

# St John the Baptist's, Perth

SUNDAY HOLY MASS  
4pm (anticipated Sunday Mass)  
& on Sunday  
9am, 11am, 6.30pm

WEEKDAY HOLY MASS  
Monday-Saturday  
at 10am, Tuesday 7pm  
or as announced

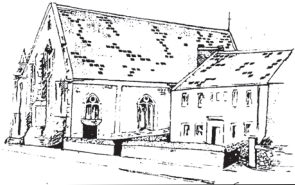
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PO POLSKU  
Niedziela 5pm  
Pojednania 4.15pm

SACRAMENT of CONFESSION  
6pm-6.30pm on Tuesdays  
& following 10am Mass  
on Saturdays



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## Easter Sunday Year C 21st April 2019

## Those who have faith have fun

*My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ*

**E**aster is one big joke. Amen. OK ... I guess I should explain that. What is a "joke"? A joke is an "activity characterised by good humour." Can you think of a better way to characterise the resurrection of Jesus than as an "activity characterized by good humour"? The Resurrection was God's activity of the highest and best humour! G.K. Chesterton once wrote: Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly. Never forget that the devil fell by force of gravity. A good joke is the closest thing to divine revelation . . . They who have the faith have the fun. Easter is a good joke!

Easter reveals God as no other celebration has ever done. Only God can draw the greatest good out of the greatest evil. Of evil, Saint Thomas More once wrote, "The devil ... the proud spirit ... cannot endure to be mocked." The people of the Middle Ages understood this and decided to have the last laugh on evil. In the Middle Ages some communities would throw a laughter party on Easter Sunday. Its purpose was simple: to celebrate God's triumph over evil. People would come back to church on Easter Sunday afternoon, which is the end of the Triduum, for Vespers and Benediction services. As a reward to the faithful after many serious Lenten homilies, the priest would insert funny stories, poems, and even off-colour jokes into his sermon and would draw moral conclusions from them. The ancient Russian

Orthodox tradition was to sit around the Easter dinner table telling jokes. Like those 13th-Century Germans, they even told them in church. Why? Because they felt that way. After all, they were imitating the cosmic joke that God pulled on Satan in the Resurrection. Satan thought he had won, but then God raised up Jesus from the dead and had the last word. And the world laughs at Satan's chagrin. Laughing at the Devil even has a name in theological tradition; it is called the risus paschalis, "Easter laughter". This was the way people rejoiced in the triumph over Death that Easter embodies. Death had been a disturbing thing. For much of human history people have had an attitude toward it somewhat like Woody Allen's: "It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens," he once said. Jesus' Resurrection turned the tables on Death. It was a cosmic joke! Where death had once been something to shudder at, the Resurrection shows, as one of the kids put it: "When you die, God takes care of you like your parents did when you were alive ... only God doesn't yell at you all the time." German Protestant theologian Jurgen Moltmann, who wrote the book *The*

Theology of Joy, writes, "The Easter laughter is rooted in the wholly unexpected and totally surprising 'reversal of all things.' God had brought this reversal about by raising Christ.... The expectation was for cosmic death, but what comes is eternal life." We Scots can be dour and serious. Praying and laughing seem to be far apart in our culture, but at Easter they come together, as they do throughout scripture. In Psalm 126, the Hebrews praised God with mirth: "Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy" (Ps. 126:2). Jesus promised laughter to those who are favoured by God: "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh." (Luke 6:21) It seems the ancients were much more aware of the relationship between prayer and laughter than are we. Our word joke derives from the ancient Umbrian word iuka, which means "prayers"! So, Easter is a joke, a great big cosmic joke, in which God turns the tables on Satan, turns the tables on evil, turns the tables on death! That should put a smile on our faces! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The first Holy Week, by the plan of God, was the most important week in the life of Jesus Christ.

*Canon Mulholland*



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

Please kindly note  
that if multiple  
intentions for a  
particular date are  
requested then  
they are fulfilled on  
a first-come basis  
and the other Mass  
intentions will be  
fulfilled and hon-  
oured near to the  
date as possible.

Also, it is a require-  
ment of the Church  
for all ordained  
pastors to offer a  
Pro Populo Mass for  
the People of their  
Parish each  
weekend.

## Prayers

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Recently dead:** Nancy Hunter.

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Rose Creith Mulholland, Allan Calder, May & Tony Ward, Myra Collier, Gregory Foley, Zygmunt Stocki and Dorothy Parr.

**Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen.**

## For today's Mass

### Responsorial Psalm

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

### Gospel Acclamation

Christ, our passover,  
has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then  
in the Lord.



## Bezradność przy grobie

Trzy kobiety stojące przy pustym grobie z olejkami wonnymi w zaciśniętych dłoniach spoglądały po sobie ze zdziwieniem i bezradnością. Nie znalazły ciała Jezusa, i to właśnie wywołało ową bezradność. Zapewne zarówno dla tych kobiet, jak i apostołów stojących przy grobie, brak ciała Jezusa musiał być faktem wstrząsającym. To, że ktoś umarł, można przeżywać, cierpiąc, ale to, gdy ktoś przestaje istnieć, gdy dematerializuje się jego ciało, albo znika w niewyjaśniony sposób, może doprowadzić do dezorientacji graniczącej z szaleństwem.

W pierwszych chwilach tego odkrycia dramatem nie była już śmierć Jezusa, ale to, że On zupełnie zniknął, jakby Go nigdy

nie było! Nieobecność Boga jest przerażającym doświadczeniem. Każdy z nas byłby bezradny, gdyby pewnego dnia okazało się, że „Bóg nie umarł”, tylko Go naprawdę nigdy nie było. Kto wtedy wytłumaczyłby nam sens naszych bezsensownych nocy?

Kto wynagrodziłby cierpienie zadane ręką niesprawiedliwą i nieukaraną? Kto wynagrodziłby szczęśliwszą nagrodą niż szczęście? Kto wydobyłby na jaw wszelkie ukryte zbrodnie i dał nadzieję na przyszłość sięgającą poza śmierć? Jaki cel i znaczenie miałyby wtedy w ogóle życie?

Wydaje się, że owa niepokojąca bezradność mogła być wielką próbą, kuszeniem odbywającym się bez kusiciela. Bo obecność

diabła, tak czy owak, jest jakimś dowodem obecności Boga, ale gdy kuszeniem staje się pustka, pozbawiona nawet demonicznego szepotu, wszystko, co dotychczas miało miejsce, wydaje się iluzją.

Niepewność kobiet przy pustym grobie podobna jest do sytuacji, gdy ktoś zatrzymuje się na skraju przepaści i spoglądając w jej głębię, na próżno szuka dna; albo gdy ktoś patrzy w lustro i nie widzi odbicia swej twarzy; albo też budzi się w nocy i w ogóle nie czuje ciała.

Podjęrzewam, że potężniejszym ciosem niż śmierć kogoś, kto nadawał nam sens życia, jest zupełne zniknięcie tej osoby.

Niewiasty były przerażone nie umarłym Jezusem, tylko brakiem jego ciała. W

pierwszej chwili zmartwychwstanie mogło być postrzegane jako coś gorszego niż śmierć. Zdarzają się takie chwile, w których wszystko traci znaczenie.

Jesteśmy bezradni i pozbawieni wytłumaczenia tego, co się z nami dzieje. Bóg nie tylko jakby znika z naszego życia, ale wydaje się być Wielkim Nieistniejącym. Nie zniechęcamy się, jeśli coś nie dzieje się w taki sposób, jakbyśmy się spodziewali. Przetrawiamy zwątpienie i bezradność, oburzenie i strach.

Nawet nie wiemy, jak takie chwile są nam potrzebne do uzupełnienia kształtów naszej wiary, by stała się na miarę wiary Abrahama, a może nawet jeszcze większej?

Ksiądz Bogdan

## Wielkanoc

*Droga, wierzba sadzona  
wśród zielonej łąki,  
Na której pierwsze jaskry  
żółcieją i mleczce.  
Pośród wierzby po kamieniach  
wąska struga ciecie,  
A pod niebem wysoko  
śpiewają skowronki.  
Wśród tej łąki wilgotnej  
od porannej rosy,  
Droga, którą co święto szli  
ludzie ze śpiewką,  
Idzie sobie Pan Jezus,  
wpólnagi i bosy  
Z wielkanocną w przebitej  
dłoni chorągiewką.*

*Naprzeciw idzie chłopka.  
Ma kosy złociste,  
Łowicka jej spódnica  
i piękna zapaska.  
Poznała Zbawiciela  
z świętego obrazka,  
Upadła na kolana i  
krzyknęła: „Chryste!”.*

*Bije głową o ziemię z  
serdeczną rozpaczą,  
A Chrystus się pochylil  
nad klęczącym ciałem  
I rzeknie:  
“Powiedz ludziom, niech  
więcej nie płaczą,  
Dwa dni leżałem w grobie.  
I dziś zmartwychwstałem.”*

Jan Lechoń

## Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych

### Spowiedź i Msza św.

W każdą niedzielę istnieje możliwość skorzystania z Sakramentu Spowiedzi od godz. 4:15pm. Zapraszamy do regularnej spowiedzi i do pełnego uczestnictwa we Mszy św. Msza św. w każdą niedzielę o godz. 5pm.

### Msza dziecięca

W każdą pierwszą niedzielę miesiąca jest liturgia Mszy św. dla dzieci. Najbliższa Msza św. dla dzieci będzie 5-go maja 2019 r. o godz. 5pm. Serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkie dzieci!

### Wesołego Alleluja!!!

Drodzy Rodacy wraz z przybyłymi Gośćmi!

Na ten także radosny czas Zmartwychwstania naszego Pana i zwycięstwa Życia nad Śmiercią życzyć Wam wraz z

Canonem Stevenem, Diakonami: Lenem i Krzysztofem, wielu Bożych łask od Chrystusa Zmartwychwstałego, a szczególnie głębokiej wiary, która niech kształtuje Wasze codzienne życie, jak również waszych najbliższych. Życzymy Wam takiej wiary, którą będziecie mogli innych pociągać do Boga w tym złaicyzowanym świecie i pogańskim kraju w którym przychodzi nam żyć tu na emigracji. I wreszcie tej wiary, która pozwoli Wam kiedyś Zmartwychwstać i cieszyć się Bogiem w wieczności. Śląc Wam te życzenia chcemy byćście byli mocni faktem Zmartwychwstania i dawali temu świadectwo wszędzie tam, gdzie żyjecie i pracujecie, ale także każdej Niedzieli uczestnicząc we Mszy świętej, która jest Pamiątką Zmartwychwstania Chrystusa. Niech

Zmartwychwstały Jezus, Zwycięzca grzechu i śmierci darzy Was swoją miłością, a Wy odpowiadajcie na tę Miłość dobrocią serca, radością życia, codziennym przebaczeniem i modlitwą. „To znów Wszzechmogący Panie, czcimy Twoje zmartwychwstanie!” Radosnego świętowania!

Ksiądz Bogdan

### Niedziela Wielkanocna

Msza św. „Rezurekcji” po polsku o godz. 7am, oraz druga Msza świąteczna w języku polskim o godz. 12:30pm.

### Poniedziałek Wielkanocny

W drugi dzień świąt zapraszamy również do uczestnictwa we Mszy św. po polsku o godz. 12pm.

### Pierwsza Spowiedź Dzieci Komuniijnych

Zapraszamy dzieci przygotowujące się do Pierwszej Spowiedzi i Komunii św. na ich spowiedź próbną w piątek 26 kwietnia o godz. 6:30pm w kościele. Spowiedź zasadnicza dla dzieci mających Pierwszą Komunię w Polsce w miesiącu maju będzie we wtorek 30 kwietnia o godz. 6pm lub po Mszy wieczornej o godz. 7:30pm.

### Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu

Zapraszamy do udziału w adoracji Najświętszego Sakramentu w każdy wtorek od godz. 6–7pm. Po zakończonej adoracji Msza św. o godz. 7pm po angielsku. Podczas adoracji Najświętszego Sakramentu jest też możliwość przystąpienia do Sakra-

mentu spowiedzi od godz. 6–6:45pm. Dodatkowo Sakrament spowiedzi jest jeszcze w każdą sobotę po Mszy św. porannej ok. godz. 10:30am, oraz w niedzielę od godz. 4:15pm.

### Zapisy do Scholi Dziecięcej

Nasza Schola Dziecięca „Śpiewające Aniołki” w dalszym ciągu poszukuje dzieci, które chciałyby wielbić Pana Boga swoim śpiewem. Dlatego kierujemy serdeczne zaproszenie do Rodziców by zapisywali swoje pociechy do tej dziecięcej grupy, aby móc ubogacać naszą liturgię śpiewem podczas Mszy św. dziecięcych i jednocześnie rozwijać swoje talenty muzyczne. Spotkania Scholi odbywają się w czwartki o godz. 7pm w kościele. Wszystkich chętnych prosimy o kontakt z Panią Magdą Dubanowską dzwoniąc: 07821 826556.



**Happy Easter - L-Għid it-tajjeb - Wesołego 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!**

## Collections

Collection - £1832.54;  
Votive Candles - £90.10;  
Shop - £35; SCIAF £5  
and Catholic Papers -  
£0.29.

## Gift Aid

Gift Aid Envelopes  
for 2019/2020 are now  
available to be uplifted  
from the Sacristy.

**If you have inadvertently picked up Gift Aid Envelope Box number 171 and it does not have your name on it please return.**

## Holy Hour

On Tuesdays, there  
will be Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament from  
6-7pm, during which  
there will be an opportunity  
for Confessions. Mass  
will follow at 7pm.

## Lunch Club

The lunch club will  
take a short break now  
- until Monday 6th May  
at 12 noon - when it will  
open for soup and a roll  
- cost just £2.50. All welcome.

## UCM

Tuesday 16th April -  
Mass at 7pm followed  
by Parish Stations of the  
Cross - there will be no  
meeting in the hall. The  
next meeting will be on  
Tuesday 7th May.

## Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy  
starts again today at 9am  
Mass. Children's Liturgy  
takes place at the same  
time as we are celebrating  
the Liturgy of the Word.

## Easter Blessings

Canon Steven, Fr Bogdan and Deacons Krysz and Len wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter.

Thanks to all who took part in the services of Holy Week, including the Holy Triduum, and to Susan and the choir and all who prepared for these sacred liturgies - making them a worthy and prayerful celebration for us all.

## Italian Association

The next meeting of the Italian Association will take place on Saturday 27th April, starting with Holy Mass in Italian at 1pm.

## Youth

## Pilgrimage

Bishop Stephen and the Dunkeld Youth Service invite young people (12-30 years old) for a fun-filled, educational journey on Sunday 9th June, 10am-8.30pm - please contact youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk for more details.

The Diocese of Dunkeld

## Mini-Eucharistic Congress

**17-19th May 2019**

**St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee**

## Italian Classes

Italian classes will restart on Saturday 4th May - 4.15-6.15pm.

## Easter Sunday

21st April

**Solemn Mass at 7am (Polish), 9am, 11am & 12.30pm (Polish)**

**PLEASE NOTE - No 5pm or 6.30pm evening Mass today**

## Formation Course for Catholic Teachers and Parish Catechists

Calling all existing and aspiring catechists. Could 12 hours change your faith life? Come and see - register for Echoes delivered over 12 weekly sessions. Join us on the journey!

You are invited to a series of Faith Formation Meetings with Bishop Stephen Robson, Canon Kevin Golden and Mary O'Duffin - on Mondays, at 7pm, Pastoral Centre, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee. DD3 6XY - it's not too late to join in.

**This course is taking a break now until after Easter - next talk will be on Monday 6th May - at 7pm.**

**The talks have been recorded and you can catch up with the talks so far at [www.dunkeld-diocese.org.uk](http://www.dunkeld-diocese.org.uk)**

## Justice and Peace

*Christ gave His life to redeem the world. The life of Christ was a life of sacrifice. The life of a Christian must be a life of sacrifice. We cannot imitate the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary by trying to get all we can. We can only imitate the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary by trying to give all we can.*

**Peter Maurin**

Peter Maurin was a French social activist, theologian, and co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. After spending time as a De La Salle Brother in France, and homesteader in Canada he moved to New York. He was greatly inspired by the life of St Francis of Assisi and engaged in direct action for and with the poor.

He educated and instructed Dorothy Day in Catholic social thought, and his own programme intended to 'build a new world in the shell of the old'. Maurin encouraged Day, a trained journalist, to publish the Catholic Worker newspaper. His own contributions styled as Easy Essays reflecting his thoughts on a wide range of issues.

Maurin's model of urban houses of hospitality to care for the destitute, rural farms to educated city dwellers on agriculture, and roundtable discussions to clarify thought and initiate action remain the basis of the Catholic Worker Movement. Peter Maurin died on 15 May 1949.

**ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?**

**There are Hospital Visit Request Cards available at the back of the church - and pens.**

**Please complete the card and hand it to a Pass Keeper**

95 years ago

## FUNDS FOR WAR MEMORIAL AND CHURCH RENOVATION SCHEME

Members of St John's Catholic Church, Perth, have organised a Grand Bazaar and Fancy Fair for the purposes securing funds in aid of the church war memorial and restoration scheme. The Bazaar, which is being held in the City Halls, had a delightful send off yesterday, and before the last purchase is made tonight a handsome sum should be drawn. (December 1924)

There was a large attendance at the Opening Ceremony, at which Bailie Hunter presided, and accompanying him on the platform were Rev. Father Slattery, Rector of St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull; Father Bird; Father McDaniel; Rev. P. R. Landreth; the Hon. Mrs Stirling of Keir; Mr and Mrs P. P. Leyden; and Mr and Mrs Begg.

The Hon. Mrs Stirling, who declared the Bazaar open, said it was a pleasure to be asked to take part, in however small and humble a degree, in any good work in which they were engaged. That day they were engaged in two works, because she understood that that bazaar was intended in the first place for the renovation of the Catholic Church, and in the second place for the provision of a War Memorial to those dear to them who lived in that parish, and who fell in the Great War.

It was difficult to dissociate those two objects, united as they were in one enterprise, and she felt that in themselves either would have been sufficient in providing such a strong motive for everyone connected with the Bazaar to work for its success. She was sure that everyone in the parish was working hard to ensure that success. Underlying all these memorials was the double object, the one of commemorating and keeping green the memory of those who went from that parish and who died in the war, and the other of incit-

ing and stirring and training the young generations who came after to have the same high motives – courage, endurance, patriotism, and religious feeling—that inspired those who went to their deaths in the Great War.

(applause)

They could not have a War Memorial more beautiful than that Memorial which was to be connected with their Parish Church. She hoped that those who wished Christmas presents would purchase them at that bazaar. With all her heart she hoped that the Bazaar would be a great success, and she had great pleasure in declaring it open.

(applause)

The Hon. Mrs Stirling was thereafter presented with a beautiful bouquet of Flowers by Miss Cathie Fraser. Rev. Father McDaniel, in returning thanks to the Hon. Mrs Stirling for so graciously performing the Opening Ceremony, said that the Memorial was to take the form of a beautiful stained glass window of the Resurrection, with a suitable inscription.

He thanked all those outside the Catholic community who had so kindly helped them in that big effort. Father McDaniel intimated apologies for absence from the Duchess of Atholl: from Mr F. Norie-Miller, who had sent them £5: from Monsignor Turner, Dundee; Canon Lavelle, Dundee; Canon McDonald, who also sent by General Stirling of Keir and Mrs Quinn, Blairgowrie.

Mr P. P. Leyden returned thanks to Bailie Hunter. Prior to the opening of the Bazaar delightful selections were given on the organ by Mr David H. Nelson.

In connection with the baking competition, the prize-winners were as follows: Scones – Mrs Melloy, Bridgend; Oven Scone – Mrs



Thorpe, Trinity; Pancakes – Mrs Melloy; Fruit Cake – Miss Fraser, Beaulieu; Scotch Bun – Miss Fraser; Oatcakes – Miss McHardy, Chapelhouse. Mr G.M. Williamson, Bridgend, was the judge.

The joint conveners of the Bazaar were Father McDaniel and Mr P. P. Leyden. Mr Charles Craig and Mr D. S. Walker were organising secretary and assistant secretary respectively. Mr D. McIntosh acted as treasurer.

The stallholders were:—

**Rose stall:-** Mrs Fulton and Mrs Smith: assistants – Mrs Murphy, Mrs McAulay, Miss Dow, Miss Bird, Mrs Graham, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Crampton, Glasgow: Miss Mary Welsh, Mrs Clark. and Miss Agnes Lafferty.

**Heather stall:-** Convener—Miss Margaret McDonald: assistants—Miss Herraghty, Miss McDonald, Miss Devaney, Miss K. Dillon. Mrs Devaney. Mr P. Herraghty, Miss Mullen, Mr and Mrs Begg, Mr T Agnew, Miss Jennings and Miss Gavin.

**Falkland Palace:-** Miss Leburn, Miss McNeil, Miss E Todd, Mrs Bert Stewart, Mrs Morris, Miss Kennedy, Miss K. McDougall. Miss Higgins, Miss Lehaney, Miss Hennechen, Miss McNamara, Miss Baird, Miss Moran. Miss Lacey, Moss Scott, Miss Reilly, Miss J. Robertson. Mrs P. McMahon, Mr McKearney, Miss Liebow, Mr Liebow and Miss N. Welsh.

**Shamrock Stall:-** Convener Mrs D. McIntosh: assistants—Mrs Tumulty, Mrs Mrs Smith, Miss What,

Miss Miss Scarry, Mrs Leyden. Mrs O'Malley, Mrs Laling, Mrs Kaye.

**Cake and Candy:-** Convener Mrs Fraser: assistants Mrs Rice and the Misses Betty and Nellie Murray: assistants Miss Craig, Miss Goudy, Miss McAulay, Miss Fulton, Miss McHale, Mrs ?, Miss Nolan and Mrs P. Smith.

**Fortune Teller:-** Mde. Leon Yvonne

**Entertainments:-** Mr J.B. Maxwell.

**The drawings for the Bazaar amounted to £791 8s 1d.....**

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