

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: St John's Presbytery, 20 Melville Street. Perth PH1 5PY 01738 259371

Sunday 24th September 2023-Twenty-Fifth in Ordinary Time Year A

Refreshments in the hall after 11am Sunday Mass & 10am Tuesday Mass

Responsorial Psalm: The Lords is close to all who call him.

RECENTLY DEAD: Elzbieta Jarmuszewska & Vera Robertson **ANNIVERSARIES:** Stacey Houston & Charles Sharkey **Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.**

Family School Mass in St John's Academy on Wednesday 04th October at 6pm.

Want to Become Catholic? **RCIA** will continue on Monday 02nd October at 6.45pm after the evening Mass-**Who or What is God?-**If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, you can sign up to learn about the teachings of the Catholic Church in preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter 2024. Invite a friend to join you. Please contact or speak to Canon Steven if interested. All parishoners are very welcome to attend these meetings to deepen their love & understanding of our Sacred Tradition.

Dates for Diary:

Wednesday 06th December- **Advent Reflection & Pilgrimage Day** with Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth & St James', Kinross. Details to follow.

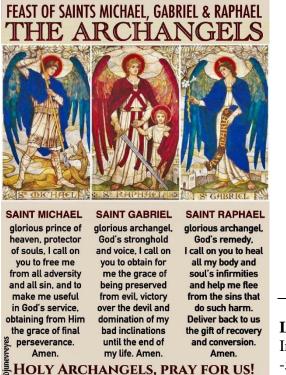
St John's Academy Carol Service on Thursday 14th December at 6pm.

Christmas Parish Dinner on Friday 15th December at 7pm.

Confirmations with P7 will be celebrated on Wednesday 07th February 2024 at 6pm.

Sunday Masses: Saturday 4.00pm (Anticipatory Sunday Mass) 9.00am, 11.00am & 6.30 pm Tuesdays: 6.00pm-6.45pm (Confessions in Church) www.stjohns-perth.org.uk stjohn@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

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Holy Mass

Monday 25th September-6pm

Tuesday 26th -10am & 6.30pm

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Confessions from 6pm-6.20pm (Please note change)

Wednesday 27th-No Mass

Thursday 28th-HMP Perth

Funeral of Vera Robertson RIP

Friday 28th-St Michael, St Gabriel, & St Raphael-10am

Lourdes by air from Edinburgh-Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Departs 04th December 2023 -5 nights full board 4* Hotel Padoue-£579 per person sharing/£714 per person in single room. - Northern

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Make Your Voice Heard: Abortion Services Bill to Be Debated in Holyrood

The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill, tabled by Gillian MacKay MSP, will soon be debated in Holyrood. If the Bill is passed it will remove a lifeline for women who want to keep their babies but feel they have no other choice than abortion, and will introduce socalled buffer zones around abortion clinics, meaning that even silent prayer or witness would not be allowed. Anyone taking part in a pro-life vigil in Scotland would be subject to a sixmonth prison sentence for a first offence, and up to two years for subsequent breaches. Make your voice heard by contacting your Members of the Scottish Parliament. Use this easy webtool to email them: <u>https://www.spuc.org.uk/nobufferzonesScotland</u>

The Scottish Parliament is considering a proposed Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. Join a webinar titled 'Free2Pray' to find out what you can do to make your voice heard. It takes place on Tuesday 3 October at 7:45pm and is organised by the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office. Register at <u>bit.ly/free2pray</u>

Fr David Stewart SJ leads a four-week Retreat in Daily Life from 1 October to 5 November. You can make this individually guided retreat without leaving your home, just attend the welcome gathering at the start, and a similar shared closing at the end at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. For an application pack and more details email <u>ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk</u>

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