



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 17th March 2024-Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

Responsorial Psalm: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Holy Mass

Monday 18th March-6pm

**Tuesday 19th -Solemnity of St Joseph-10am- Mass for the sick followed by refreshments
& 7pm**

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

Wednesday 20th March-Requiem Mass for Patrick O'Donnell-10.30am

Thursday 21st - HMP PERTH

Friday 22nd -Stations of the Cross at 9.30am *followed by* 10am Mass with P6

The **Lenten Gospel Acclamation** (when sung for Mass) will be found at **415** in the hymn book. **Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

RECENTLY DEAD: Maria Methven, Patrick O'Donnell, Ian Fowler & Hugh MacMaster

ANNIVERSARIES: The Lynagh Family, Jack M^cCrossan, John Hill, Mary Canning
& Bridget Duggan (birthday)

Animae omnium fidelium defunctorum, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

Why veil the cross and other images during Passiontide? As Christ hid himself from the rage of the Jewish authorities (St John 8:59), so now He is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of His passion. In His passion, our Saviour's divinity was almost totally eclipsed, so great was His suffering. Likewise, even His humanity was obscured – so much so that He could say through His prophet: *I am a worm and no man* (Psalm 21:7). His face and whole body were so disfigured by the blows and scourges that our Jesus was scarcely recognizable! Thus, the wounds He endured hid both His divinity and His humanity. For this reason, we veil the crosses in these final days of Lent – hiding our Saviour under the sad purple cloth.

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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FIG MONDAY 25th March-10am Requiem Mass for Maria Methven

TEMPLE TUESDAY 26th March-1.30pm Requiem Mass for Ian Fowler

SPY WEDNESDAY 27th March -10am

Chrim Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee at 7pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March-7pm-Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching at the Altar of Repose until Compline at 9.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY- FASTING & ABSTINENCE-**29th March**

9am-Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

3pm-Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST 30th March

9am-Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

7.00pm-Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

The clocks go forward

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March -Solemn Mass: 9am & 11am only

The Church will then be closed

Thursday 04th April: 11am Requiem Mass for Hugh MacMaster



Good Friday Penitential Walk & Stations of the Cross-10am-St John's-Kinnoull-St M Magdalene's

Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF): £676

Refreshments in the hall after 11am Mass

The AGM (Branch & Diocesan) will take place on Tuesday 19th March in the hall after the 7pm Mass. Will all members please mark this important date in the diary. A full attendance is necessary to discern together the future and viability of the UCM as we plot our future. **Family Fast Day** this weekend 16/17th March with the UCM: Proceeds will be shared with SCIAF & a nominated UCM charity.

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