

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)



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 11th September 2016

Welcome
to all
our
visitors

Vocations Awareness Week

This Sunday we begin our celebration of Vocations Awareness Week in Scotland – a time when we are encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

As we begin this period of prayer for Vocations, this weekend's Gospel provides us with the perfect template of priestly ministry – the Good Shepherd who searches for the lost sheep.

Now I've never met a shepherd. I have no idea of how you become a shepherd. I don't know what Shepherds do when they retire and I have only a very sketchy notion of what a Shepherd might even look like! But when I hear the word 'shepherd' I immediately imagine a caring father figure, someone who is commit-

ted, someone who is dedicated and someone who never gives up. There is something deep in our psyche that finds the figure of the shepherd comforting and consoling. Jesus the physician, Jesus the psychologist and Jesus the family therapist understood this well!

While I have never met a shepherd I certainly have been lost! My earliest childhood memory is getting lost in a supermarket and panicking when I couldn't find my mum! Getting lost or becoming lost can be truly terrifying. At one time or another, we have all been there..... lost in airports or in train stations or on the way home from a night out. We all have panicked when we've realised we've taken the wrong turn or that the sat



nav isn't working or that our surroundings aren't familiar. But being lost isn't just about being in the wrong place. Indeed the true terror of being lost is finding that we are now distant and disconnected from our family, from our friends and from those with whom we desire to share life's journey.

Jesus understands us well. He knows our fear of being lost, our fear of being disconnected, forgotten and even abandoned. He knows too our hopes – he knows the comfort we derive from knowing that somewhere there is a Shepherd who will not rest until we are brought home.

In our parishes, schools and communities, the Priest is our shepherd. Through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments, he saves what is 'lost' through sin and restores what is 'lost' amidst the cares and concerns of the world. As sheep need a shepherd, we need our priests.

This week pray for more vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life. Encourage all those who are engaged in ministry in your community and finally, discern whether you could be called to the Priesthood, Diaconate or religious life.

For this Sunday's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

I will leave this place
and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see
what hope his call holds for us.

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

Priests for
Scotland
A LIFE
WORTH
LIVING

Ecclesiastical Students Fund

There will be a collection at all Masses next Sunday, 17th September, in support of the students who are studying for the priesthood. The current cost of training each priest is £24,000 per year. Thank you for your support.

Prayers

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Stephen Watt, Mary O'Sullivan, Bernard Duffy, Kathleen Gibson, Bridget Gallagher, Margerate Halley, Anna MacDonald, Joan Greaney, Jack and Jackie Higgins, Pat Heberner, Robert Drysdale and Annie McConnell.

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

Pokora i nawrócenie



Nierzadko w naszych umysłach powstaje bunt i przekora, widząc jak tym, którzy są daleko od Boga, powodzi się lepiej, dostatniej i weselej. Jednak my powinniśmy zrozumieć zasadę miłości Bożej i równości, którą Bóg stosuje, ponieważ każdemu daje szansę na wiarę i nawrócenie. Także i do nas stosuje tę zasadę, bowiem niejednokrotnie zasmucamy Go złymi czynkami, myślami. Przykład widzimy już w dzisiejszym pierwszym czytaniu, gdzie Bóg widząc złe uczynki Izraela, jednak postanawia im przebaczyć i podać pomocną dłoń. Mojżesz prosił Pana by poprzez wzgląd na Abrahama, Izaaka i Izraela, zaniechał gniewu. „Wówczas to Pan zaniechał zła, jakie zamierzał zesłać na swój lud” (Wj 32,14). Z pięknym świadectwem życia w wierze spotykamy się w drugim czytaniu, gdzie św. Paweł wspominając swoją przeszłość, głosi miłosierdzie, jakie

zostało mu okazane i z radością równą swej pokorze wyznaje: „Jezus Chrystus przyszedł na świat zbawić grzeszników, pośród których ja jestem pierwszy” (Tm 1,15). Któż z nas może powiedzieć, że nie potrzebuje nawrócenia? Pan Jezus wszystkich zaprasza do uczestnictwa w Królestwie Bożym. Wszyscy, więc potrzebujemy nawrócenia i uświęcenia. Każdy, nawet największy grzesznik jest wezwany, aby się nawrócił i przyjął bezgraniczne miłosierdzie kochającego Ojca. Św. Paweł całkowicie odpowiedział na łaskę Bożą. Jego życie po nawróceniu było jednym wielkim dziękczynieniem, bo do końca życia uświadamiał sobie swoją słabość i wielkość miłosierdzia Bożego. I my z pokorą dziękujemy Bogu za nawrócenia, za łaskę wiary i miłości.

Zaś Ewangeliczne przypowieści, opowiedane przez Jezusa podkreślają radość człowieka znajdującego to, co stracił. Dwie z nich obrazują zatroskanie Boga o to, co małe, cierpiące, zagubione i potrzebuje pomocy; tak, więc pasterz z radością odnosi na ramionach zbłąkaną owcę do stada, a wraz z sąsiadkami cieszy się niewiasta, która odnalazła zagubioną monetę. Trzecia przypowieść o „miłosiernym ojcu”, który przygarnia utraczonego syna jest dla nas obrazem Boga Ojca, który otwiera swe błogosławiące i miłosierne ramiona i

zawsze oczekuje na swych synów, szczególnie tych, co zaginęli, a odnaleźli się. Jego ręce podtrzymują, obejmują, umacniają, dodają otuchy, pocieszają i tulą. Są jednocześnie rękami ojcowskimi i matczynymi. „Powrót do domu” syna marnotrawnego, ukazuje spotkanie Ojca z ludzkością, miłosierdzia ze słabością, w świetle miłości. Przez postać starszego syna Ojciec Niebieski wzywa nas, abyśmy wszyscy byli wobec siebie miłosierni, wszak Bóg jest Ojcem nas wszystkich, także tych, co błądzą i wszystkich pragnie obdarzać swoją miłością i swoim miłosierdziem. Dziękujemy za wszystko, bo wszystko, co Bóg zysła, lub dopuszcza, ma dla nas wymiar zbawczy. Módlmy się za siebie nawzajem, bo Bóg Ojciec myśli o nas jako o całości, o wspólnocie i chce żeby nikogo z nas w niej nie brakowało. N A J Ś W I E T S Z A MATKO, prosimy, wspomóż nas w budowaniu jedności i miłości.

Sunday reflection

Zapisy do grupy ministranckiej

W dalszy ciągu poszukujemy nowych kandydatów, chłopców lub dziewczynki do naszej grupy ministranckiej ze szkoły podstawowej (po I Komunii św.) jak również do naszej grupy ministrantów dorosłych. Każdy kto chciałby poświęcić swój czas tej jakże zaszczytnej posłudze przy Ołtarzu Chrystusa proszę o kontakt z Fr Bogdanem telefonicznie lub osobiście.

Altar Servers

Tydzień Modlitw o Powołania

Tydzień modlitw o powołania kapłańskie i zakonne przypada w tym roku od 18 – 25 września. Msza św. w intencji nowych powołań będzie odprawiona przez Bp Stephena 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

Grupa Młodzieżowa

Grupa młodzieżowa z naszej parafii kontynuuje swoje cotygodniowe spotkania w środy od godz. 6 – 8:30 pm w holu parafialnym. Zapraszamy wszystkich zainteresowanych i tych którzy chcą wspólnie z nami uczestniczyć w apostołowaniu i dzieleniu się własnymi doświadczeniami z innymi. Przyjdź! Nie zwlekaj!

Youth Group

Polska Szkoła Sobotnia

Polska Szkoła sobotnia im. Fryderyka Chopina w dalszym ciągu kontynuuje zapisy na nowy rok szkolny 2016/17. Fr Bogdan będzie uczył religii dzieci przygotowujące się w przyszłym roku do I Komunii i Spowiedzi św., czyli klasy czwarte. Zapraszamy do zapisywania dzieci do klasy komunijnej, jak również do pozostałych klas na regularne zajęcia.

Polish Saturday School
- preparing for
the Sacraments

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.

Polish Sunday Mass - 5pm

Liturgia dziecięca

W każdą pierwszą niedzielę miesiąca liturgia mszalna dla dzieci. Najbliższa Msza św. dla dzieci będzie 2 października 2016 r. o godz. 5pm. Zapraszamy do udziału wszystkie dzieci!

Children's Liturgy

Kalendarz Liturgiczny

W tym tygodniu w kalendarzu liturgicznym wspominać będziemy:

We wtorek

– Wspomnienie św. Jana Chryzostoma, biskupa i doktora Kościoła

W środę

– Święto Podwyższenia Krzyża Świętego.

W czwartek

– Wspomnienie Najświętszej Maryi Panny Bolesnej.

W piątek

– Wspomnienie Świętych Korneliusza, papieża i Cypriana, biskupa, męczenników.

Feastdays this week

Collections

Many thanks for your generosity; last week's income was - Sunday collection - £1411.03; Votives Candles - £42.41; Catholic Papers - £25.54; and Church Shop - £15.

Mass for the Sick

Mass for the Sick will be celebrated next Saturday, 17th September at 10am. followed by teas in the Hall. All welcome.

Parish Shop

Christmas cards, calendars and diaries are now available in the shop.



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.

Feastdays this week

Monday 12th
Holy Name of Mary

Tuesday 13th
St John Chrysostom

Wednesday 14th
Exaltation of the Cross

Thursday 15th
Our Lady of Sorrows

Friday 16th
St Ninian

Union of Catholic Mothers



Next Meeting Tuesday 20th September, Mass begins at 7pm followed by talk on World Youth Day. All welcome.

Coffee Morning

Zena Davidson and Irene Joyce are having a Coffee Morning and raffle for Macmillan Cancer Support. It will be in the Church Hall on Friday, 30th September, 2016 between 10am and 1pm. Everyone welcome.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club continues on Mondays at 12 noon, in the Church Hall. We offer you a choice of soup - with a roll - tea/coffee and a biscuit - all welcome.

Becoming a Catholic

If you would like to learn more about joining the Church could you please see Mgr Drysdale or Fr Bogdan to arrange a meeting

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!

Italian Classes

Italian classes will recommence on Saturday 1st October - at 4.15pm in the Small Hall at St John's. All welcome.

Youth Group

Pte. William Dalton and L/Cpl Thomas Hutchison, St John's parishioners who died in World War 1 - have recently had their graves marked by the Commonwealth War Graves Commissions with new headstones.

The headstones will be blessed during a short service in Jeanfield Cemetery (Rannoch Road entrance) - at 12noon on Saturday 17th September - you are invited to come along and join in.

Sacraments

Sacrament preparation for children who attend the non-denominational schools will begin shortly. If you wish to attend please contact Mgr Drysdale or Fr Bogdan after Mass.

Coffee Morning Success



£903.73 was raised at a Coffee Morning held in support in St John's Church Hall, in support of the work done at the Cornhill Drop-In Centre in the city. Coordinator Aileen Wallace said, "It was terrific to have so much support for this worthwhile cause. We are especially grateful to the Co-op at Bridgend who supplied many of the cakes and biscuits as well as a member of staff to help us on the day. Thanks also to the priests and parishioners at St John's for coming along and to all who contributed to the raffle and tombola."

(L-R) Louise Goodison and granddaughter Gwen, Moira Nicol, Stephanie Bywalec, Aileen Wallace, Colleen Nicol, Joleen Stewart, Gwen Bywalec and Joan Sweeney.

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.

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

Italian Association

The next meeting of the Italian Association will be on Saturday 24th September, at 1pm in St John's Church Hall, followed by Holy Mass in Italian at 2.30pm in the church.

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.



Mr Seán Hagny, headteacher of St John's RC Academy, welcomed Joan Sweeney on behalf of the tea ladies of St John the Baptist who raised £850 from the Christmas and Easter shops. The money is going towards building a new playground in the grounds of the Marie Curie Hospital and Recuperare Clinic, Bucharest. Mr Hagny, together with the S6 pupils who will be travelling to Bucharest next month, accepted the generous donation on behalf of the appeal and would like to pass on their thanks to all the parishioners for such generosity.

National Youth Pilgrimage to Whithorn - Sunday 18th September

Once per year, the youth of Scotland are invited by the Bishops to gather on pilgrimage and to renew their commitment to their faith. This year the National Youth Pilgrimage will be to the cave of St Ninian at Whithorn. St Ninian brought the Christian faith to Scotland in the year AD 397. On the pilgrimage, we will learn about his life, see some of the oldest Christian artefacts in Scotland and walk the pilgrim route to the cave. We will pray and celebrate Mass and meet up with other Catholics – old friends and new...

WHO CAN COME? 12-30 year olds from parishes in the Diocese of Dunkeld. This is also an opportunity for pilgrims from across Scotland who attended Krakow 2016 to meet up again!

COST: £10 per person payable by cash before getting onto the bus.

PACKING LIST: A packed lunch is required, a rain jacket, warm clothing, alternative clothing in the event of hot weather! Decent walking shoes/ boots are essential.

DEPARTURE: A bus will depart from 24-28 Lawside Rd, Dundee, at 7am. The bus will do a pick up at St John's RC Church 20 Melville Street, Perth at 7.45am. Please indicate preferred pick-up on the permission/consent form. The journey is around 4 hours to Whithorn so plenty of time for those WYD songs!

RETURN: We hope to return to Perth by 9pm and then to Dundee by 9.45pm.

Justice and Peace

... the practice of penance should emphasise the social dimension of sin and of the sacrament.

Justice in the World 58

Exciting opportunities on offer at the St Ninian Institute



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 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 St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee Module with assessment - £100 Presentation only - £10

Vocation of the Catholic Teacher

Exploring the vocation of the teacher with update on the implementation and good practice using This is Our Faith with Margaret McFarlane 7pm-8.30pm, **25th October** St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee Module with assessment - £100 Presentation only - £10 St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee Free entry - funded by the diocese

Introduction to other World Religions

Exploring world religions (except for Islam) comparing and contrasting their teachings to those of Catholicism with Dr Harry Schnitker 7pm-8.30pm, **26th October** St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee Module with assessment - £100 Presentation only - £10 St Ninian Pastoral Institute, Dundee Free entry - funded by the diocese

ENQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION

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