiem niezachwianej wiary? Trudności w wierze spotykamy również u Apostołów.

I tak nieobecny w Wieczerniku Tomasz nie miał szczęścia ujrzeć Jezusa osobiście. Trudno mu było uwierzyć w prawdę zmartwychwstania.

Bał się, że opowieść o żyjącym Jezusie jest tanim sentymentalnym pocieszeniem, któremu ulegają jego towarzysze pod wpływem niewiast.

Dlatego Jezus przychodzi jeszcze raz, by nie zostawić Tomasza samego.

Wielu ludzi, których wiara obumarła, a potem na nowo zostali przez Boga znalezieni, może opowiedzieć historię, jak On się o nich upominał. Bóg w pogoni za człowiekiem próbuje rozmaitych metod. Posyła ludzi, tworzy nieprzewidziane zbiegi okoliczności, podsuwa książki, teksty, które pozwalają odkrywać rzeczywistość znajdującą się poza codzienną krzątaniną. Miłosierdzie Boże dociera do nas przez Serce Chrystusa.

To krzepiące orędzie kieruje Bóg szczególnie do człowieka udęconego bolesnymi doświadczeniami, ciężarem popełnionych grzechów, skłonnego ulec pokusie rozpacz. Jak naucza św. Jan Paweł II, „Takiemu człowiekowi ukazuje się łagodne oblicze Chrystusa, a promienie wychodzące z Jego Serca padają na niego, oświecają go i rozpalają, wskazują drogę i napełniają nadzieją. Jakże wielu sercom przyniosło otuchę wezwanie <<Jezu, ufam Tobie>>, które podpowiedziało nam Opatrzność za pośrednictwem św. Siostry Faustyny! Ten prosty akt zawierzenia Jezusowi przebija najgęstsze chmury i sprawia, że promień światła przenika do życia każdego człowieka”.

Obchodzona dziś Niedziela Miłosierdzia Bożego została ustanowiona dla całego Kościoła przez św. Jana Pawła II w 2000 r. Po raz pierwszy święta tego zapragnął sam Pan Jezus, zwracając się do świętej Faustyny w

Płocku w 1931 r. (por. Dz. 49). Święto dzisiejsze ma służyć uwielbieniu Bożego Miłosierdzia. Znakiem przypominającym nam o tym jest obraz Miłosiernego Chrystusa, z podpisem „Jezu ufam Tobie”, przez który Jezus obiecał udzielać łask. Święto dzisiejsze ma być czasem łaski dla wszystkich ludzi. Jezus obiecał, że kto tego dnia „przystąpi do Źródła Życia, ten dostąpi zupełnego odpuszczenia win i kar” (Dz. 300).

W innym miejscu powie Jezus do św. Faustyny: „Niechaj się nie lęka do mnie zbliżyć dusza słaba, grzeszna – mówi Bóg – a choćby miała więcej grzechów niż piasku na ziemi, utonie wszystko w otchłani miłosierdzia mojego” (Dz. 1059). Podstawowym warunkiem otwarcia się na Boga jest ufność. „Im dusza więcej zaufa, tym więcej otrzyma”. Z tego rodzi się miłosierdzie wobec bliźnich przez czyn, słowo i modlitwę (por. Dz. 742).

Obraz Jezusa Miłosiernego to znak dla nas. Na nim Jezus

zmartwychwstały staje przed nami tak, jak przed Tomaszem w Wieczerniku, otwiera Swój bok i mówi: Nie można pójść na śmierć za kogoś, kogo się nie kocha. Dotknij moich ran – to zapłata za twoje zbawienie!

I nie bądź niedowiarciem, lecz wierzącym! Zwróćmy się zatem ku Bogu w postawie wdzięczności za Jego nieskończone miłosierdzie i prośmy Go, by uczył nas nieustannie do Niego się odwoływać i w Nim odnajdywać siłę do obdarzania miłosierdziem innych. Bo – jak uczy św. S. Faustyna – „Miłosierdzie jest największym przymiotem Boga”.

Czegóż więc mamy się lękać, choćby nasze grzechy były największe, a nasza słabość najdotkliwsza? To właśnie konfesjał jest miejscem, w którym miłosierdzie Boga jest największe, bezwarunkowe i nieodwołalne. „Wszystkie moje grzechy i niedoskonałości spłoną jak słomka w ogniu Miłosierdzia Bożego” (św. S. Faustyna)

Spowiedź i Msza św.

W każdą niedzielę istnieje możliwość skorzystania z Sakramentu Pokuty od godz. 4:15pm. Zapraszamy do regularnej spowiedzi i do pełnego uczestnictwa we Mszy św. Msza św. o godz. 5pm.

Kalendarz Liturgiczny

W tym tygodniu w kalendarzu liturgicznym będziemy wspominać:

W poniedziałek – Uroczystość Zwiastowania Pańskiego.

W czwartek – Wspomnienie św. Jana Chrzciciela de la Salle, prezbitera.

Liturgia dziecięca

W każdą pierwszą niedzielę miesiąca liturgia Mszy św. dla dzieci. Najbliższa Msza św. dla dzieci 1 Maja o godz. 5pm. Zapraszamy do udziału wszystkie dzieci.

Parafialne Międzynarodowe Party

6 Maja (piątek) o godz. 6:30pm nasza Parafia organizuje III Międzynarodowe Party dla grup etnicznych tworzących naszą wspólnotę parafialną. Te grupy to: Szkoci, Polacy, Hindusi, Filipińczycy i Włosi. Imprezę rozpoczniemy Mszą św. o godz. 6:30pm, a następnie przy muzyce i śpiewie, oraz regionalnych potrawach będziemy się cieszyć sobą i świętować. Zapraszamy by każda grupa etniczna przygotowała swój krótki program artystyczny i oczywiście potrawy lokalnej kuchni. My Polacy pokażemy się również z dobrej strony i niech nasza regionalna kuchnia cieszy podniebienia wszystkich kosztujących nasze polskie potrawy. Serdecznie zapraszamy do licznego udziału!

Collections

Many thanks for your generosity; last week's income was - Offering £2777.53; Votives candles £69.25; Catholic papers - £18.44 and Church Shop £15.00

Holy Places Collection

The collection for the Holy Places which was taken on Good Friday raised £351.55.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy will take a short break after today - until Sunday 24th April. (New Rota at the back of the church).

Rotas

The rotas for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, for the next session, are now available to be picked up from the Sacristy.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club will take a short break now until Monday 18th April, at 12noon. Thanks to all our regulars and to our volunteers.

Union of Catholic Mothers



Tuesday 5th April, BINGO TEA in aid of Student Priesthood fund. Tickets £1 to include refreshments. Eyes down 7.30pm. All welcome for a great fun night. Prizes gratefully received. Next Meeting 5th April, Bingo Tea in aid of Priesthood fund.

Lourdes 2016

Dunkeld Diocesan 2016 Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop Stephen Robson on 8th - 15th July, by air from Edinburgh. For further information see notice at back of the Church.

Beetle Drive

19th Perth Brownies and Rainbows are celebrating some significant birthdays this year - Brownies started in St John's 75 years ago and Rainbows started 25 years ago.

To raise funds, and to help us celebrate, we are having a Beetle drive on 22nd April 2016 from 7pm in St John's Church Hall. Cost is £3 for an adult and £1 for child.

This lets you play the game, a cup of tea / juice and some biscuits / cakes. There will be a raffle and a cake and candy stall.

Tickets are available from Brownies, Rainbows or from Miss Monaghan in St John's Academy as well as at the door.

Perth Italian Association

BINGO TEA

*in aid of
Mukuru Street Children,
Mary's Meals and Club Funds*

**Eyes Down 7.30pm,
Monday 11th April**

in St John's Church Hall, Melville Street

Parish Library

*Borrow from
our extensive
range*



Perth Catholic Youth Project



Holiday Club

**Theme - An Easter Party
For ages 8-11**

**9.15am- 3.15pm, Monday 4th April,
in St John's Church Hall**

**Free admission - please bring
a packed lunch**

**Please sign up on the noticeboard
at the back of the church**

World Meal - Saturday 7th May

Dunkeld Youth Service invites you to come and enjoy a delicious sit down meal of cuisine from around the world. You will be served by the young people preparing to travel to Poland this summer to meet other young people from around the world. Tickets cost £10 and include a glass of fizz and welcome canapés; a raffle ticket and entertainment from our talented musicians. You then pay, in addition, what you think the meal itself is worth at the end of the evening. There will be wine on the table.

St Ninian Institute, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee. DD3 6XY

All bookings for the Church Hall and rooms for the period 30th March to 20th April should be made as soon as possible before 30th March by calling the dedicated telephone number below.....

07549 605007

within these times:

Monday 7-9pm

Wednesday 12noon-2pm

Friday 11am-12noon



Catholic Papers

Catholic newspapers the Scottish Catholic Observer, Catholic Herald, Catholic Times etc are available in the church porch - please take copies and share them with the wider community.

Parish Shop

*New stock - cards for
Easter, First Communion
Baptism and Confirmation*

Pope Francis' Easter Message - Urbi et Orbi

Dear Brothers and Sisters

A Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay" (Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew.

Triumph over Hatred

The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love: it is about leaving ourselves

behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... "Come and see!": Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

The Risen Lord

With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord!

Help us to seek you and to find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you.

Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible.

Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned.

Enable us to care for our brothers and sisters struck by the Ebola epidemic in Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone and Liberia, and to care for those suffering from so many other diseases which are also spread through neglect and dire poverty.

Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests

and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped.

Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity and, not infrequently, of freely professing their faith.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent.

We pray in a particular way for Syria, beloved Syria, that all those suffering the effects of the conflict can receive needed humanitarian aid and that neither side will again use deadly force, especially against the defenseless civil population, but instead boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue!

Bring Comfort

Jesus, Lord of glory, we ask you to comfort the victims of fratricidal acts of violence in Iraq and to sustain the hopes raised by the resumption of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

We beg for an end to the conflicts in the Central African Republic and a halt to the brutal terrorist attacks in parts of Nigeria and the acts of violence in South Sudan.

We ask that hearts be turned to reconciliation and fraternal concord in Venezuela.

By your resurrection,



*Christ is risen,
Khrystos voskres!
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia*

which this year we celebrate together with the Churches that follow the Julian calendar, we ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace in Ukraine so that all those involved, with the support of the international community, will make every effort to prevent violence and, in a spirit of unity and dia-

logue, chart a path for the country's future. On this day, may they be able to proclaim, as brothers and sisters, that Christ is risen, Khrystos voskres!

Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace!

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and return with your collection - or hand to the priest after Mass