

# 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

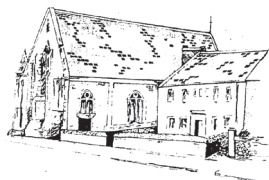
MSZA ŚW.  
PO POLSKU  
Niedziela 5pm  
Pojednania 4.15pm

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)



## 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 18th September 2016

Welcome  
to all  
our  
visitors

### Being Human

The parable Jesus tells in this Sunday's Gospel has long caused controversy. Is Jesus really commending the fraudulent behaviour of the dishonest steward? Thankfully not! Rather Jesus is commending the steward for being astute and for having valuable insight into human nature. The steward, to his credit, knows how people work, he knows how they are wired, and he knows their strengths and their weaknesses. Regrettably, he chooses to use this knowledge for his own selfish ends.

Over this last we in the Catholic Church Scotland, have been journeying through Vocations Awareness Week. Every day during this week we have offered prayers for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life. Over that time, we may well have pondered what it takes to become a Priest, or a deacon or a religious sister – what qualifications are needed and what qualities are required. Academic qualifications are certainly important – Priests, for example, have to know Church teaching and be able to explain in a way that is convincing and credible. But Priests also have to be keen students of human nature, they have to know and understand their flocks. They have to understand what motivates people, and what drives them. They have to grasp something of the complexities of modern life – the pressures, the dramas, the hopes and the fears. Like the steward in the Gospel,

they have to have great insight into human nature. As Pope Francis famously stated our priests are called to be 'shepherds living with the smell of the sheep'. In recent years Scotland has experienced all sorts of changes in every conceivable area of human life. With these changes there may well be new challenges for the Church but also new opportunities. As we draw towards the end of Vocations Awareness Week, we pray that our Church will continue to be blessed with young men and young women who are ready and able to read the 'signs of the times' in our country, in our communities and in our parishes.

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

**Priests for  
Scotland**  
A LIFE  
WORTH  
LIVING

#### Diocese of Dunkeld

### Annual Mass for Vocations

*to the priesthood,  
permanent diaconate  
and religious life*

St Andrew's Cathedral,  
Dundee

7pm,  
Monday 19th September

celebrated with  
Rt. Rev. Stephen Robson  
Bishop of Dunkeld

#### Ecclesiastical Students Fund

Today there will be a collection at all Masses today, 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 Steven Watt, Nancy Lawson, Tony Campbell, Harry McLoughlin, Bartholomew O'Sullivan, Marie McGinty, Mary and Michael McBride, Martin and Mary Murphy and Theresa Bryant **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

#### For this Sunday's Mass

##### Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

##### Gospel Acclamation

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son

# Granice człowieczeństwa

Spotkałem proboszcza z Polski i opowiadał mi o swojej parafii. Sklep, taki ze wszystkim i do tego całodobowy. Również z wódką dostępną o każdej porze dnia i nocy. Właściciel – bardzo pobożny człowiek. Baldachim na procesji nosił, do Różańca należał, nieспорów nie opuścił. Ale w tej małej wiosce ludzie rozpijał, nawet dzieciakom wódkę sprzedawał. Kiedyś proboszcz zaszedł do niego w nocy, że to niby po pół litra. Poznał księdza i zaniemówił. Ksiądz przekonywał, że jest współwinny grzechu i ludzkiej krzywdy. Postawił też ultimatum: albo ograniczysz sprzedaż alkoholu, albo nie pozwolę ci nosić baldachimu. W dniu odpustu baldachim niósł kto inny. Ale w sklepie nie zmieniło się nic. Moralna schizofrenia. Jeden z tysięcy przypadków. I choć dla owej wioski był to problem duży – to nie brak stokroć większych. Na moralną schizofrenie, czyli rozdwojenie osobowości, cierpią politycy stołeczni i gminni.

## 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

Cierpią biznesmeni i lekarze. Cierpią kierowcy i nauczyciele. Cierpią księża i wojskowi... Nie mam prawa oskarżać, bo jestem jednym z nich. Ale widzę, że minione dziesięciolecie doprowadziły do niesamowitego spustoszenia ludzkich sumień wśród Polaków i tych w kraju i tych na emigracji. Nasz „kręgosłup moralny” został zupełnie zdruzgotany. O co chodzi gdy mówimy „moralność”? Chodzi o cechę właściwą na ziemi jedynie człowiekowi. Sam jeno człowiek potrafi wartościować sprawy nie tylko jako korzystne i szkodliwe, miłe i przykre, wesołe i smutne, ale przede wszystkim jako dobre i złe. Problem rozsypywania się moralnej struktury i brak wrażliwości sumień ludzkich, problem rozdwojenia wiary i moralności nie jest niczym nowym. Czytamy dziś proroka Amosa: „Będziemy kupować biednego za srebro, a ubogiego za parę sandałów i plewy pszenicy będziemy sprzedawać...”. Bardzo ostro prorok rysuje obraz swoich czasów (połowa VIII w. przed Chr.). I w imieniu Boga osądza: „Nie zapomnę nigdy wszystkich ich uczynków!”. Każde takie zdanie zapisane w Biblii ma wartość ponadczasową. Jest przeto oceną i osądem każdego człowieka, także naszych czasów. Problem jest wciąż żywy, a zaznacza się tam, gdzie zaciera się granica moralnego wartościowania. Dokładnie w tym miejscu zaciera się także granica człowieczeństwa.

Bo czy ktoś „kupujący biednego za srebro, a ubogiego za parę sandałów” zasługuje na miano człowieka? A ów sklepikarz to co? Podobną ocenę wypowiada Jezus – podobną, ale idącą dalej. Mówi On, że są dobra prawdziwe. Czyżby dobra materialne były pozorne? Jezus mówi dalej: „Nie możecie służyć Bogu i mamonie”. Mamy służyć Bogu i dobrom prawdziwym. Pieniądz i wszystkie wartości materialne mają służyć nam i być narzędziem naszej służby Bogu. Jeśli wypierając się Boga i głęboko rozumianego dobra, człowiek służy mamonie – przekroczył granicę świata przestępczego. Nie sposób inaczej. A jeśli usiłuje służyć i Bogu i mamonie? Nie można. Nie da się. Te dwa rodzaje służby są jak woda i ogień i nie mogą współistnieć ze sobą. Wielu z nas zachłysnęło się tymi dobrami, których nie mieliśmy w Polsce a mamy je tutaj. Zachłysnęliśmy się tą wolnością, która urzeka i fascynuje, ale często nie umiemy z niej korzystać i to ona niszczy nasze moralne życie. Zachłysnęliśmy się też pieniądzem, ale pieniądz nie może stawać się celem samym w sobie. Więcej mieć! Dlatego tak wielu z pośród nas chciałoby służyć Bogu i mamonie. Jak ów sklepikarz, jak tylu innych. Rewidujmy swoje postawy, reformujmy samych siebie, bo inaczej zaczną nas „kupować za srebro” i nam będą „sprzedawać plewy pszenicy”.

Sunday reflection

## 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. 7:00pm 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

## Kwiaty do kościoła

Jeśli ktoś życzy sobie złożyć donację na kwiaty do naszej świątyni lub mając jubileusz czy jakąś rocznicę chciałby ofiarować kwiaty z tej okazji do któregoś z ołtarzy prosimy, aby uczynić to z dwu-tygodniowym wyprzedzeniem powiadamiając Fr Bogdana osobiście lub telefonicznie. W miesiącu października nasza polska wspólnota będzie odpowiedzialna za dekorowanie kościoła dlatego tym bardziej zachęcamy do składania ofiar na ten cel.

Flowers for the church

## 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

## Kalendarz Liturgiczny

W tym tygodniu w kalendarzu liturgicznym wspominać będziemy:

### We wtorek

– Wspomnienie świętych Andrzeja Kim Taegon, prezbitera, Pawła Hasang i Towarzyszy, męczenników.

### W środę

– Święto św. Mateusza, apostoła i ewangelisty.

### W czwartek

– Wspomnienie Najświętszej Maryi Panny Bolesnej.

### W piątek

– Wspomnienie św. o. Pio z Pietrelciny, prezbitera.

Feastdays this week

## Collections

Many thanks for your generosity; last week's income was - Sunday collection - £1724.76; Votive Candles - £44.25; Catholic Papers - £12.64; and Church Shop - £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.

## Feastdays this week

**Tuesday 20th**  
Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and the companions - the Korean Martyrs

**Wednesday 21st**  
St Matthew

**Friday 23rd**  
St Padre Pio

# Parish Shop

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

# 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 if clean and tidy at all times.

## Union of Catholic Mothers



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

## Thank You

Ruby would like to say a Big Thank You to everyone who helped, donated and supported her Bingo Tea last week. £730 was made, and will be sent to the Jamaica 650 group, which helps to send Children to Lourdes.

## 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.

## UCM at Carfin



*Members of St John's and Our Lady's branches of the Union of Catholic Mothers attending the National Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret of Scotland last Sunday, at Carfin.*

## 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!

All helpers involved in Children's Liturgy are invited to a short meeting in the church on Sunday 25th September- after 9am Mass.

## 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.

## Parish Pastoral Council

A copy of the minutes of the recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council have been placed on the notice board at the back of the church

## 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

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.

## Italian Classes

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

**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

## Music Charity concert

Perth and Kinross's Instrumental Music Service is celebrating its 50th anniversary year with a concert in support of the next generation of young musicians.

Contrary to George Bernard Shaw maxim, 'those who can, do, and those who can't, teach!' - the staff of the music service will themselves be performing in St John's Episcopal Church, Princes St, Perth, at 2.30pm on Sunday 2nd October.

Tickets available at the door (and at Concorde) £10; concessions £5 and families £25 - raffle and refreshments.

# Could L'Arche grow in Perth?

L'Arche is a grass-roots organisation that builds community networks from the ground up - working with people with and without learning disabilities.

Its core value is that of shared lives: mutual relationships.

L'Arche is currently exploring the prospects within Perth for launching a new community.

It offers:

- More than forty years' experience in the UK
- the first community in Scotland was in Inverness
- Edinburgh is the second Scottish location of the ten in the UK
- there are 148 across the world

Service provision is one aspect of L'Arche, whose shape reflects the desire of local people with learning disabilities, their networks of relatives and friends, and the commissioning plans of that area's Social Work team. Local plans reflect the existing strengths of the area.

Usually this provision begins with supporting people at home - sometimes in a new home.

But L'Arche is open to seeing what people in a local group would most value. There is a network of people with a growing desire to see L'Arche grow in Perth comes before the plans, resources, and buildings that make



it a reality - and local people helping lead such a 'Seed group'.

Our next open meeting is on Wednesday 12th October at 7pm in Kinnoull Church hall

To know more, contact: Anthony Kramers - Leader for L'Arche in Scotland, Level 1, Sugar Bond, 2, Anderson Place, Edinburgh EH6 5NP 07979 810870 [anthony.kramers@larche.org.uk](mailto:anthony.kramers@larche.org.uk)



## National Youth Pilgrimage to Whithorn - Sunday 18th September

Today we pray for the members of our young group as they gather on pilgrimage with the young people of Scotland 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.

They will pray for the whole Church, celebrate Mass and meet up with other Catholics - old friends and new.

## Justice and Peace

... many Catholics ... could in no way convince themselves that so enormous and unjust an inequality in the distribution of this world's goods truly conform to the designs of the all-wise Creator.

Quadragesimo Anno 5

## Exciting opportunities on offer at the St Ninian Institute

### 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

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### 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

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## ENQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION

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