



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 28th January 2024-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Monday 29th January 2024-6pm

Tuesday 30th-No Mass

N.B. Wednesday 31st-St John Bosco-10am followed by refreshments in hall

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

7pm

Thursday 01st February-HMP Perth

Friday 02nd-Candlemass-The Presentation of the Lord-6pm
by Candlelight with blessing of throats

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Wednesday 07th February 2024 at 6pm-Confirmations with P7

New Rota for readers available from Sacristy.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Oswald
Animae omnium fidelium defunctorum, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

UCM meeting 06th February with Mass at 7pm followed by Mini Bingo Tea for Branch Funds. Family, friends and parishioners are warmly invited.

An appeal for Lepra's Centenary Year will be taken up this weekend
Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th January in the parish.

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



- SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2024**
- Lepra Appeal**-28th January
 - Ecclesiastical Students Fund**-18th February
 - Papal & Episcopal Charities** (including SCIAF)-10th March
 - Holy Places**-29th March
 - White Flower Appeal**-21st April
 - Apostolate of Communications**-12th May
 - Day for Life**-16th June
 - Peter's Pence**-30th June
 - Apostleship of the Sea**-21st July
 - Bishop's Mensal Fund**-04th August
 - Sick & Retired Priests Fund**-15th September
 - Mission Sunday**-20th October
 - Catholic Education Service**-17th November
 - Poor Mission Fund**-01st December

Refreshments in the hall after 11am Mass

The precious days of Jesus' infancy hidden in the peace and security of Mary's confinement are coming to an end, Friday 2nd February-the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or **Candlemass** marks His "introduction" to the world. It was the custom for new mothers to go to the Temple to be declared officially "pure" forty days after the birth of a child, and if that child was a firstborn son, it was Jewish law that the parents offer him officially to God at that time in order to show gratitude for the angel's sparing of the first-born of the Jews at the time of Moses. Then, to redeem the child back from the Temple, the parents offered a gift to be sacrificed in exchange, usually a lamb-but if the family was poor, as Jesus' family was, a pair of turtle doves were sufficient. Imagine the Holy Family walking down to the Temple, the Infant Jesus bundled up and held close to the heart of His Mother, the turtle doves carried by good St. Joseph in a cage he made

himself. Wonder if anyone around them felt a spiritual nudge when the Infant Saviour passed by them? Wonder if you would have known it was the Holy Family passing by if you'd been there? Jesus' parents, out of obedience to tradition, offered Him to the Jewish Temple, but then "bought Him back" with doves-the symbol of peace. In obedience and humility, Blessed Mary and St. Joseph fulfilled their responsibility to the Mosaic Law that day, but the joy of the occasion was tempered when, upon meeting the prophet Simeon, Our Blessed Mother was reminded of the sorrows to come-that her heart would be pierced with a sword. Beauty and promise and sorrow that day were wrapped up together like the mysteries of the Rosary, with the glory-to-come a glimmer in the eye of that bundled up Baby Boy. **A candlelit Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm on Friday 02nd February.**

- RCIA**
- Monday 29th January 2024**
 - Unit 10:** The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
 - Monday 12th February**
 - Unit 11:** The Eucharist (1): Source and Summit of the Christian Life
 - Unit 12:** The Eucharist (2): The Parts of the Mass and its Effects
 - Monday 26th February**
 - Unit 13:** The Sacraments of Healing – Confession and the Sacrament of the Sick
 - Unit 14:** The Sacraments of Mission – Marriage and Holy Orders
 - Monday 04th March**
 - Unit 15:** Catholic Social Teaching: Fundamentals of the Moral Life-
 - Unit 16:** Catholic Social Teaching: Core Principles
 - Unit 17:** What Comes Next?
 - Monday 11th March**
 - Unit 18:** The Blessed Virgin Mary and The Communion of Saints
 - Unit 19:** The Necessity of Prayer
 - Monday 18th March**
 - Unit 20:** Overview of the Celebration of Christian Initiation for Adult

Sunday Masses 4.00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass (on Saturday)
9.00am/11.00am/6.30 pm

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