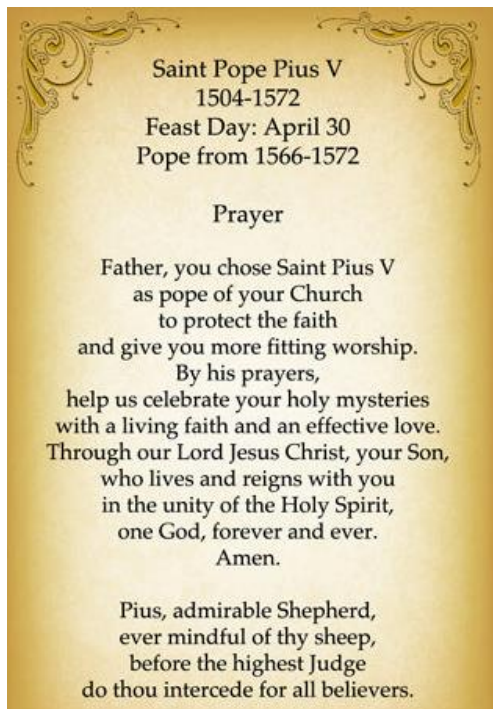


St John the Baptist Catholic Church-The Mother Church of Perth

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 28th April 2024-05th Sunday of Easter Year B



RECENTLY DEAD: Mary MacKenzie
ANNIVERSARIES: Mgr Charles Hendry,
Myra Collier, Catherine Crawford,
Con Connaghan & Frances Smith
**Animae omnium fidelium defunctorum,
per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in
pace.**

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my
praise in the great assembly.

Monday 29th April-St Catherine of Siena
8.45am-French Group Mass

Tuesday 30th -St Pius V-10am *followed by
refreshments in hall*

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Confessions from 6pm-6.45pm & 7pm Mass

Wednesday 01st May-No Mass

Thursday 02nd-HMP Perth

Friday 03rd-St Philip & St James-10am Mass

SPUC Collection: £469

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord- A Holy Day of Obligation -Thursday 09th May.

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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Liam McArthur MSP has **published a bill** to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. The bill, which proposes allowing assisted suicide for those aged 16 or over who are terminally ill, mentally competent and who

wish to die, will be debated and scrutinised by the Scottish Parliament in the coming months and will eventually be voted on by MSPs in a free vote (not along party lines). The Bill refers to assisted dying, but this is a euphemistic term which doesn't accurately describe the reality. Assisted dying is already practiced by our health professionals and organisations, in the form of palliative care. An accurate term for what the Bill seeks to legalise is assisted suicide. It is a law which will allow a doctor to provide a patient with a lethal cocktail of drugs to kill themselves. Here are just a few concerns about the Bill proposals:

The Bill defines 'terminal illness' as follows: "an advanced and progressive disease, illness or condition from which they are unable to recover and that can reasonably be expected to cause their premature death". No life expectancy is stipulated in the Bill and the definition means it could cover chronically ill and disabled people, and people with anorexia. Doctors would be asked to assess and declare that there is no coercion or pressure involved in a person's decision to choose assisted suicide. This is an almost impossible task, especially for a decision of such magnitude.

Registrars will be required to record the underlying disease or condition as the cause of death, not the ingestion of a lethal cocktail of drugs. Assessing doctors will not be obliged to refer applicants for a specialist assessment if they have doubts about terminal illness or capacity.

In a pastoral letter, ***Called to Care, Not to Kill***, Scotland's Catholic bishops have described the proposals as "dangerous" and urged the Catholic faithful to contact their MSPs. **Please pick up this letter.**

A Month's Mind Memorial Mass will be held for Fr. Martin Chambers on Friday 10th May 2024 at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. **All Are welcome.**

The kneelers are being renewed by Gary Robertson a local upholsterer. We are also waiting for the replacement digital advertising screens at the rear of the property when legal niceties are concluded.

First Holy Communion with P4 of St John's Academy: Saturday 01st June at 10am.

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

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