

St John the Baptist's, Perth

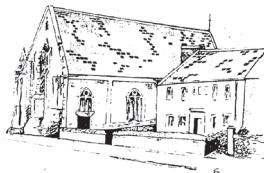
SUNDAY MASS in St JOHN'S
6.30pm (Saturday Vigil)
& on Sunday
9am, 11am, 6.30pm

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)
and Rev. Bogdan Palka SDS 16 Melville Street Perth PH1 5PY (01738 564182)
Permanent Deacons: Rev. Len Moir (01738 451677) and Rev. Krzysztof Jablonski (01783 636589)



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 28th August 2016

Welcome
to all
our
visitors

THE HUMBLEST HUMBLENESS

"For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled and he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

Jesus invites us to humble ourselves by taking the lowest place (Lk 14:10) and by inviting "beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind" to eat with us (Lk 14:13). Most people take Jesus' words as a suggestion and encouragement to be humble and help the poor. Jesus, however, indicates that His words are to be taken much more seriously when He concluded His command with the words: "You should be pleased that they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid in the resurrection of the just" (Lk 14:14). Jesus' call to humility and service is of ultimate significance.

When Jesus commands

us to humble ourselves, it means much, much more than these words coming from anyone else. Jesus washed the feet of the apostles (Jn 13:4ff) and "humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!" (Phil 2:8) Jesus has humbled Himself by giving Himself to us in Holy Communion. He is so humbled that He doesn't look like God or even like a man. He looks like bread and wine. When this crucified, eucharistic God-Man speaks of humbling ourselves, He speaks with a depth and love far beyond anything we have ever heard.

Humble yourself — by Jesus' standards.



Prayers for the victims of the recent earthquake in Italy

Bene Merenti

Today Bishop Stephen will be at St John's next Sunday at the 11am Mass to present the Papal Medal - Bene Merenti - to Mary Doogan and Joan Sweeney in recognition of 50 years service as 'tea ladies'.

Do come along to join in the celebrations - there will be a wee reception in the hall after Mass.

Congratulations to Joan and Mary - and our grateful thanks for their wonderful years of service in the parish.



On behalf of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld in Scotland, and especially on behalf of the Italian Communities of Perth and Dundee in my Diocese, I would like to express my condolences and solidarity with all the Italian people and especially those most affected on the occasion of the recent devastating earthquake.

The prayers of our people and the offering of Holy Mass for those who suffer and mourn can be assured. As someone who lived in Italy for a long time and came to know and love Italian culture and her people I feel personally for those who are suffering.

With every blessing and prayer.

Bishop Stephen

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 Peter Gowran, Adam McNee, John Campbell, Nancy McLellan, Laura Methven, Jack Kirkpatrick, Dennis Gavin and Terence Lanni 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

Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Your words are spirit, Lord
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.



Niespodziewana zmiana miejsc

Carlo Caretto w książce „Ponad rzecząmi” napisał: „Kiedy dotrzemy do bram raju, po kilku tysiącach lat regularnego czyścica i będziemy się tloczyć u wejścia pośród krewnych, znajomych i przyjaciół a anioł Boży, przeciskając się pośród nas będzie wołał: Wszyscy na swoje miejsca! – to wówczas wszyscy rzucimy się w kierunku ostatniego miejsca i tłok się zrobi nie przy wejściu, lecz w najdalszym kącie, zwłaszcza jeżeli będzie pogräżony w cieniu. Zdarzy się coś dokładnie odwrotnego niż to, co dzieje się tu, na ziemi, kiedy w mieście wsiadamy do autobusu i wszyscy chrześcijanie, nie wyłączając sióstr zakonnych, rozpychają się łokciami, żeby wejść przed innymi”. Czy w

niebie ci, którzy tu wpuścią się na pierwsze trony, będą honorowani przez Jezusa, jak tego się domagali na ziemi od innych? Czy ci, którzy tu noszą czcigodne nakrycia głowy, mankiety, epolety, sygnety, tytuły, odznaczenia i jeżdżą swoimi limuzynami, będą zażywać wyjątkowego szacunku od Jezusa? Niby wszyscy o tym wiedzą, że tak nie będzie, ale nikt się specjalnie nie kwapi w cień pokory. Ci, którzy w tym świecie są ostatni, w tamtym będą pierwszymi. Jezus wiedział, że każdy wybiera sobie najdostojniejszą pozycję na uczcie. Szkoda, że my nie widzimy, jak bardzo walczymy o to, by nasze zdanie się liczyło, by nasza osoba doznała szacunku! Nawet kiedy wypowiadamy opinie o innych, to najczęściej w krytyczny sposób. Dlaczego? Bo w ten sposób, nie mówiąc nic o sobie samych, okazujemy się lepsi. Gromadzimy się wokół tych najpopularniejszych, pomijamy mało znaczących, mizernych, nieudaczników. Chcemy partycypować w czymś autorytetycznym. Chwalimy się, że znamy osoby sławne i wstydzimy się niekiedy naszych rodziców, cytujemy mądre książki i nie mamy odwagi powiedzieć ani słowa o swoich wadach i pomyłkach. Próżność, jak sama nazwa wskazuje, jest próżnią, pustką, nicością i dlatego

potrzebuje uniformów, pióropuszy i orderów. Rosyjski malarz Nikos Safronov zarobił mnóstwo pieniędzy, malując postacie rosyjskiej elity w bogatych uniformach sprzed wieków. Rzecz ciekawa, że inni potrzebują rozbierania się do naga, by zwrócić na siebie uwagę! Cokolwiek by człowiek nie uczynił, bez ubrania, czy też w szatach królewskich, nie jest w stanie ani ukryć swej dumy, ani się jej pozbyć. Trzeba jeszcze wspomnieć o pysze pokornych. Izaak z Niniwy odróżnił pokorę, jaką ludzie starają się zachować na zewnątrz, od pokory, która jest darem Ducha św. Gdybyśmy chcieli gruntownie przyjrzeć się tej pierwszej to u korzenia zobaczylibyśmy zakamuflowaną ambicję bycia lepszym od innych przez demonstrowanie świetnej imitacji pokory. Zycie ideałami rzadko pokrywa się z życiem w prawdzie. W żadnej przestrzeni pycha nie dochodzi tak do głosu jak w sferze religijnej. Nawet modlitwa bywa często podświadomym narcyzmem, nawet z liturgii można uczynić teatr, nawet w szybce monstrancji można przeglądać się jak w lustrze, sprawdzając, czy włosy są w należytym porządku, nawet pisząc o pokorze, można myśleć, że już się ją posiada.

Sunday Reflection

Tydzien Modlitw o Powołania

Tydzien modlitw o powołania kapłańskie i zakonne przypada w tym roku od 18 – 25 września. Msza św. w intencji nowych powołań będzie odprawiona przez Bp Stephen Robsona 19 września o godz. 7pm w Katedrze św. Andrzeja w Dundee. Zapraszamy do wspólnej modlitwy w tej jakże ważnej sprawie Kościoła powszechnego.

Vocations Mass

Pielgrzymka do Carfin

Doroczna pielgrzymka do Carfin Grotto ku czci św. Małgorzaty Szkockiej odbędzie się 4 września 2016 r. Uroczystej Mszy św. będzie przewodniczył Arcybiskup Philip Tartaglia a homilię wygłosi Arcybiskup Leo Cushley.

Zapraszamy do udziału!

Pilgrimage to Carfin



Ostatnie chwile wakacji...

Dobiegają końca nasze tegoroczne wakacje i znów zapełnią się nasze szkoły i sale wykładowe, dzieci i młodzież wracają do nowych planów lekcji, rodzice do pracy i niezbędnych obowiązków. Po raz kolejny możemy powtórzyć to stare powiedzenie że „wszystko co dobre szybko się kończy”. Wracając do szkół i uczelni, naszych miejsc pracy i naszych zacisznych mieszkań nie zapominajmy też o naszym parafialnym kościele, który niech będzie co niedzielę miejscem mojego spotkania z Panem Jezusem. Tenże Jezus niech napełnia nas nowymi łaskami na kolejny rok szkolny i akademicki i niech błogosławi każdej naszej polskiej rodzinie na kolejne miesiące nauki i pracy. Matka Najświętsza niech swoim wstawiennictwem przed tronem Bożym będzie nam wierną wspomoczką w czasie naszych zajęć i odpoczynku. Maryjo, Królowo Polski – módl się za nami!

Back to school

Kalendarz Liturgiczny

W tym tygodniu w kalendarzu liturgicznym wspominać będziemy:

W poniedziałek

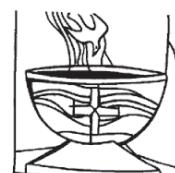
– Wspomnienie męczeństwa św. Jana Chrzciciela.

W czwartek

– Wspomnienie bł. Bronisławy, dziewicy.

W sobotę

– Wspomnienie św. Grzegorza Wielkiego, papieża i doktora Kościoła.



Feastdays this week

Liturgia dziecięca

Wznawiamy po wakacyjnej przerwie nasze msze dziecięce. Wzorem lat poprzednich Msze św. dla dzieci w każdej pierwszej niedzieli miesiąca. Zatem najbliższa Msza św. dla dzieci będzie 4 września 2016 r. o godz. 5pm. Zapraszamy do udziału wszystkie dzieci!

Children's Liturgy

Collections

Many thanks for your generosity; last week's income was - Sunday collection - £1506.62 and €5; Votives Candles - £54.04; Catholic Papers - £19.27; Church Shop - £10 and SCIAF - £10.



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.

Perth Foodbank

The need for food parcels continues to grow. Since 1st April supply of parcels has increased by 37% and the number of people helped by 45%.

Although we have an adequate stock of most foodstuffs, we are in urgent need of more sugar, long-life milk, juice and treats (sweets, chocolate and crisps). Donations can be left in the Foodbank box at the back of the church after each weekend Mass.

We also urgently need more volunteers to cope with the extra demand. If you can spare a couple of hours one afternoon, please speak to Ivan Carnegie or David Smith.



Union of Catholic Mothers

Please note change of date for Carfin. This is now on Sunday 4th September. Anyone wishing to go please contact Rosanna to add your name to the list.

Ordinations and vocations

We pray for Fr Ninian Doohan who was ordained to the priesthood earlier this week and for Dr Harry Schnitker who will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at 11am on Sunday 4th September - for service in our prisons.

Dr Schnitker extends a warm welcome to you to join him on the occasion of his ordination.

Please keep the following student priests in your prayers:

Malcolm Hutchison as he begins his studies in the Pontifical Scots College in Rome in September;

Jude Mukuro, who will be with Mgr Ken McCaffrey in Ss Peter and Paul's, Dundee until he begins his studies in January in St Mary's College, Oscott;

Andrew Marshall who has now completed his fourth year at St Mary's, Oscott.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy continues on Sundays at the 9am Mass. If your child is aged between pre-school and 9 years old - they are welcome to come along.

If your child is under 4 you are invited to come along too!

Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning for Cornhill Macmillan Drop-in Centre in St John's RC Church Hall on Saturday, 3rd September from 10am-2pm. Home Baking, Raffle, Tombola.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club continues on Mondays at 12 noon, in the Church Hall - all welcome.

Youth Group

Our youth group continues on Wednesdays - from 6-8.30pm in the church hall - with lots to report back from their trip to the World Youth Day in Poland. New members welcome.

Parish Shop

New copies Day by Day
for August - £1 each

Parish Library

Borrow from
our extensive
range



All bookings for the Church Hall, and rooms, should be made using the dedicated phone line

07549 605007
only within these times:

Monday 7-9pm
Wednesday 12noon-2pm
Friday 11am-12noon

Please respect others who use the hall and kitchen - by leaving it clean and tidy at all times.

HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL

May we, O Holy Spirit, bear your fruit,
Your joy and peace pervade each word we say.
May love become of life the very root
And grow more steep and strong with every day.

Bathed in the light of your love, oh Lord,
We are guarded by you, held in your hand,
Raised by the light of your love, oh Lord,
Your will is my one command

May patience stem the harmful word and deed,
And kindness seek the good among the wrong.
May goodness far beyond our lips proceed,
As manifest in action, as in song.

May faithfulness endure yet as we grow,
May gentleness lend courage to the weak.
And in our self restraint, help us to know,
The grace that made the King of Heaven meek.

Feastdays this week

Monday 29th
Beheading
of St John the Baptist

Saturday 3rd
St Gregory the Great

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

Supporting St Stephen's, Blairgowrie

The Cecilian Choir have very kindly agreed to perform a Charity Concert at the Town Hall, Blairgowrie on Monday September 26th from 7pm to 10pm in aid of the planned reparation programme for St. Stephen's RC Church, Blairgowrie.

Tickets (at £10 each which includes a glass of wine and finger buffet).

During the interval there will be wine, soft drinks and snacks.

If you require further information please contact Margaret Young 01250 875086



Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations Awareness Week will be celebrated during the week 18th - 25th September, 2016.

The Annual Diocesan Vocations Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 19th September at 7pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF
ST MARGARET
OF SCOTLAND
SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

Carfin Grotto

Mass at 3pm

Principal Celebrant
will be Archbishop Tartaglia

Preacher will be
Archbishop Leo Cushley

Justice and Peace

Here I would like to indicate ... : the option or love of preference for the poor. This is an option or a special form of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity to which the whole tradition of the church bears witness. It affects the life of each Christian inasmuch as he or she seeks to imitate the life of Christ, but it applies equally to our social responsibilities and hence to our manner of living, and to the logical decisions to be made concerning the ownership and use of goods.

Sollicitudo Rei Socialis 42.1

CARITAS - ministry Leaders and supervisors

Thirty five S6 pupils from St John's Academy have accepted the invitation to take part in the Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Awards this year.

One of the most important aspects of Caritas is the 20 hours service that they are asked to complete in their local parish and faith community.

This is an invaluable opportunity for us to include young people in our ministry and to give them a positive experience of parish life; their service can also help to enrich our own contributions to the life of the parish.

If you have been involved in supervising the work of these young people in the past, or if

you lead a church group or ministry and would like to be involved, then I have two invitations to share with you:

Leaders Meeting

There will be a briefing meeting at St John's Academy, Gowans Terrace, Perth on Wednesday 31st August at 7pm for priests, the leaders of all ministry areas and church groups as well as the adults who have been and would like to be (with the permission of your parish priest) involved in the supervision of Caritas Award participants.

Invitation to School

Leaders of parish ministries and Caritas Award supervisors are invited to come to St John's Acad-

emy at 11am on Monday 5th September. You will have the opportunity to meet the Caritas participants and they will have the chance to ask you some questions about your ministry.

The hope is that this will help the parish and the young people to discuss and agree suitable service for the benefit of all. If you can't make it, we would appreciate it if you would elect a representative to attend instead or inform your parish priest.

If you would like to be involved in supporting the Caritas Award in your parish please contact your parish priest or email: youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

August - October 2016

Introduction to Working in a Catholic School with Margaret McFarlane

4.30-6.30pm, 23rd August
at St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee
Free entry - funded by the diocese

Catholic approach to atheism

First of two identical presentations exploring the concepts of atheism and humanism from a Catholic perspective
Followed by 3 on-line assessments with Fr Rogi Thomas

7pm-8.30pm, 6th September
at St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee
Module with assessment - £100
Presentation only - £10

God's Loving Plan

Two identical presentations for teachers and parents who have not yet had an opportunity to explore this programme with Mgr Ken McCaffrey

4.30-6.30pm, 30th August
at St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee
and

4.30-6.30pm, 7th September
at St John's Academy, Perth
Free entry - funded by the diocese

Introduction to Islam

Exploring the core teaching of Islam with the teaching of Catholicism
Followed by 3 on-line assessments with Dr Harry Schnitker

7pm-8.30pm, 13th September
St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee
Module with assessment - £100
Presentation only - £10

The Sacrament of Confirmation

4.30-6.30pm, 31st August

First of three identical presentations Followed by 3 on-line assessments with Canon Kevin Golden
at St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee
Module with assessment - £50
Presentation only - £10

The Human Being through Catholic eyes

An introduction to Catholic Anthropology with Bishop John Keenan

7pm-8.30pm, 6th October
St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee
Module with assessment - £100
Presentation only - £10

ENQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION

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