

St John the Baptist's, Perth

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

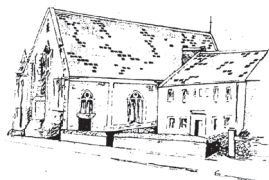
WEEKDAYS
Monday-Saturday
at 10am, Tuesday 7pm

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)



33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 13th November 2016

Welcome
to all
our
visitors

THE TESTIMONY TEST

"It will lead to your giving testimony."

Persecutions are great opportunities for giving testimony to Jesus. A testimony is our personal witness to what the Lord Jesus has done in our life. Did you know that Satan is defeated by our testimony to Jesus? "They defeated [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony" (see Rv 12:11). Jesus uses our testimony to soften the hearts of those who listen. People can disagree with our theological positions, but no one can deny what happened to us and our personal experience of and relationship with Jesus.

Do not be terrified or perturbed (see Lk 21:9). Jesus promises you this: "I will give you words and a wisdom which none

of your adversaries can take exception to or contradict" (Lk 21:15).

Your testimony to what Jesus has done in your life is a valuable witness in favor of the Lord in the court of each human heart and mind who will hear you. God is constantly planting seeds in each heart. Who knows when that heart will open to Jesus? Perhaps your testimony will cause that person to give their life to Jesus or bring them one step closer. Therefore, "never be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord" (2 Tm 1:8).

The court is in session, and Jesus is on trial. The Spirit is calling you to the witness stand. Will you pass the testimony test?

For this Sunday's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord comes to rule the peoples
with fairness.

Gospel Acclamation

Stay awake,
praying at all times
for the strength to stand
with confidence before the Son of Man.

HOLY SOULS

They are waiting for our petitions
Silent and calm,
Their lips no prayer can utter
No suppliant psalm.
We have made them all too weary,
With long delay,
For the souls in their still agony
Good Christian pray.

*Requiescant in Pace,
Requiescant in Pace*

For the souls thou holdest dearest
Let prayers arise,
The voice of love is mighty
And will pierce the skies;
Waste not in selfish weeping
One precious day,
But speeding thy love to heaven
Good Christian pray.

*Requiescant in Pace,
Requiescant in Pace*

Children's Mass

On Sunday 27th November, our 9am Mass will be a special Mass for Children. Our liturgy will be prepared by our young people and those who are working in our Children's Liturgy team.

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

Priests for
Scotland
A LIFE
WORTH
LIVING

Parish
Shop

Christmas cards,
calendars
and diaries
are now available

Prayers

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls Rita Boner, James and Sarah Stewart, Elma and Alex Brierton, John O'Connor, Margaret (Maggie) Paton, Michael Campbell, Manus Ward, Jackie Proctor, Sarah and James Campbell-Ross, Alex Campbell and today, on Remembrance Sunday, Andrew and John Ross and all who died in war and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

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

Będą mówić: „Ja jestem”

Każdy człowiek posiada z natury swoją osobistą godność. Świadom tego, winien jej strzec i nie narażać na poniżenie. Podobnie wywyższenie godności przez nadanie urzędu, wyróżnienia, nominacji nie może przesłaniać godności naturalnej, ale tym bardziej domaga się jej zakorzenienia w osobistej pokorze i skromności. Gdy godność nadana nie znajduje oparcia w godności naturalnej, człowiek zaczyna ufać sile swojej pozycji, swoim możliwościom i wpływowi, swojemu stanowi posiadania. Nabywa błędnego przekonania, że dzięki temu jest „kimś”. Coraz łatwiej szafuje wobec innych argumentami: „ja jestem”, „ja mogę”. „Ja jestem” zresztą często powtarzają także ci, którzy bezpodstawnie przypisują sobie szczególniejsze znaczenie. „Ja jestem” – zdają się dzisiaj wołać nawet martwe przedmioty. Reklama potrafi je tak sprytnie personifikować, iż zdają się mówić: „Ja jestem tym, czego od dawna poszukujesz, ja jestem spełnieniem twoich potrzeb i oczekiwań”. Chrystus w dzisiejszej Ewangelii przewiduje: „Wielu przyjdzie pod Moim imieniem i będą mówić: „Ja jestem”. Mówić „Ja jestem” w kontekście Objawienia oznacza podszywanie się pod samego Boga i po części przypisywanie sobie Jego przymiotów. Zwrotem „Jestem, który

Jestem” Bóg odpowiedział Mojżeszowi, gdy ten pytał Go o imię. „Jestem” wskazuje na Byt pierwszy, fundamentalny i zupełnie absolutny; nikim, niczym i nigdy nie ograniczony. Im bardziej ktoś usiłuje ludzi zwodzić, okłamywać i zniewalać, z tym większym tupetem podkreśla wobec nich swoje „jestem”. Wmawia: „Jestem twoim dobroczyńcą, uzdrowicielem, wybawcą, obrońcą”. Tacy zawsze przychodzą i będą przychodzić. Jednak zawsze tylko sam Bóg JEST absolutną pełnią bytu stwórczego, miłującego i zbawiającego. Każde inne „jestem” zmierza w kierunku ubóstwienia człowieka, rzeczy, zjawisk, a więc w kierunku kreowania bogów cudzych. Wiele w ostatnim czasie powiedziano o tych przykazaniach Dekalogu, które strzegą życia, rodziny, własności, s p r a w i e d l i w o ś c i, prawdy. Obecnie coraz wyraźniejsza staje się potrzeba zwrócenia się ku owej pierwszej tablicy Mojżeszowej. Dokument papieski, mówiący o świętowaniu niedzieli, zdaje się ten zwrot sygnalizować. Wobec rozrastającego się panteonu współczesnych bogów cudzych, nasila się konieczność nowego głoszenia Jedyne, Trójosobowego Boga oraz demaskacja wszelkich bóstw wytworzonych przez człowieka albo utworzonych w nim samym. Świat potrzebuje Boga

prawdziwego bardziej, niż to sobie uświadamia. Tylko wobec Boga i w relacji do Boga człowiek może zachować swoją godność. Tylko w tej relacji może znaleźć pewne oparcie, sens, nadzieję i miłość. Święty Jan Paweł II w 1991 r. w Koszalinie mówił: „Tylko w mocy tego pierwszego przykazania można myśleć o prawdziwym i dogłębnym humanizmie. Tylko wówczas (...) humanistyczna moralność sprawdza się i urzeczywistnia”. Zatem przestrzeganie pierwszego przykazania rozstrzyga o losach człowieka i całych społeczeństw. Słowo Boże przypomina nam dzisiaj, że każdego człowieka czeka Sąd Boży. W jego świetle okaże się na nowo wszechpotęgą Boga, wobec której śmieszna fikcją będzie wszelka potęga, którą sobie człowiek przypisywał. Prawda słów „Jestem, który Jestem” odzyska właściwe odniesienie jedynie do Boga. Wszelkie ludzkie nadużyte „jestem” zostanie obnażone i ukarane. Przebóstwienie, do którego człowiek jest powołany, nie będzie pochodzić z jego uzurpacji ubóstwienia, ale będzie wywyższeniem dokonany przez Boga wobec tych, którzy swoją godność w pokorze zakotwiczyli. I dopiero wtedy będą mogli mówić: „Ja jestem”, bo będzie to prawda o człowieku na wieki zjednoczonym z Tym, który JEST.

Liturgia dziecięca

W każdą pierwszą niedzielę miesiąca liturgia mszalna dla dzieci. Najbliższa Msza św. dla dzieci będzie 4 grudnia 2016 r. o godz. 5:pm. Zapraszamy do udziału wszystkie dzieci!

Children's Liturgy

Kurs przedmałżeński po polsku

W parafii św. Józefa w Dundee (u Ks. Leszka) 19 listopada o godz. 7:00pm rozpocznie się kurs przedmałżeński w języku polskim. Zapraszamy do udziału w tym kursie wszystkie te pary, które w przyszłym roku planują zawrzeć sakramentalny związek małżeński. Zapisy proszę zgłaszać dzwoniąc pod numer tel. 01382 229099

Marriage course

Listopad - Pamięć o zmarłych

Dziękuję za udział w nabożeństwie na cmentarzu w Perth przy grobach polskich żołnierzy poległych w czasie drugiej wojny światowej w minioną niedzielę. Pamiętajmy również o naszych drogich zmarłych szczególnie w tym miesiącu – listopadzie. Niech nasza modlitwa i ofiarowane Komunie św. w ich intencji przyczynią się do rychłego oglądania przez nich Boga twarzą w twarz. „Wieczny odpoczynek racz im dać Panie, a światłość wiekuista niechaj im świeci. Niech odpoczywają w pokoju wiecznym. Amen.”

Sunday reflection

Kalendarz Liturgiczny

W tym tygodniu w kalendarzu liturgicznym wspominać będziemy:

We wtorek

– Wspomnienie św. Alberta Wielkiego, biskupa i doktora Kościoła.

W czwartek

– Wspomnienie św. Elżbiety Węgierskiej, zakonnicy.

W piątek

– Wspomnienie bł. Karoliny Kózkówny, dziewicy i męczennicy.

W sobotę

– Wspomnienie bł. Salomei, zakonnicy.

Polska Wigilia

„Przyjaciele Bydgoszczy” organizują Polską Wigilię 2 grudnia 2016 roku w Hotelu Lovat, Glasgow Road, Perth od godz. 7pm i serdecznie zapraszają wszystkich zainteresowanych tą polską tradycją. W skład menu wchodzi typowe polskie potrawy jak: uszka, barszcz, gołąbki, ryby, kompot ze śliwek, polskie ciasto i wiele więcej. Ilość miejsc ograniczona. Cena biletu: dla członków organizacji 20 funtów, dla pozostałych 25 funtów. Zamówienia należy składać do dnia 18 listopada 2016 roku pod adres e-mailowy: sid.j.grant@gmail.com. Tel. Komórkowy: 07713 582628

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. w każdą niedzielę o godz. 5pm.

Polish Sunday Mass - 5pm



Collections

Many thanks for your generosity; last week's income was - Sunday collection - £1530.08; Votive Candles - £65.34; Catholic Papers - £26.82; and Church Shop - £180.00

Special Collection

There will be a special collection at all Masses today in support of the work of the Salvatorian Fathers - the order to which Fr Bodgan belongs.

Safeguarding training

If you work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish or within Dunkeld Diocese you **MUST** be PVG scheme registered for the specific role you have regardless of the membership you have for roles you may have in other organisations/ employment.

If you are uncertain check with the parish priest or Pauline Ward, safeguarding coordinator (01738 449841).

In order to renew your registration **ALL** who are working in the Church with children or vulnerable adults **MUST** attend the repeated **AWARENESS TRAINING** provided by the diocese.

In this current year ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE REGISTERED FOR PVG AT ST JOHN'S ARE DUE NOW FOR RENEWED TRAINING.

For the Perth parishes the training will be at 7pm on Thursday 17th November (Our Lady of Lourdes Church) OR at 7pm on Monday 5th December (St John's, Church Hall).

You are requested to attend **ONE or OTHER** of these training days. If you are unable to attend please contact Pauline Ward (above) or your parish priest to arrange an alternative date.

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.

Bingo Tea Tuesday 15th November

Tickets £1

Eyes down 7pm

**in aid of the Lourdes
Pilgrim fund**

All prizes gratefully received

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!

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club continues from Monday 31st October at 12 noon, in the Church Hall. We offer you a choice of soup with a roll, tea/ coffee and a biscuit. All welcome.

Mass for the Sick

Mass for the Sick will be celebrated next Saturday, 19th November at 10am followed by teas in the hall. We will also remember our parishioners who have died during the past year and the deceased members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Youth Group

The group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings - from 6-8.30pm - new members (11-17) always welcome.

This month we will be travelling to Dundee for a Laser Quest experience - and in December the group will hold its annual Advent Retreat.

Union of Catholic Mothers

Tuesday 15th November, Mass begins at 7pm - followed by Bingo Tea in aid of Lourdes Pilgrim fund. (see notice)



Dunkeld News

The new issue of Dunkeld News - the diocesan newsletter is now available in the porch - please take a copy home or to a friend.

Thanks

Thanks to all who supported the recent Bingo for Macmillan Funds - a total of £1556 was raised - taken together with the previous Bingo - £2460 all together - thank you to all at St John's who supported these events.

Science talks

There are two talks in the St Ninian Institute this week - Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th at 7-9pm each evening, entitled 'Science and Faith' - are they compatible' and 'Green Catholicism' - the speaker will be Keith Chappell from Reading University.

Open to all - free admission - there will be an opportunity to make a donation if you wish.

Feastdays

Tuesday 15th
St Albert

Wednesday 16th
St Margaret of Scotland

Thursday 3rd
St Elizabeth of Hungary

Beetle Drive

A Brownie Beetle Drive will take place on 25th November at 7pm in the church hall - with Raffle and Craft stall.

Italian Classes

Italian classes continue on Saturdays at 4.15pm in the small hall at St John's. All welcome - beginners and fluent speakers.

Italian film

On Thursday 17th November, at 7pm in Perth Concert Hall (Norrrie Miller Studio) there will be a showing of Mia Madre (in Italian) - all welcome - cost £5.

Italian Association

Those attending the Mass for the Dead, celebrated in St Andrew's Cathedral Glasgow on Monday 14th November are reminded the bus leaves St John's at 3.30pm prompt, stopping en route for High Tea - total cost £14.

Italian Christmas Dinner

Tickets are now available for the Italian Christmas Dinner in McDiarmid Park on Tuesday 13th December - cost £30.

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

Faith Sharing Groups for Advent

During Lent this year over 50 parishioners successfully and gainfully benefited from taking part in faith sharing.

You are all invited to join a similar faith sharing house group during Advent.

We already have 6 or 7 established Groups planning to meet in parishioners' houses soon. If you are able and wish to become involved in what is an enjoyable and interesting experience, please contact Monsignor Martin, Father Bogdan, or Deacon Len.

Deacon Len will be delighted to fit you into a group where you will be made most welcome. As most meetings will take place in the evenings at different times on different days, you just need to let us know when the most suitable time is for you. If any of this is not clear, just ask someone!!!!

Dates of Faith Sharing Sunday, 13th Nov.

Prepare for Christ the King.

Sunday, 20th Nov.

Prepare for first Sunday of Advent.

Sunday, 27th Nov.

Prepare for second Sunday of Advent.

You will notice that much of the Advent House Groups are occurring outwith Advent.

We decided that we would be better preparing for Advent before the actual rush and commitments of busy families during Christmas preparation occurred. The material used will be aimed at breaking the word for the upcoming Sunday.

Would Group Leaders please note that faith sharing material for the House Groups will be distributed and questions about it answered at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8th November in the Church Hall. Please let Deacon Len know if this does not suit.

Wigilia Celebration

You are invited to join the Friends of Bydgozcz for an early celebration of Christmas - Polish style at the Lovat Hotel, Glasgow Road, Perth from 7pm and the evening will be in the style of a traditional Wigilia with a Polish Christmas Eve menu.

Places are limited and the ticket price is £20 for members and £25 for non members, provided tickets are booked and paid for by Friday 18th November 2016. Please contact Sid Grant sid.j.grant@gmail.com.

The Society of the Divine Saviour - SDS (The Salvatorians)

The Founder of the Salvatorians, the Servant of God, Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. Was born 16th June 1848, in a poor, rural family in Gurtweil, the archdiocese of Freiburg. At the age of 30, he was ordained a priest.

As a seminarian, he felt that God was calling him to found the Church's apostolic work by fully engaging in the apostolic mission of the Church with the help of all possible ways and means. In Rome he founded the Apostolic Teaching Society on 8th December 1881, which eventually turned into a religious institute called the Society of the Divine Saviour.

On 8th December 1888, with the help and participation of the Bl. Mary of the Apostles, he founded a female branch of the Assembly, called the Salvatorian Sisters. Father Jordan was the first superior General of the Salvatorians, permanently staying at the main house in Rome. He founded numerous apostolic institutions in Europe, Asia, and America with great courage.

The last three years of his life were spent in Switzerland. It was a very hidden life, full of great suffering. He died at the age of 70 on 8th September 1918. In 1956 his remains were transported to Rome. His process of beatification is in progress.

On 14th January 2011 the Holy Father Benedict XVI has instructed the Congregation for the promulgation of the decree on the heroic virtues of the Servant of God, Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. The purpose of the Society is to strengthen, to defend

and to spread the Catholic faith everywhere in so far as this is committed to it by Divine Providence. Therefore, by exercising this ecclesiastical teaching function in word and writing, it intends to achieve the end that all people might know, more and more, the one true God and Him whom He sent, Jesus Christ (Rule from 1882).

The Polish Province: Poland is amongst the 42 countries where Salvatorians are working. The first Salvatorians arrived in Poland 1900. The Polish Province was founded in 1927, and has since grown to over 470 members, which is more than one third of the total Society. The visible expansion of the province in the '30s was halted by the Second World War. However amongst the many initiatives since the period of war occupancy, one that is worth mentioning is the underground teaching carried out in Kraków-Zakrzówek.

The results were visible after the war, after 1945. In the new post-war situation, Salvatorians took up the challenge of the Episcopate of Poland, and many priests and brothers started pastoral work in the west of Poland, which belonged to Germany before the war. Also Minor Seminaries restarted, including some catering for late vocations, and also retreat houses and the Union for the Salvatorian Collaborators was reactivated. It was only in 1968, that some Salvatorians were allowed to do mission work in Tanzania in East Africa. Since 1997, formation activities have been dynamically growing. The members of the Province are involved in the following apostolic works: parish work, pas-

toral care at the foreign missions, parish missions and retreats, apostolic work within the mass-media, spiritual formation, academic teaching at the universities, pastoral youth ministry, apostolic work abroad, pastoral work with Polish people abroad, work in hospices, chaplaincy for religious sisters and brothers, and chaplaincy in hospitals, schools and military units.

Currently the members of the Polish Province are present in 22 countries of the world: Albania, Australia, Brazil, Byelorussia, Canada, Comoro, Congo, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Liechtenstein, Poland, Russia, Spain, France, Switzerland, Tanzania, Ukraine, USA, and of course, in Scotland. Altogether, outside of Poland there are 172 priest and brothers. These are working apostolically within communities that belong to the Polish Province or within other administrative units of the Society.

In the UK we work in close cooperation with Salvatorians of the British Pro-Vince.

Through all the ways of working successfully in the apostolate, the most important and essential means is by giving good example according to the saying: Words move, examples lead. All can and should be good examples and thus help others to know and love God, because "this is the eternal life that all people should know the only true God, and the One whom He has sent, Jesus Christ" (J 17,3).

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