



St John the Baptist Catholic Church-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 07th January 2024-The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Monday 08th January 2024-6pm- The Baptism of the Lord & the end of Christmastide

Tuesday 09th -10am-followed by refreshments in hall

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

7pm

Wednesday 10th-No Mass

Thursday 11th-HMP Perth

Friday 12th-10am

Psalm Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

UCM will meet with Mass on Tuesday 09th at 7pm followed by meeting.

RECENTLY DEAD: Betty M^cGrath

ANNIVERSARIES: HH Pope Benedict XVI, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia & Susan Cassidy
Fidelia animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.

The Crib donations will be for the *St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society*- St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society was initially founded in 1955 as an adoption society, to support children and families in need throughout the UK. Since then, it has developed further to include an education service offering support to all children, families and professionals.

The National Commission for Justice and Peace advises the Scottish Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in matters of social justice, peacebuilding, promoting care for creation and human rights, supporting the Catholic community to live the values of the Gospel in service to the poor and marginalised. **There will be a second collection next weekend.**

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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Teas after 11am Mass will resume on Sunday 14th January.
Mass for the Sick will be celebrated on Tuesday 16th followed by refreshments in hall.

An appeal for Lepra's Centenary Year will be taken up on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th January in the parish. 100 years of research and innovative care has helped Lepra find new treatments to break the cycle of physical, social, economic and psychological harm associated with leprosy and lymphatic filariasis. Your kindness and generosity will help Lepra continue to detect and treat over **35,000 vulnerable people** every year and reach over **2.4 million people** with vital health information and education. A short film about the work of Lepra is posted on the parish website.

**Instructions for Blessing one's Home with blessed Epiphany Chalk
(in basket beside the Manger)**

Using the blessed chalk blessed during Mass mark the lintel of your front door (or the door itself or front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 24 while saying: **The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-two years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.**

Then offer the following prayer: **Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen**

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions.

20 + C + M + B + 24

Please keep the chalk in a special place as it is blessed

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.
*Ave, ave, ave Maria,
Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

How bless'd is the birth of her heavenly
child,
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.
Ave, ave, ave Maria,

The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call
The Lord of creation, and Saviour of all.
Ave, ave, ave Maria

Three kings came to worship with gifts
rich and rare
And marvelled in awe at the babe in her
care.
Ave, ave, ave Maria

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we
pray:
Sing praise to the Saviour, sing endless
'Ave.'

Ave, ave, ave Maria
(words by Andrew Carter)

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9.00am/11.00am/6.30 pm

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