

**St John the Baptist Catholic Church-The Mother Church of Perth**

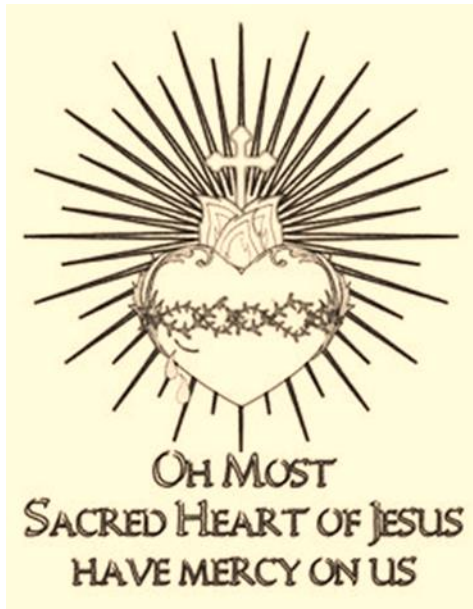
A warm welcome to our Church. Countless Catholics and visitors have crossed the threshold of this holy place, sensing the presence of God and filling it with prayer and contemplation. Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our mission is to glorify God by our lives.

Canon Mulholland:

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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time-**  
**Year A**

Refreshments in the hall after 11am Mass



**Holy Mass**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June-6pm**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> -St Anthony of Padua**  
10am & 7pm

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
**& Confessions from 6pm-6.45pm**

UCM BBQ will follow 7pm Mass.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>-St Aloysius Gonzaga-10am**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June -HMP Perth**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> -The Nativity of St John the Baptist-Patronal Festival Mass-10am with representatives from St John's Academy**

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are the people: the sheep of his flock.

The estate of the late Mrs Eileen Malcolm, who resided formerly at Bankfoot, bequeathed a £35,000 legacy for the upkeep of St John's Church. Please pray for the repose of her soul and all our benefactors.

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Denis Watson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Timothy Doherty & Colin McGinness

*"As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming toward us and thanking us. We will ask who they are and they will say: 'A poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.'"*

**-The Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

Thank you to Slawek and Grzegorz who in their spare time repainted the Sacred Heart side altar.

**Sunday Masses:** Saturday 4.00pm (Anticipatory Sunday Mass) 9.00am, 11.00am & 6.30 pm

Tuesdays: 6.00pm-6.45pm (**Confessions in Church**)

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back to Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. While His dead body was on the cross, one of the soldiers pierced His side – His heart – with a spear, and blood and water gushed from the wound. St John pointed to the prophetic significance of this act, saying that it fulfilled the words of Zechariah, "They shall look on him whom they have pierced" (Zc 12:10). The implication of this act of the soldier is that it showed that the very last drops of Christ's blood were shed for humankind, as a sign of His infinite love. But even before this, during His public ministry, Christ had referred to this love of His for humankind, of His gentle and lowly heart, and invited all to share this love: "Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Mt 11:28-30). While He was preaching, too, Christ had focused on the heart: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Mt 5:8). He also spoke of how for those who believed in Him, His heart would become a fountain from which rivers of living water would flow (Jn 7:37-39). As St John goes on to point out, this was a reference to the Holy Spirit, who would be Christ's gift to His followers once He had been glorified. Why did Christ focus in this way on the heart, both His own and that of others? Surely because the heart is universally recognised as the seat of the emotions, of human love. Although Jesus is God He is also man, and since the Incarnation, since His taking human flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin at the Annunciation, He has had a real human body and a real human heart. The Sacred Heart devotion is really a reiteration of two thousand years of Christian teaching on the nature of Christ as both God and man. It is a refocusing on this fundamental point – that it was by the Incarnation and all that flowed from it, and particularly through the death and resurrection of Christ, that God has communicated His love to us in a most wonderful way, and that the gap between the infinity and holiness of God and the mortality and sinfulness of humankind has been bridged. Because Christ had a truly human heart, He can sympathise with us and understands all our needs, worries and sufferings "from the inside", because He too had a human nature capable of suffering. By Donal Anthony Foley courtesy of CTS.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1.30-3.30pm there will be the next musical interlude and friendship in the hall**

Day for Life: £366 & Communications: £389.  
 The next second collection for **Peter's Pence** will be Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> July.  
 The collection for **Apostleship of the Sea** will be taken up on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July.



We are conscious of the importance of keeping in touch with those parishioners who are housebound or who reside in a care home. If you know **anybody** who should be on this list can you add them with a correct address, please. If you could ask their permission before you do so it would be even better. This list will remain in the porch for a couple of weeks. Once a more up-to-date list is established, we can ascertain how best to support them. Thank you for your help. Parishioners who are sick or housebound are much more than their sickness or inability to participate fully in the parish. They offer gifts of faith, prayer, life experience, and more, that our parish needs.

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 9.00am/11.00am/6.30 pm

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