

A warm welcome to our Church. Countless Catholics and visitors have crossed the threshold of this holy place, sensing the presence of God and filling it with prayer and contemplation. Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our mission is to glorify God by our lives.



Sunday June 19th 2022-Year C

Sollemnitatis Sanctissimi Corporis et Sanguinis Christi

RECENTLY DEAD: Mal Aston
ANNIVERSARIES: John & Kate Donnelly, Cathie & Jack McCrossan,
John & Margaret Mulldownie
Fidelia animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.

Responsorial Psalm: You are a priest forever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Holy Mass (in St John's unless otherwise stated)

Monday 20th June -6.00pm (*for the intention Circolo Italiano Religioso*)

Tuesday 21st -St Aloysius Gonzaga 10am *followed by teas*
& 7.00pm

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
& Confessions from 6.00pm-6.45pm**

Wednesday 22nd -St John Fisher-10am

Thursday 23rd -Patronal Festival-Solemnity of St John the Baptist-10am

Friday 24th -Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus-10am (at the Sacred Heart Altar)
& 7pm (Polish)



**Join us for our
Patronal Festival BBQ**

Friday 24th June at 7.30pm.

Tickets £5 for adults.

BYOB.



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11.00am (St John's) /1.00pm (Polish Mass) & 6.30 pm (St John's) **Tuesdays: 6.00pm-6.45pm (Confessions in Church)**
SCN SC00810 Parish website: www.stjohns-perth.org.uk/stjohn@dunkelddiocese.org.uk



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St John the Baptist,

Bishop Robson has appointed me as Administrator of the Parish of St Mary Magdalene's Church, Perth. I will celebrate my last Mass in St. John's on the weekend of 25th-26th June. After that I will be away on priestly retreat from 27th June -13th July. I will celebrate my first Mass in St. Mary Magdalene on Sunday 17th July at 10:30am. The Polish Mass will be celebrated at 1.00pm in St Mary Magdalene's. After 8 years here in St. John's I am full of memories about this beautiful place and the even more beautiful people. Today I would like to say thank you so much to everyone for making me feel so welcome and at home in the parish. I am grateful to every one of you for your support, love, concern, and care. I take this opportunity to thank Canon Shields, Msgr Drysdale, and Canon Mulholland for all the years we have worked together. They are all excellent models of what a good Parish Priest should be and their enthusiasm for pastoral work has also inspired me a lot in my own pastoral activities. I have never felt I was away from my home country. You made me comfortable to feel like Scotland was my home country. I will always cherish the good memories I had from St John's. Liturgical celebrations, Funerals, Christmas Carols, visiting the sick and housebound, school celebrations, ceilidhs are part of those memories. I will look back on my time with you all as a time of great grace and blessing. Thank you for everything! Please keep me in your prayers as you are in mine. God bless you all! -**Fr Bogdan Palka SDS**

On your behalf I would like to extend a **thank you** to Fr Bogdan for his support and humour and wisdom. He has had a long apprenticeship and we assure him of our high esteem and regard as he moves on to pastures new. I extend my sentiments of high esteem to the parishioners of St Mary Magdalene's. They have always conducted themselves with dignity and prayerful concern for their clergy. They are simply the hidden gem in Perth. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.

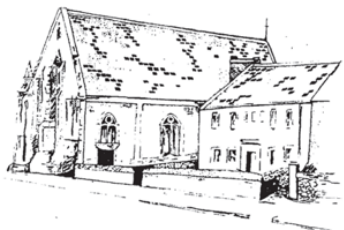
With much love, **Canon Mulholland.**

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. **Amen.**

Please see a Pastoral Letter from our bishops regarding the Most Sacred Holy Eucharist on the noticeboard or our website. Also pick up a prayer card for the Meeting of Families in Rome, June 2022.

Refreshments in the hall after 11am Mass today

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19 Czerwca 2022 – UROCZYSTOŚĆ NAJŚWIĘTSZEGO CIAŁA I KRWI PANA JEZUSA (Boże Ciało)

Zjednoczeni przez Eucharystię



Boże Ciało skupia nas na Eucharystii jako uczcie i trwałej obecności w Najświętszym Sakramencie. Dla pierwszych chrześcijan uczta eucharystyczna była przeżyciem wspólnotowym. Zachęcali się wzajemnie do przyjmowania Komunii św. słowami: pójdźmy po życie, po moc, po miłość, po świętość! Komunia łączy nas zarówno z Chrystusem, jak również z braćmi i siostrami. Dar Eucharystii jest oddaniem samego siebie Pana Jezusa, który „do końca nas umiłował”. Dzięki tej obecności spełnia

się obietnica Jego obietnica, że pozostanie z nami aż do skończenia świata. Pan Jezus pozostał z nami w znaku chleba i wina. Eucharystia jest również sercem orędzia fatimskiego. Anioł przyniósł kielich i hostię od strony kościoła parafialnego mówiąc: „Bierzcie i spożywajcie Ciało i Krew Jezusa Chrystusa, okrutnie znieważane przez niewdzięcznych ludzi. Naprawiajcie ich występki i pocieszajcie Boga”. W ten sposób chciał pokazać, że prawdziwe Ciało i prawdziwa Krew Zbawiciela są w każdej katolickiej świątyni. Tam, a nie w cudownościach mamy szukać tego, co w widzeniu otrzymały dzieci: zjednoczenia z Bogiem przez Eucharystię. Wyśłannik z nieba chce nam pokazać, że również naszym udziałem może stać się eucharystyczne doświadczenie pastuszków. Od sposobu naszego udziału w Eucharystii zależy jakość naszych relacji nie tylko z Bogiem, ale także z naszymi bliźnimi. Jeżeli bowiem czas eucharystycznego zgromadzenia jest dla nas zewnętrznym rytuałem, w trakcie którego nasza uwaga błądzi po wielu miejscach, to mamy podstawy do obaw, iż traktujemy Jezusa po prostu jak przedmiot. Przedmiot ważny, ale nie będący Osobą. Jest świętą rzeczą, kawałkiem chleba, który spożywamy i zaraz o nim zapominamy, przytłoczeni naszą zabieganą codziennością. Traktując Jezusa jak rzecz, zaczynamy też traktować innych jak przedmioty, które służą poprawieniu naszego samopoczucia. Udział we Mszy św. daje nam komfort spełnionego obowiązku religijnego, a nasi bliźni są przez nas traktowani jak narzędzia, które służą uzyskaniu naszego zadowolenia. Pomocą w owocnym przeżywaniu spotkania z Jezusem w Eucharystii może być również doświadczenie mistyczne bł. Marii Kandydy od Eucharystii (1884–1949), karmelitanki bosej z Ragusy na Sycylii. W swoim dziele o Najświętszym Sakramencie wyznaje, że poznała Jezusa-Hostię bardzo późno: „Miałam około osiemnastu lat, gdy pojęłam coś z tej tajemnicy. Spóźniłam się raz na Mszę Świętą i nie mogłam przyjąć Komunii świętej. Ponieważ kościół był już zamknięty, chciałam zawrócić, ale jakaś uboga kobieta powiedziała mi: «Dlaczego pani nie wejdzie do zakrystii, aby choć na krótko nawiedzić Pana?». Te słowa, a także przykład mojej starszej siostry, naprowadziły mnie na obecność Jezusa w tabernakulum”. Uczestnicząc w Eucharystii odczuwamy przynależność do Kościoła, do Ludu Bożego, do Ciała Pańskiego, do Jezusa Chrystusa. I nigdy nie pojmimy w pełni jego wartości i bogactwa. To zobowiązuje nas wszystkich do tego, abyśmy często oraz w sposób godny przyjmowali Komunię Świętą i stawiali się chlebem dla innych. Prośmy Chrystusa, aby ten Sakrament Ołtarza mógł nadal utrzymywać w Kościele żywą Jego obecność i kształtować nasze wspólnoty w miłości i jedności, według serca Ojca.

Fr Bogdan SDS

Spowiedź i Msza św.

Zapraszamy do udziału w polskiej Mszy św. o godz. 1:00pm. Okazja do spowiedzi przed każdą Mszą św. od godz. 12:15pm. Korzystajmy z Sakramentu Pokuty by można było w pełni uczestniczyć we Mszy św.

Polska Msza św. w tygodniu

Zapraszamy do udziału w Polskiej Mszy św. w każdy piątek miesiąca o godz. 7pm. Okazja do spowiedzi pół godziny przed Mszą św.

Zapisy do klasy pierwszo-komunijnej na nowy rok szkolny 2022/23

Dzieci, które w roku szkolnym 2022/23 będą się przygotowywać do I Komunii św. i Rodzice chcą by program przygotowania dla nich odbywał się po polsku można je zgłaszać wypełniając specjalny formularz. Zajęcia dla tej grupy będą się odbywać wg. programu jaki jest stosowany w Polsce. Formularze można odbierać bezpośrednio po Mszy św. w zakrystii.

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 polsku w ramach rekolekcji parafialnych. Podczas adoracji Najświętszego Sakramentu jest też możliwość przystąpienia do Sakramentu spowiedzi od godz. 6 – 6:45p

Akt osobistego uznania Jezusa Chrystusa jako Króla i Pana

Polskie serca 24 czerwca (piątek) 2022 w domach lub parafiach dokonają **aktu poświęcenia** siebie Sercu Jezusa i Sercu Maryi. Ponawiamy uznanie Jezusa Chrystusa Królem swego serca, małżeństwa, rodziny i Ojczyzny.

Od 15 do 23 czerwca odbywa się **nowenna** przygotowująca do tego aktu (Litania do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa).

Centralna uroczystość odbędzie się o godzinie 18.00 w Sanktuarium Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa Chrystusa Króla w Chojnie

Natomiast **program** na 24 czerwca **w naszej parafii** jest następujący:

7.00pm Msza św.

7.30pm Wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu i Akt poświęcenia siebie dwóm Sercom i uznanie Chrystusa Królem swego serca, rodziny i Ojczyzny.

Zapraszamy do liczного udziału!



Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of Scotland

On the Holy Eucharist

To be read and / or otherwise distributed on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ - 18th /19th June 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion with the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a communion in the body of Christ? As there is one bread, so we, though many, are one body for we all share in the one bread.”¹

St Paul is speaking here of the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, the Eucharist, and of the unity it both symbolises and brings about. His words are timely in the wake of the pandemic - a pandemic which affected all of us and some cruelly so, which even separated us from the celebration of the Mass and so from one another. We need to come together again and recover our “communion in the body of Christ”.

On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*), the Bishops of Scotland want to proclaim the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist and encourage all the faithful to centre their lives once again on its celebration at Mass. At the unforgettable liturgy in Bellahouston Park on 1 June 1982, Pope St John Paul II gave this simple advice: “Be faithful to your daily prayers, to the Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Penance, meeting regularly with Jesus as a loving and merciful Saviour.” 40 years on, the Bishops of Scotland want to re-echo that appeal.

The Eucharist is a mystery to be believed, to be celebrated and to be lived.²

¹ 1 Cor 10:16-17

² Cf. Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*

A mystery to be believed

Anticipated in the Old Testament and several Gospel episodes, the Eucharist was instituted by the Lord at the Last Supper and given to the apostles to celebrate in his memory. It is many things. It is thanksgiving and praise to the Father. It is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the making present and the sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice, enabling the Church to be united to his saving self-gift through the centuries. It is the presence of Christ by the power of his word and of his Holy Spirit. It is the paschal banquet, in which we eat his flesh and drink his blood, become his body and heirs of the resurrection.³

The Eucharist is the summit and source, the heart and centre of our Christian life. Somewhat as the rhythmic beating of our hearts draws in our lifeblood to send it out purified and re-oxygenated, so a pattern of eucharistic worship draws our own lives into God's heart and fills them with the Holy Spirit.

A mystery to be celebrated

We experience this especially at Sunday Mass. St Ignatius of Antioch, the early Christian martyr, understood Christianity as "living according to the Lord's Day".⁴ He meant that Christians draw their strength from encountering the risen Christ in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

Let us recall here what it is we enter into at Mass.

We come to church, each with our differences. We come of our own free will, but also, beyond that, moved by the Holy Spirit. In the opening moments of the Mass, the Spirit rekindles our common faith, draws us together and brings us, forgiven sinners, before the Lord. We are no longer just our separate selves. We are now a worshipping community, the Church gathered in this place and turning to its Lord. When the Mass is full of music and song, we feel this all the more.

³ Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 1358, 1362, 1368, 1382

⁴ St. Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Magnesians, 9:1

In the Liturgy of the Word, the God's living word addresses us. It is proclaimed in the Scriptures and linked to our lives by the homily. In the Profession of Faith and Prayers of the Faithful, we respond in faith and prayer.

In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we are drawn further still into the reality of Christ. In the bread and wine presented to the Lord at the Offertory, we bring to the Father the gifts of nature, our human work and the joys and hardships of our lives. In the Eucharistic Prayer, this bread and wine are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ given for us and his Blood poured out for us. As the self-offering of Christ is commemorated and made present among us, the whole Church and each and all of us offer our Amen and become a sacrifice pleasing to God. Through him, with him and in him, we give thanks to the Father in union with the angels and the saints, while our prayer reaches out to the living and the dead, the Church and the world.

In the Rite of Communion, we pray for forgiveness and peace and find ourselves at the Table of the Lord, called to his Supper. The risen Lord himself, the true Passover Lamb, comes to feed us with himself. Even if we cannot receive him sacramentally, we are never deprived of his blessing.

Finally in the blessing and dismissal we are sent out to live what we have shared.

A mystery to be lived

The Eucharist does not end with the Mass. It is prolonged, for example, in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, something to be greatly encouraged. It is destined, too, to extend still further into the whole of our life as members of the Church. Through the Eucharist we become what we receive, namely the Body of Christ. There is no corner of our humanity and our Christian life which the Eucharist cannot enter, purify and raise to a new level. Any commitment to prayer, to community life, to our own family and friends or to our work can be inspired and nourished by it. Any form of caring, the task of teaching and educating, any form of social service or pastoral care can become part of "living by the Lord's Day" and be an overflow of Christ's self-gift. Any passion for the unity of Christians or for deeper relationships with those of other faiths, for social justice or outreach to the poor and marginalised, can be fuelled by the

power of the Eucharist. It “is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.”⁵

Thanks to the Eucharist, these various efforts become more than personal causes; they are taken up into the charity of Christ; they become part of the life of the Church, Christ’s Body and Bride, in the world. Christ’s presence is extended into the whole of life. The synodal process to which Pope Francis is urging us can also find its pattern in active participation in the Liturgy. Even the bother and tedium of daily life take on deeper meaning in the sacrifice of Christ. And there is no suffering which his Heart has not embraced. Thanks to the joy of the Eucharist, the “medicine of immortality”⁶, even death loses its power, as we experience at a Funeral Mass.

This is why we, as your Bishops, desire that Christ’s great Eucharistic gift be continually acknowledged in faith, celebrated in prayer and lived out in love. We encourage all, especially our families and young people, to live by the Lord’s Day. We ask your prayers for vocations to the priesthood. We pray that the Eucharist may amaze us more and more, “as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.”⁷

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ Hugh Gilbert

Bishop of Aberdeen, President of the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland

+ Leo Cushley

Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh

+ William Nolan

Archbishop of Glasgow

+ Joseph Toal

Bishop of Motherwell

+ Stephen Robson

Bishop of Dunkeld

+ John Keenan

Bishop of Paisley

+ Brian McGee

Bishop of Argyll and the Isles

Rev. William McFadden

Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Galloway

⁵ Pope Francis, *Laudato Sì*, n. 236

⁶ St. Ignatius of Antioch, *Letter to the Ephesians*, 20:2

⁷ Cf. *Titus* 2:13