

St John the Baptist's, Perth

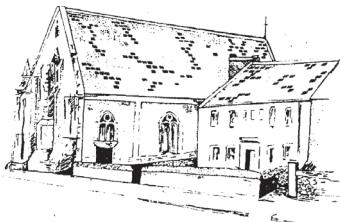
SUNDAY MASS in St JOHN'S
6.30pm (*Saturday Vigil*)
& on Sunday
9am, 11am, 6.30pm

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)



6th Sunday of Easter Year A 21st May 2017

Welcome
to all
our
visitors

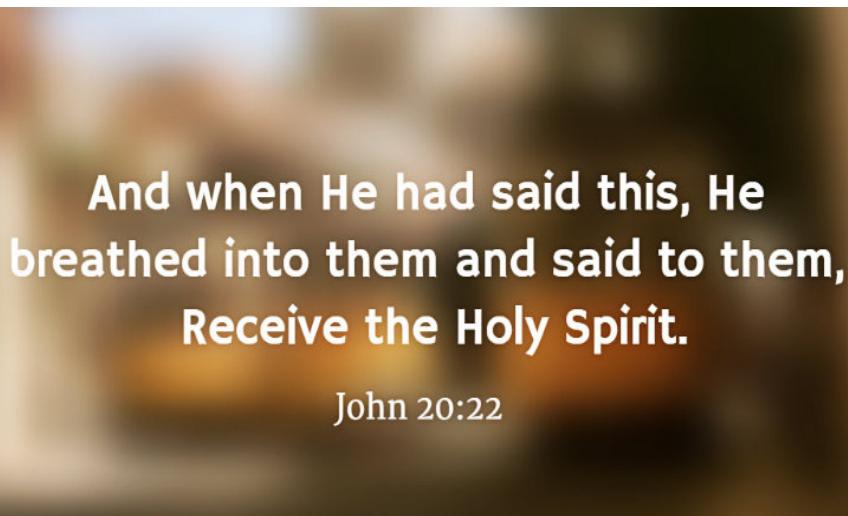
Happy Easter - L-Għid it-tajjeb - Wesołego Alleluja! - Maligayang pasko ng pagkabuhay - Buona Pasqua - Joyeuses Pâques - Христос възкрес - Χριστός ανέστη! - Frohe Ostern - ḡħu ojje kuaile - Veselé prežtie Beannachtaí na Cásca - Pašte Fericit - Pasg Hapus - Boa Páscoa - Mshilo Qom! Shariroth Qom!

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Peter and John "upon arriving imposed hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit."

Near the end of Jesus' public ministry, Samaritans would not allow Jesus and His disciples to pass through their town because they were headed toward Jerusalem. St. John the Apostle was indignant. He asked Jesus for permission to call down fire from heaven to destroy those Samaritans (Lk 9:52-54). Jesus refused him, rebuking John on the spot (Lk 9:55).

Jesus did eventually allow John to call down fire from heaven onto the Samaritans. The deacon Philip had taken the gospel in power to the unbelieving Samaritans, and they received the Word of



**And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them,
Receive the Holy Spirit.**

John 20:22

God (Acts 8:5ff). "When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two...

prayed that they might receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:14, 15). John laid his hands on those whom he had earlier wished to incinerate, and the fire of God, the Holy Spirit, did fall upon them to consume them with the love of God (Acts 8:17). Jesus gave John his wish, but not in the way John had expected. John had to undergo a bigger conversion than the Samaritans did.

Are there any people you wouldn't mind having God remove from earth? Can you imagine Jesus eventually using you as His agent to bring these

people into new life in the Spirit? If we are to love our enemies, we need that same gut-wrenching conversion John experienced. Repent! Forgive and love your enemies (Lk 6:35). "Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). Therefore:

- Do God's deeds, not good deeds.
- Do nothing but His will.
- Don't interrupt or postpone God's work. Do it now.
- Don't let up at all in proclaiming His Word in season and out of season (2 Tm 4:2).



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



Prayers

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Jack Welsh, Patrick Kelly, Kathleen Cassidy, Betty McLaughlan, Denis Boner, Harry Lafferty, Chris Sutton, John Devine and John Woods and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

For this Sunday's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

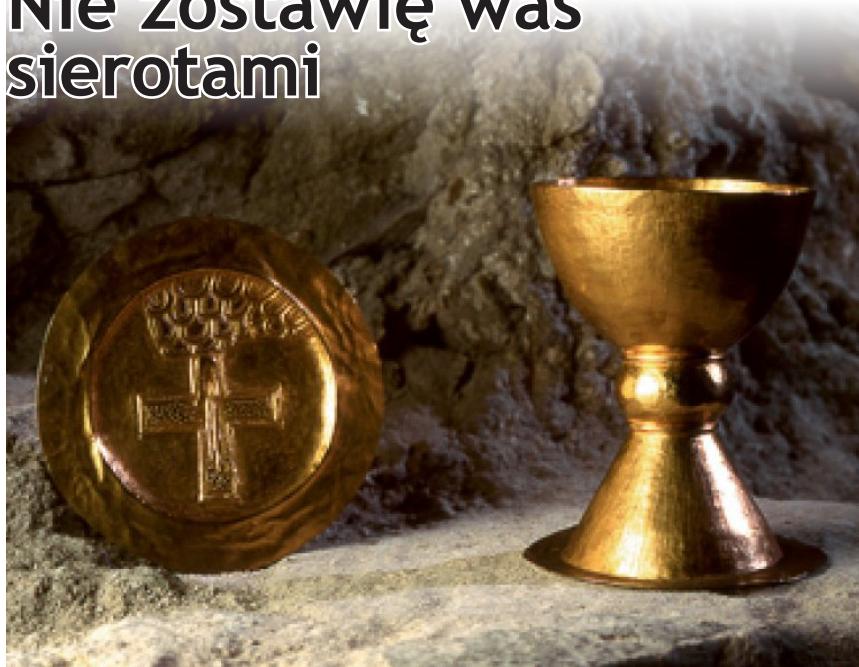
Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus said:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Nie zostawię was sierotami



Każda kochająca matka czy ojciec, w obliczu zbliżającej się śmierci, myśli o przyszłości swoich dzieci. Ości Jezusa dostrzec i głębiej się nad nim zastanowić. Podobnie i Chrystus na kilkanaście godzin przed ukrzyżowaniem myśli o przyszłości swoich uczniów. Zależy Mu bardzo nie tylko na utrzymaniu kontaktu, lecz i na obecności wśród nich. Nie będzie to obecność cielesna, ale bynajmniej nie rezygnuje z przebywania z nimi w inny sposób. Pozostanie na ziemi do końca świata, w sposób tysiące razy doskonalszy i łatwiej dostępny dla milionów ludzi. Warto ten gest miłości Jezusa dostrzec i głębiej się nad nim zastanowić. W grę wchodzą trzy wydarzenia stanowiące jedna ograniczoną całość. Pierwszym jest Eucharystia – czyli obecność Chrystusa pod postaciami chleba i wina. Jezus staje się pokarmem dostępnym dla każdego, kto w niego wierzy i komu autentycznie zależy na życiu wiecznym. Dziś na ziemi istnieją setki tysięcy świątyń, w których przebywa Chrystus jako pokarm nieśmiertelności. Ktokolwiek pragnie się z Nim spotkać, może to uczynić prawie w każdej minucie dnia i nocy. Oto

pierwsza forma nowej obecności Zbawiciela wśród nas. Druga forma, to Jego Słowo ukryte w Piśmie Świętym i żywej tradycji. On ciągle naucza. Jezusa można słuchać, można Mu zadawać pytania. On ciągle odpowiada. Ktokolwiek pragnie porozmawiać z Chrystusem, może to uczynić również o każdej porze dnia i nocy. Wystarczy jak otworzy Ewangelię i w duchu tradycji przekazywanej w Kościele odczyta sercem jej orędzie. Oto druga forma obecności Zbawiciela wśród nas, jeszcze bardziej dostępna niż pierwsza. Trzecia, najmniej doceniana, to spotkanie z ludźmi miującymi się wzajemnie. „Po tym wszyscy poznają, żeście uczniami moimi, jeżeli będziecie się wzajemnie miłowali”. Obecność Jezusa przez Ducha Miłości w sercach tych, którzy prawdziwie w Niego wierzą. „Tam gdzie dwu jest zgromadzonych w imię Moje, tam Ja jestem wśród nich.” W każdej Mszy św. możemy spotkać Chrystusa w tych trzech formach Jego obecności na ziemi. Jest w Słowie Bożym, czytanym i głoszonym przez kapłana, jest w konsekrowanych postaciach chleba i wina i jest we wspólnocie zgromadzonej wokół ołtarza. Warto dodać, że zarówno

w Słowie jak i w postaciach chleba i wina, może być dostrzeżony wyłącznie oczami wiary. Do człowieka niewierzącego nie przemówi ani tekst Biblii, ani konsekrowana hostia. Może natomiast przemówić miłość wspólnoty zgromadzonej w imię Chrystusa. Jeśli to objawienie wspólnotowe nie jest wystarczająco wyraźne, to nie jest to wina Chrystusa, lecz nasza. On nam zawierzył i losy objawienia Swojej obecności w świecie złożył w nasze ręce.

Sunday reflection

Figura Matki Bożej

Matka Najświętsza, której wizerunek Fatimski znajduje się w ogrodzie parafialnym została odresturowana za sprawą naszej polskiej wspólnoty dlatego pragnę wyrazić słowa wdzięczności tym wszystkim, którzy przyczynili się do odnowienia tej jakże pięknej figury. Serdeczne podziękowania dla Damiana Krakowiaka, Piotra Leśniewskiego, Arkadiusza Kusiaka (czyszczenie), i Sylwii Kruzyńskiej, która pomalowała figurę. Msza św. w intencji tych osób i ich rodzin będzie odprawiona w dzisiejszą niedzielę. Serdeczne podziękowania!

Statue of Our Lady

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Pierwsza Komunia św.

Pierwsza Komunia św. naszych Polskich dzieci będzie tradycyjnie w pierwszą niedzielę czerwca tj. 4 czerwca. Wyjątkowo w tę niedzielę Msza św. polska będzie o godzinę wcześniej tj. o 4:00pm. Bardzo proszę o uwzględnienie tej zmiany w naszych grafikach niedzielnych. Dzieci które będą przyjmowały po raz pierwszy Pana Jezusa do swoich serc to: Maja Kula, Daniel Skała i Jakub Gęsicki. Pamiętajmy o nich w naszych modlitwach.

First Communion

Klęczniki w ławkach

Zwracam się z uprzejmą prośbą o właściwe używanie klęczników w naszych ławkach podczas liturgii lub prywatnej modlitwy w kościele. Jest to bardzo nie kulturalne żeby samoczynnie rzucać klęcznik wywołując przy tym mnóstwo huku i jednocześnie przyczyniając się powolnego niszczenia tego co ma nam wszystkim służyć na długie lata. W związku z tym proszę, aby opuszczając klęcznik robić to w absolutnej ciszy, z pewnym wyczuciem dla dobra nas wszystkich uczestniczących w liturgii. Dziękuję za zrozumienie!

Foot Note!! Kneelers.



Spowiedź i Msza św.

W każdą Niedzielę jest możliwość skorzystania z Sakramentu Po-kutu od godziny 4.15pm. Zapraszamy do regularnej spowiedzi św. i do pełnego uczestnictwa we Mszy św. Msza św. o godzinie 5pm.

Sunday Mass

Church flowers

Collections

Many thanks for your generosity. Last Sunday's income was: Collection £1492.70; Votive Candles - £98.69 and SCIAF - £5 and Church Shop - £36.90

Special

collection

Next Sunday is World Communications Sunday and there will be a special collection for the Apostolate of Communications and the spread of the Gospel using the media and today's channels of technological outreach.

Union of Catholic Mothers



Next meeting is on Tuesday 6th June, Laughter Therapy. A reminder for all members attending the Dunkeld Serra Mass on Tuesday 30th May, please meet at St John's at 6.15pm for transport.

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.

Coffee and Craft Evening

The brownies are running a Coffee and Craft evening to raise funds for famine relief from 6.30-8.30pm on 26th May in St John's Church Hall.

Entrance £1 for coffee and biscuits. Cake and candy stall, raffle. Buy handmade items or make your own on the night.

All equipment and tuition will be provided in the cost of the items.

Our Lady Statue

Following restoration, the Statue of Our Lady in the church grounds will be rededicated during 11am Mass on Sunday 28th - a fitting end to our month of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

Thursday 25th May

Holiday of Obligation

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord in order to send the Holy Spirit

7pm Vigil Mass (Wednesday) and Thursday

10am, 12 noon (school); 7pm

Welcome to the children from Primary 7 at St John's Academy who will be with us today at our 11am Mass as they prepare to move to the secondary school after the summer

Malta and Gozo

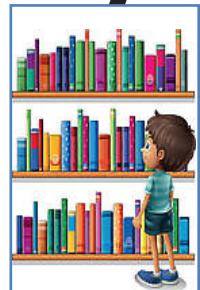
Fr Edward Vella and the parishioners at St Bride's, Pitlochry have planned a trip to Malta, with flights from Glasgow Airport, from Monday 23rd until Monday 30th October 2017 - cost £982 (single room supplement £128). If you are interested in finding out more details please contact Fr Vella - stbridesrcchurch@yahoo.com

Parish Shop

Open after Sunday Mass

Parish Library

Borrow from our extensive range



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

Italian Classes

Weekly Italian classes continue on Saturdays in St John's Middle Hall on from 4.15-6pm.

Italian Association

The Italian Association Monthly Meeting will take place on **SUNDAY 28th May at 1pm PROMPT** - in the Conference Room at St Mary's, Kinnoull - followed at 2pm by Mass in Italian and at 3pm the Annual May Procession - ending with the Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady. All parishioners are welcome.

Rosary will be recited in Italian in St John's on Saturdays during May, at 2pm.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club is cancelled for this week - due to another booking in the hall. It will be back to normal next Monday at 12noon.

Parish AGM

A report on the parish AGM will be placed on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Sets of the papers from the parish AGM are also available at the back of the church.

GENERAL ELECTION 2017:

A LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF SCOTLAND

This General Election presents us with an opportunity to reflect on Catholic social teaching. As Christians, we have a civic and moral duty to engage with our democracy. As Catholics, we believe that the primary goal of society should be the common good; that is the good of all people and of the whole person. Indeed, the common good is the very reason political authority exists.

This election provides an opportunity to reflect on the beauty and goodness of Church teaching and to keep that teaching at the forefront of our minds as we engage with candidates across all parties. During elections, a range of issues compete for your attention; we highlight some of them here in the hope that you will reflect on them and raise them with your candidates.

Human Life

Human life at every stage of development is precious and must be protected. Any laws which permit the wilful ending of life must always be rejected as reprehensible and unjust. We must create a culture of life where the most vulnerable are valued and their dignity respected. The undeniable value of

human life, created in the image and likeness of God, is fundamental to the Catholic faith. We should remind our politicians that abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia are always morally unacceptable.

Marriage and the Family

Society relies on the building block of the family to exist. The love of man and woman in marriage and their openness to new life is the very basic cell upon which society is built. The well-being of society depends on the flourishing and health of family life and those in authority should respond to this with policies that create economic and other advantages for families with children.

Poverty

Sadly, poverty continues to be a scourge for many at home and abroad. Too many people still struggle to make ends meet. This sad reality cannot and should not endure in our country in the twenty-first century. Our concerns should also extend to providing international assistance, while ensuring that aid is not used to support immoral practices such as those which compromise the basic right to life.

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Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Immigration

The United Kingdom should be a place where the most vulnerable are welcomed and given the resources necessary to rebuild their lives. At the same time, we should provide for those people living in and around conflict zones, and commit to working towards the peaceful resolution of conflict.

Living in Europe

There are millions of EU citizens living in the UK and millions of UK citizens living across the EU. Mindful of the uncertainty affecting them, candidates should commit to working towards delivering stability and security for them in future. Our politicians should forge and renew international partnerships and establish rights for those who wish to work in the UK, in a spirit of cooperation and friendship.

Freedom of Religion and Conscience

Millions of people worldwide are persecuted for their beliefs.

People of faith, including Christians, should be able to freely practise their faith and bear witness to it in their lives, without fear of prejudice, intolerance, abuse or violence. Candidates should be committed to the right of people not to be forced to act against their conscience.

Nuclear Weapons and the Arms Trade

The use of any weapon that causes more than individual and proportionate harm to civilians is immoral and, thus, rejected by the Church. The use of weapons of mass destruction is a serious crime against God and against humanity. While states are entitled to possess the means required for legitimate defence, this must not become an excuse for an excessive accumulation of weaponry which becomes a considerable threat to stability and freedom.

Respectful Politics

Often, politicians are tempted to score points or resort to insults. We need politicians who are willing to change this and to take poli-

tics in a new direction, where dialogue is respectful, and where different points of view, including those of a religious nature, are tolerated.

As we cast our votes this election, let us bear in mind the words of Pope Francis when he said, "The greatness of any nation is revealed in its effective care of society's most vulnerable members." Our nation, our Parliament, and our Government will be judged on how it treats its poorest and most vulnerable citizens.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ Philip Tartaglia,
President, Archbishop
of Glasgow

+ Leo Cushley, Arch-
bishop of St. Andrews
and Edinburgh

+ Joseph Toal, Vice-
President, Bishop of
Motherwell

+ Hugh Gilbert,
Episcopal Secretary,
Bishop of Aberdeen

+ Stephen Robson,
Bishop of Dunkeld

+ John Keenan,

Bishop of Paisley

+ William Nolan,

Bishop of Galloway

+ Brian McGee,

Bishop of Argyll and

the Isles

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