

St John the Baptist's, Perth

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

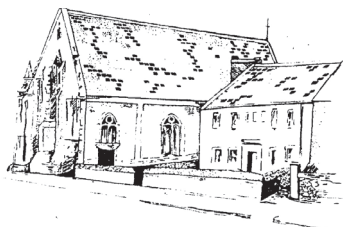
WEEKDAYS
Monday-Saturday
at 10am, Tuesday 7pm

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)



Pentecost Sunday

Year A

4th June 2017

Welcome
to all
our
visitors

Happy Easter - L-Ghid it-tajjeb - Wesolego Alleluja! - Maligayang pasko ng pagkabuhay - Buona Pasqua -
Joyeuses Pâques - Христос воскрес - Χριστός ανέστη! - Frohe Ostern - ùhuójié kuàilè - Veselé prežitie
Beannachtaí na Cásca - Paște Fericit - Pasg Hapus - Boa Páscoa - Mshilo Qom! Shariroith Qom!

SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT

Jesus "breathed on them." —John 20:22

In the beginning, "the Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being" (Gn 2:7). The breath of the Father gives life where previously there was no life.

On His Resurrection evening, Jesus "breathed on" His disciples "and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit' " (Jn 20:22). The breath of Jesus brought the Holy Spirit and peace where previously there had been turmoil and fear.

On the day of Pentecost, "suddenly from up in the sky there came a noise



like a strong, driving wind which was heard all through the house where they were seated. Tongues as of fire appeared, which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were

filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them" (Acts 2:2-4).

The breath of the Holy Spirit brings every good thing (see Jas 1:17). First the Spirit breathes on us, then He breathes through us. God's words are given

to us and spoken through us in the spiritual gifts such as teaching, evangelization, tongues, prophecy. etc. His breath brings life, peace, forgiveness, boldness, miraculous unity, and worldwide renewal (see Ps 104:30). The Spirit is breathing out. We just have to breathe in. It's Pentecost! Take a deep breath and "receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22).

For this Sunday's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.

First Communion Mass will be celebrated at 1pm today

please keep our young people in your prayers
as we support them in their journey of faith
as we invite them to be full members of our
Catholic Community.



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 Joseph Logan (Bishop Logan's brother), Anthony Woodward and Robert Archer, Isabel Kirkham and past members of the Kirkham family, Hugh Lee, Ann Millar, Donnie Campbell, Maggie Canning and Giuseppe Guilianotti and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

Ukryta siła



Kościół to potężne Boże przedsięwzięcie, rozprowadzające po świecie energię Ducha. Ludzie niewtajemniczeni dostrzegają jedynie zewnętrzne „zabudowania”, podziwiając sprawność ich działania lub gorsząc się ich rozmachem. Nie dostrzegają jednak tego, co jest w środku, samej energii Ducha, która wypełnia tę wielką instytucję liczącą blisko dwa tysiące lat. Tymczasem to, co widoczne, jest jedynie służebnym elementem wobec tego, co ukryte – Bożej mocy! Bywa, że nawet sami specjaliści od doskonalenia przewodów i zbiorników nie dotykają bezpośrednio owej energii. Łatwo też posadzić całą machinę Kościoła o czysto doczesne cele i zestawić ją z innymi przedsięwzięciami tego świata, zwłaszcza gdy można zaglądnąć w jej księgi dochodów i rozchodów. Wówczas tylko krok od potraktowania Kościoła jako jednej z wielu instytucji tego świata. Kto jednak, choćby jeden jedyny raz w życiu, doświadczył bezpośredniego działania energii Bożego Ducha, dla którego została zorganizowana instytucja Kościoła, ten już nigdy nie

będzie się ani dziwił, ani gorszył tym, co dostrzeże w samej instytucji. Wie bowiem, że ma ona charakter służebny, a jej celem jest rozprowadzanie po ziemi Bożej energii. Zesłanie Ducha Świętego to początek funkcjonowania na ziemi tego wielkiego Bożego Przedsięwzięcia. W Wieczerniku tę maleńką, przygotowaną przez samego Jezusa, wspólnotę wypełniła energia Bożego Ducha. Odtąd wspólnota ta zaczyna się rozrastać, obejmując świat i doprowadzając do najodleglejszych zakątków ziemi zbawczą energię. Warto sobie uświadomić, że sam Jezus przez długi czas osobiście przygotowywał to pierwsze „urządzenie”, które miało przyjąć nową Bożą energię. W wieczerniku wspólnota liczyła około 120 osób. Bez tej wspólnoty Duch Święty nie miałby w czym zamieszkać. I druga prawda, od Zesłania Ducha Prawdy jedynymi specjalistami od eksploatacji energii Ducha Bożego na ziemi są „inżynierowie”. Nikt nie może na własną rękę sięgać po Bożą energię. Zawsze trzeba to czynić w Kościele i przez Kościół. Stąd też wszelkie ruchy charyzmatyczne o tyle

są twórcze i mają przed sobą przyszłość, o ile powstają we współpracy z „inżynierami” Kościoła. Uroczystość Zesłania Ducha Świętego to doskonała okazja do refleksji nad tym co w Kościele Boskie i nad tym, co ludzkie. Biada temu kto dostrzega jedynie widzialny aspekt Kościoła, a nie czerpie siły z energii jego Ducha. Człowiek może być święty i Kościół może być święty tylko dzięki Duchowi Świętemu. On już od chrztu jest we mnie, a od dnia Pięćdziesiątnicy jest w Kościele. Jednak stale musimy wołać: „Przyjdź!” Aby pamiętać, że bez oddychania Bogiem grozi nam uduszenie... samym sobą.

Sunday reflection

Pierwsza Komunia Święta

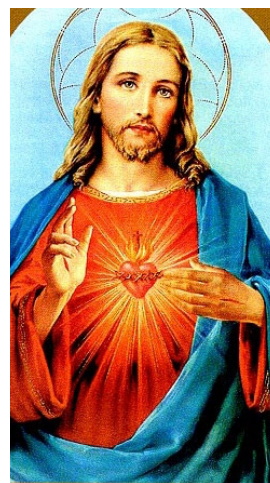
Pierwsza Komunia św. naszych Polskich dzieci będzie w dzisiejszą niedzielę tj. 4 czerwca. Dzieci, które przyjmą po raz pierwszy Pana Jezusa do swoich serc to: Maja Kula, Daniel Skala i Jakub Gęsicki. Pamiętajmy o nich w naszych modlitwach.

Spowiedź i Msza św.

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

Miesiąc Czerwiec

Miesiąc czerwiec, który rozpoczęliśmy to kolejny miesiąc, który w naszej Polskiej tradycji jest zakorzeniony jako miesiąc poświęcony Najświętszemu Sercu Pana Jezusa. Jest to szczególnie czas w którym dziękujemy Bożemu Sercu za wszystkie Pierwsze Komunie naszych dzieci, za przyjęte Sakramenty Bierzmowania naszej młodzieży, za Sakramenty Kapłaństwa udzielone naszym diakonom i za wiele innych łask, których Serce Jezusowe nieustannie udziela nam i naszym rodzinom. Nie zapomniemy o tym darze naszej wdzięczności i odmawiamy w tym pięknym miesiącu Litanie ku czci NSPJ wynagradzając jednocześnie Bożemu Sercu wszystkie zniewagi i oziębłość której doznaje od grzesznej ludzkości. Serce Jezusa, hojne dla wszystkich, którzy Cię wzywają – módl się za nami!



Studium Biblijne - Jak żyć słowem Bożym?

Jeśli pragniesz zgłębić tajemnice Pisma św. i nauczyć się żyć Słowem Bożym, weź udział w naszych spotkaniach na rozważaniu Pisma św. Naucz się odkrywać Boga w słowach Bożych (św. Grzegorz Wielki), bo przez Ewangelię sam Chrystus przemawia do Ciebie. Wszystkich zainteresowanych tymi spotkaniami proszę o kontakt – Diakon Krzysztof Jabłoński. Nr telefonu 01783 636589.

Kalendarz Liturgiczny

W tym tygodniu w liturgii Kościoła wspominać będziemy:

W poniedziałek – Wspomnienie św. Bonifacego biskupa i męczennika.

W czwartek – Święto Jezusa Chrystusa Najwyższego i Wiecznego Kapłana.

W piątek – Święto św. Kolumba, misjonarza Szkocji.

W niedzielę – Uroczystość Trójcy Przenajświętszej.

Collections

Many thanks for your generosity. Last Sunday's income was: Collections - £1689.97; Votive Candles - £175.36; SCIAF - £5; Papers £14.28 and Church Shop - £90.

Special collection

Last Sunday's collection for Communications Sunday raised £767.06 - thank you for your generous support for this important work.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club meets on Monday from 12-1pm. All welcome

Union of Catholic Mothers



Next meeting is on Tuesday 6th June, Laughter Therapy.

First Holy Communion

The children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend, on Sunday 4th June, at 1pm.

Please keep them in your prayers as they receive the gift of Christ's Body and Blood.

First Communion DVD

A DVD of the First Communion Mass will be available - cost £5. Orders can be placed through the school or via the online form on the parish website.

Feast of St Columba

St Columba's feastday is on Friday 9th June. Fr Ian Evans will celebrate Mass here in St John's as Mgr Drysdale will be celebrating Mass for the young pilgrims going to Iona. St Columba is the patron of our diocese.

Day for Life

Day for Life prayer cards are available in the porch. These encourage us to continue to speak out for the sanctity of life and to support and offer practical and emotional help to mothers in need.

Italian Association

The AGM of the Italian Association will take place in St John's Church Hall on Saturday 17th June, at 1pm.

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

Parish Rosary

Thanks to members of the parish Keep in Touch Group and all who helped prepare and celebrate Tuesday's prayerful Candlelit Rosary.

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.

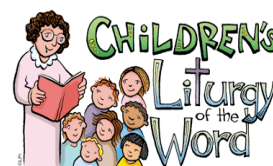
School Show

Tickets for St John's Academy Production of the musical 'Grease' are on sale after Masses this weekend. Performances start at 7pm on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th - price £6.50 (adults) and £3.50 (under 16s). All welcome.

Musical Evening

Carers Week Musical Social Evening - in St John's Church Hall, Monday 12th June, 5.30pm-9pm - all proceeds in aid of Support in Mind Scotland.

Please contact scox@supportinmindscotland.org.uk or call 01738 580899 if you would like to attend or perform.



Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated at the 9am Mass each Sunday.

Diocesan Youth Mass

Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Diocesan Youth Mass, on Sunday 25th June, in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee at 6pm. Starting with catechesis at 5pm, come along and enjoy an evening of mass, prayer, catechesis, music and food with other members of youth within the Diocese! No age restrictions - please contact your parish priest for more information.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday, 14th July until Friday 21st July, 2017, a little later than usual this year. There are still places available, and the number and email address for Joe Walsh tours, our travel agent, are as follows. Bookings can also be made on line at www.joewalshstours.ie or by phone 0141 5305060 or email info@joewalshstours.ie

Parish Shop

*Open after
Sunday Mass*

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



Day for Life

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each year, around the Feast of the Visitation of our Lady, on the 31st May or the nearest Sunday, we celebrate the Day for Life, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage, and in every condition.

Human life is a sacred and precious gift from God and must be treated with the upmost respect. This is true at every moment of life, from its first beginnings to its natural death. In the womb, we grow and develop as full human beings, not as potential human beings. We read in the Old Testament: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I sanctified you' (Jeremiah 1:5).

The Day for Life 2017 has a particular poignancy and significance. This year marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act in the

United Kingdom. Since the Act was passed in the UK more than nine million unborn children have been killed and countless mothers and fathers have been hurt by abortion. Indeed, the World Health Organisation, an agency of the UN, has stated that abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide, ending the lives of more than 40 million children each year.

The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights. Without that right all other rights are lost. At present, human life in the womb is not well protected, leaving unborn babies at risk of losing their lives to abortion, and mothers to the damage of abortion. Vulnerable people such as the disabled, elderly and frail are increasingly in danger from pressures to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia. Campaigners have been relentless in pursuing their aim of introducing such laws. Worryingly there is a broad coalition and considerable political support for extending the threats to life including extending abortion to birth

for any reason. Even more worryingly as the culture of death has grown the right to conscience is also becoming increasingly eroded.

Thus, this year's Day for Life is not just an occasion to reflect on the sacredness of human life but an opportunity for all of us to renew our commitment to living out our baptismal promises, by putting our faith in the sacredness of life into action.

Catholics, by nature of their baptism, are duty bound to participate in shaping the moral, social and economic character of the world. Indeed, Jesus calls us to be 'salt for the earth, light for the nations.' (Matthew 5:13-14). As the Holy father, Pope Francis, reminded us last month: 'There is no more important work' than the pro-life movement.

As we reflect on the fiftieth anniversary of the Abortion Act we express gratitude to those who have worked tirelessly to try with God's grace to build a Culture of Life and to coun-

teract the Culture of Death. We especially remember the works of organisations such as the Cardinal Winning Initiative, SPUC Scotland and 40 Days for Life. As with the Church herself, these organisations have lobbied, counselled and prayed to bring about change. Perhaps what is most striking on this anniversary is the fact that so many young people have taken up the cause for life. In this respect, Project Truth, a wonderful team of young people who travel across Scotland every summer to educate the public about the humanity and beauty of every unborn child is especially worthy of note.

We as a Catholic People, supported by the Bishops of Scotland, will always speak out on behalf of the sanctity of every human life wherever it is threatened, from conception to natural death, and we urge all people of good will to do likewise.

Pope St John Paul II once said that every human life is 'unique and unre-

Further details and prayer cards are available on leaflets at the back of the church - please take one home with you.

peatable.' On this Day for Life, in this significant anniversary year, each of us can ask of him or herself a simple question: What unique and significant action can I do to help promote and protect the rights of the unborn child?

With every blessing and thanks for your prayerful and material support and work for the protection of life,

Yours devotedly,

**+ Stephen Robson
Bishop of Dunkeld
Bishop Promoter
of the Day for Life**