

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.

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Sunday 29thOctober 2023-Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Mary Keyes & Thelma Duncan **ANNIVERSARIES:** Agnes Malone & Bridget Duggan **Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.** 



The public prayer of God's people has always been considered among the first duties of the Church. Over the centuries, the traditional elements of Christian prayer were carefully arranged, to sanctify the whole day in prayer in the Divine Office. The Office of Vespers, the traditional Evening Prayer of the Church, offers to God our praise for the day that is ending, and in the words of the Canticle of Mary, 'glorifies the Lord' for his goodness to us.

**RCIA-Jesus Christ-The Fullness of Revelation-**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6.45pm after the evening Mass in the hall.

Please keep the dates for your Diary: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December-Advent Day of Recollection-please sign up for our Edinburgh day Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm-Parish Choir Carol Service Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm-St John's Academy Carol Service Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm-Christmas Parish Dinner-please sign up Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6pm-Confirmations with P7

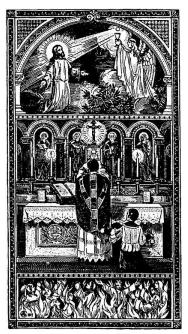
> UCM-Bingo tea Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Doors open 7pm. All proceeds to the Lourdes pilgrim fund. Missio Collection: £468

Sunday Masses: Saturday 4.00pm (Anticipatory Sunday Mass) 9.00am, 11.00am & 6.30 pm Tuesdays: 6.00pm-6.45pm (Confessions in Church)

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The Catholic Church has been praying for the departed souls since the time of the Apostles. This fact of praying for them implies the belief that these souls are not in Heaven and yet, neither are they hopelessly lost in hell. Our belief in Purgatory as a place of expiation is an excellent example of what is meant by the tradition of the Church. During the month of November, we will offer our up our many Masses and prayers for the Holy Souls.

Holy Soul November lists are now available from the porch

Holy Mass Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October-6pm

Tuesday 31st October - 10am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Confessions from 6pm-6.45pm & 7pm-Vigil Mass for All Saints

Wednesday November 01<sup>st</sup> -10am & 7pm Solemnity of All Saints A Holyday of Obligation

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>-All Souls

7am & 10am

6.30pm **Vespers for the Dead** (a **partial indulgence** applicable only to the souls in Purgatory is granted to any of the faithful who recite Vespers)

before 7.00pm Mass

A Plenary Indulgence only for the souls in Purgatory is granted to any of the faithful who on one of the days from 01<sup>st</sup> to 08<sup>th</sup> November visit devoutly a cemetery or on All Souls Day visit a church with devotion and there recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed*.

## Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> -10am with Primary 4

Saturday 04th-10am-Farewell Mass for Sr M. Sobenna & refreshments in hall

**Date for the diary:** Join us for a merry pre-Christmas parish meal with live music and dancing in the hall. The date is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. We will use the outside caterers that provided our lovely meal last year. You are invited to sign up on the sheet provided for us to ascertain numbers. During November you will be able then to choose your meal from a menu. We will then share the cost. However, it is important that all join in so please sign up as no one will be turned away that may struggle to pay.

Words have been hard to find in the last three weeks. There are none that can describe, much less console, after the horrific terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas in Israel. Alongside this we are also grieving the loss of innocent life in Gaza. We remain anxious about what the future holds for residents of Gaza who eschew violence and want a better life for their children. Please spend some quality time before the **BLESSED SACRAMENT** praying for a peaceful resolution.