

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 05th November 2023-Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

Responsorial Psalm: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

RECENTLY DEAD: Peggy Campbell, Sharon Clancy & John Tracey **ANNIVERSARIES:** Maunus Ward & Rita Boner **Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.**

RCIA-Jesus Christ-The Paschal Mystery- The Work of Christ-Monday 06th November at 6.45pm after the evening Mass in the hall.

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

On Wednesday 6th December an **Advent Day of Recollection** has been organised for the parishes of St. John the Baptist, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. James', Kinross. The day of recollection will be held in St. Patrick's church in Edinburgh where the remains of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair are entombed. The day will be animated by Fr. Gerard Hatton and Fr. Ninian Doohan who are currently serving in the parish and are part of a nascent Oratorian community following in the footsteps of St. Philip Neri. It will consist of a Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction, Holy Mass, a break for people to go and have their lunch in Edinburgh, an afternoon spiritual conference, opportunity for Confession, and an opportunity to visit to the small museum and relics of Ven. Margaret Sinclair and pray at her tomb. A suggested minimum donation per person (although not obligatory) for the day is £10.00. Those attending will need to make arrangements themselves for lunch. The bus will pick parishioners up at St. John's at 9.00a.m., Our Lady's around 9.20a.m. and St. James' around 9.45a.m. Lists will soon be put at the back of the church for people to sign-up for the day. As always it will be on a first-come first-served basis. We should leave Edinburgh to return to the parishes around 4.30p.m. or so. This will provide a good opportunity for people to do something extra for Advent and a way of preparing fruitfully for our Christmas celebrations.

 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 06th November-6pm

Tuesday 07th- 10am & 7am

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

Wednesday 08th-No Mass

Thursday 09th-Annual Mass for deceased clergy will take place at 12 noon in the Cathedral.

Friday 10th -St Leo the Great-10am

UCM-Bingo tea Tuesday 7th November. Doors open 7pm. All proceeds to the Lourdes pilgrim fund.

There will be a Mass offered in thanksgiving for Priesthood and for Intercession for our priests in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee on Saturday 18th November at 10am. All are welcome.

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 15th 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.

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