

St John the Baptist's, Perth

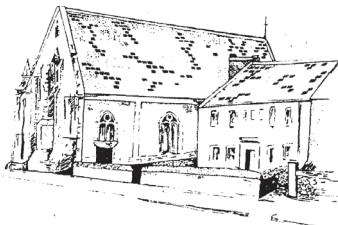
SUNDAY MASS in St JOHN'S
6.30pm (*Saturday Vigil*)
& on Sunday
9am, 11am, 6.30pm

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 (01738 636589)



13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 2nd July 2017

Welcome
to all
our
visitors

THE GREATEST EVENT OF YOUR LIFE

"Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

Your Baptism was the greatest event of your life and the basis for all the other great events in your life. However, many Christians are not aware of the "radical newness" of their baptismal life and the "immense, extraordinary richness and responsibility" of baptism (Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People, Pope St. John Paul II, 10, 61).

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ (Rm 6:3). The only experience which is even remotely like this is pregnancy, the time when a baby is inside the body of his mother. Imagine you could enter again into the womb of your mother (see Jn 3:4). What radical changes this would mean



for you! Nevertheless, being baptized into Jesus has much more stupendous ramifications. Baptized into Jesus, we are in His death, burial, and resurrection and have the

saving benefits of these events (Rm 6:3-5). In Jesus, there is no condemnation (Rm 8:1). We are redeemed, forgiven, and chosen (Eph 1:7, 11). We are "a chosen race, a royal

priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Pt 2:9). We spend our lives learning how to walk, talk, think, feel, work, pray, hear, see, and love in Jesus. We live our Baptisms.



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 Mamie Canning, Philip Haverstock, May Calder, Maureen Valbonesi, Kevin Boyce, Delia McShane, Billy Breslin, Ian McGregor (Essex) and George Wallace 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

I will sing for ever of your love,
O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Justice and Peace

At times we find it hard to make room for God's unconditional love in our pastoral activity. We put so many conditions on mercy that we empty it of its concrete meaning and real significance. That is the worst way of watering down the gospel.

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, Para 311

Jak miłować domowników



Czytając słowa Jezusa: „Kto miłuje ojca lub matkę bardziej niż Mnie, nie jest Mnie godzien. I kto miłuje syna lub córkę bardziej niż Mnie, nie jest mnie godzien”, można by Go posądzić o egoizm. Z tekstu zda się wynikać, że Jezusowi zależy bardzo na tym, by był miłowany. Nie liczy się przy tym ani z ojcem, ani z matką, ani z dzieckiem. Taka interpretacja słów Mis-trza z Nazaretu świadczy jednak o niezrozumieniu Ewangelii. Jezus bowiem wzywa, by otoczono Go miłością jednak nie w tro-sce o Jego szczęście, lecz w trose o nasze dobro. Pragnie ostrzec i zachować przed wypaczeniem miłości. Zbyt dobrze zna nieszczęście, jakie jest ukryte w przesadnym umiłowaniu wartości przemijających. Jezusowi bardzo zależy na tym, by dzieci kochały rodziców, a rodzice dzieci. Ta miłość jest podstawą rodzinnego szczęścia. Warunkiem jednak prawdziwej miłości domowników jest wypełnienie własnego serca miłością Boga. Wypowiedzi Jezusa nie należy rozumieć jako wezwania do rezygnacji z miłości opartej na więzach krwi, lecz jako wezwanie do jej uporządkowania. Chodzi o to, by nigdy nikogo, nawet najbliższych, nie kochać

bardziej niż Jezusa. Jakże często można obserwować dramaty współczesnych ludzi, lekceważących wezwanie Chrystusa. Oto trzydziestoletni syn jest tak zakochany w swej matce, że mimo zawarcia małżeństwa jego serce pozostaje niewolnikiem skierowanego do niej uczucia. W tej sytuacji nie jest w stanie obdarzyć w pełni uczuciem ani swojej żony, ani swoich dzieci. Unieszcześliwia siebie, żonę i dzieci. Zachowanie hierarchii miłości to jeden z najistotniejszych elementów mądrości. Jej zlekceważenie prowadzi zawsze do wielkich dramatów. Człowiek, który nie oparł życia na miłości Chrystusa, staje się podobny do rozbitek dryfującego na lodowych krach, które coraz bardziej się kruszą i topnieją. Przeskakując z jednej kry na drugą szuka bezpieczeństwa i twardego gruntu pod nogami, a w miarę upływu lat coraz jaśniej dostrzega, że jest to poszukiwanie daremne. Sam Jezus mógł każdego z nas kochać „aż do końca” tylko dlatego, że nikogo z nas nie kochał bardziej niż swego Ojca. To ta miłość Ojca uzdalniała Go do miłowania każdego człowieka w stopniu nadokonalszym. On w oparciu o swoje własne doświadczenie uka-

zuje nam jedynie mądrość ustawienie miłości. Kiedy woła: „Kto miłuje ojca lub matkę bardziej niż Mnie, nie jest Mnie godzien”, ma na uwadze nie siebie, lecz dobro nasze i naszych bliźnich. W miłowaniu Chrystusa nie my ubogacamy Jego, lecz On nas ubogaca. Godnym Chrystusa jest ten, kto chce prawdziwie kochać, kto chce w miłości spotkać się z Nim i z swymi bliskimi. Tylko ten, kto kocha Boga, potrafi zawsze ubogacić matkę, ojca, córkę, syna, męża, żonę i siebie.

Sunday reflection**Humor na wakacje...**

Autobus z wycieczką zbliża się do granicy. Piwo! Siku! – po raz któryś z rzędu rozweseleni pasażerowie zmuszają kierowcę do dłuższego zatrzymania. Po dłuższej chwili, gdy już z powrotem zajęli miejsca w autokarze, kierowca pyta głośno: Czy wam nie brakuje? Cisza. Po przekroczeniu granicy do kierowcy podchodzi mężczyzna i lekko belkocząc mówi: Nie ma mojej żony... No przecież – wścieka się kierowca – przed odjazdem pytałem, czy kogoś wam brakuje! Na to facet: Ale mnie jej nie brakuje, tylko mówię, że jej nie ma...

Humour**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**DVD**

Kopie parafii DVD Komunii Pierwszej Komunii są już dostępne w Sklepie Kościoła - kosztują 5 funtów. (bulletin@stjohns-perth.org.uk)

First Communion DVD**Holiday plans**

Kto kocha swego ojca lub matkę bardziej, niż kocha mnie, nie jest mnie godzien; kto kocha swego syna lub córkę bardziej niż mnie, nie jest mnie godzien. I kto nie bierze swojego pala egzekucyjnego i nie podąża za mną, nie jest mnie godzien. Kto znajduje swoje życie, straci je, a ten, kto straci swoje życie ze względu na mnie, znajdzie je.

Kto was przyjmuje, mnie przyjmuje, a kto przyjmuje mnie, przyjmuje Tego, który mnie postał. Kto przyjmuje proroka dlatego, że jest on prorokiem, otrzyma nagrodę, którą dostanie prorok, a kto przyjmuje caddika dla-tego, że jest on caddikiem, otrzyma nagrodę, którą dostanie caddik. Doprawdy, jeśli ktoś da choćby kubek zimnej wody jednemu z tych najmniejszych dla-tego, że jest on moim talmidem - tak jest! - powiadam wam, że z pewnością nie utraci on swej nagrody!".

Collections

Many thanks for your generosity. Last Sunday's income was: Collections - £1554.67; SCIAF - £4; Papers £9.99 and Votive Candles - £101.21.

Peter's Pence

A special collection will be taken at Masses this weekend in aid of Peter's Pence - Funds from this collection support Pope Francis' charitable outreach to the suffering and marginalized around the world.

Union of Catholic Mothers



A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our annual BBQ a huge success.

Thank you to the chefs, John, Donald and Bill, for their delicious cooking! We wish all members a Happy Summer break, and look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 5th September.

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.

Mary's Meals

Rags to Riches - help us turn unwanted goods into funds to feed the hungry.

Clothing, towels, curtains, bedding blankets, handbags, shoes and belts are all welcome donations - but please no pillows or duvets.

Clothing will be collected on 15-16th July - could you please bring your bags of clothing to the Church Hall or Church House as soon as possible.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale on these days in aid of Mary's Meals.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take a break for the holidays and commence again on Sunday 13th August. Thanks to all who have supported us in this work.

DVD

Copies of the parish First Communion DVD are now available from the Church Shop - cost £5.

Thank you

Many thanks to the Keep in Touch Group and all who supported the Parish Barbecue - for a lovely evening. Greatly appreciated.

Italian Classes

Weekly Italian classes continue on Saturdays in St John's Middle Hall on from 4.15-6.15pm.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club will be taking a well deserved break until August. They are pleased to report that proceeds from the past weeks have enabled them to donate £200 to the Union of Catholic Mothers - to help them support sending a nurse to Lourdes.



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.



Holiday Hymn

Mother of all that is pure and glad,
all that is bright and blest,
As we have taken our toil to thee,
so we will take our rest.
Take thou and bless our holiday,
O causa nostrae laetitiae!

Airs that are soft,
and a cloudless sky,
we would owe all to thee
Speak to thy Son as thou did of old,
that feast day in Galilee.
Tell him our needs in thine own sweet way,
O causa nostrae laetitiae!

Smile upon all that is dear to us,
smile on our school and home,
Smile on the days we are passing now,
smile on the years to come,
Brighten our work and gladden our play,
O causa nostrae laetitiae.

Keep us in all that is blest of God,
give us the joys that endure,
Lips that have smiles and words for all,
hearts that are kind and pure;
so will thou be by night and day,
O causa nostrae laetitiae!

Parish Shop

*Open after
Sunday Mass*

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

Closure of Wellburn Home, Dundee

18th June 2017

My Dear People,

As you are no doubt aware the Little Sisters of the Poor, who had cared for the elderly in our Diocese and especially in St Joseph's Convent, Wellburn, since 1861 decided that they could no longer continue to provide adequate care to the elderly residents in Wellburn Home. Wanting to try and alleviate the trauma of these residents moving to other care homes and all of the upset and chaos that would have gone with a closure at that time we tried to carry out the mission of the Little Sisters in very difficult circumstances. It quickly became apparent that the building of Wellburn Home was completely inadequate for care of the elderly laid down by the statutory authorities. Accordingly we decided to build, if we could raise the finances from the bank, a new care home to provide 21st century care for our elderly loved ones.

Whether or not we are able to raise finance from the banks for a new home, and this is doubtful now, the old Wellburn is closed for good and cannot reopen. What saddens us most is that the vulnerable elderly residents who were entrusted to the care of Wellburn have now suffered the additional trauma of being transferred to other care establishments. The concerns and frustrations of so many families has been apparent for all to see.

However, the problems that have arisen since we purchased the Home have brought about a great deal of expenditure and investment – in fact over £500,000 – to try to bring some remedy to the inadequacies of the building.

However, the events of last week proved that the Home was totally inadequate for the high standard of care that we wish to give, and which the statutory authorities, the Care Inspectorate and Health and Safety Executive demanded from us.

Towards the middle of last week the gas plant was condemned by the Gas Regulator and closed

down as dangerous and the water supply to the Home was also deemed unsuitable for people in care. The next result was that we were given an ultimatum either to close voluntarily or be closed down by the statutory authorities. There was no choice here. The Home received the notice that it had to be decanted of residents within 72 hours as emergency procedures were brought into place. This meant the transfer of elderly and vulnerable residents to other care facilities and the future redundancy of our staff.

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We need to pray for all concerned.

Yours sincerely in
Christ,

+Stephen Robson
Bishop of Dunkeld

Parish website: www.stjohns-perth.org.uk

St John's Academy pilgrims at Iona mark 50th anniversary of the opening of St Columba's High School (1967-2010)



Mgr Martin celebrates Mass with the young pilgrims



Idyllic setting - Iona Abbey



Mr McGuire and Mrs Carroll lead eighteen pupils on their school's annual Iona pilgrimage

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