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

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Sunday 01st June 2025-7th Sunday of Easter Year C

Psalm Response: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Refreshments in hall after 11am Sunday Mass

REWCENTLY DEAD: Stuart Collier

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas M^cDermott, Maggie Canning & George O'Brien **Animae omnium fidelium defunctorum, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.**

Monday 02nd June 2025-6pm

Tuesday 03rd -St Charles Lwanga & Companions-10am followed by refreshments

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

Wednesday 4th June-Shared Lectio Divina in St James', Kinross from 6.30pm-8pm for Perth and Kinross parishes. Conversations in the Holy Spirit with Scripture, prayer and silence with St James' Prayer Group.

Thursday 05th- HMP Perth & Friday 06th June-10am

Saturday 07th June-Wedding of Rachel Pennington & Peter Davies-1pm

2nd collection of the **Apostolate of Communications this weekend**

The theme of this year's World Communications Day: Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts (cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16)

O God, of this world,

whose word is truth awaken in us a sense of wonder at your

and in whose light we see light, presence

guide those who tell the story of our times and of longing for your peace.

through word and image.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Make them seekers after truth your Son,

and advocates of human dignity. who lives and reigns with you in the unity

Grant discernment to all who rely on their of the Holy Spirit,

and, as we confront the pain and promise God for ever and ever. *Amen*.

This year, Pentecost falls on Sunday, June 08. The prayer recalls and invites Catholics to participate in the nine days that the Blessed Virgin Mary and the apostles spent in prayer after Christ ascended into heaven. Together, they prayed in Jerusalem in anticipation of the Holy Spirit's coming, which Christ had promised them. The word "novena" is derived from the Latin word for nine. Catholics will frequently pray a novena — a prayer repeated once a day for nine days — for a particular intention. This novena asks for the Holy Spirit's seven gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body, to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light and listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring his opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant heareth." Amen

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to Your apostles and disciples

Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of Your grace and love.

Grant us the Spirit of Fear Of The Lord that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward You. the Spirit of Piety that we may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others;

The Spirit of Fortitude that we may bear our cross with You and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation; The Spirit of Knowledge that we may know You and know ourselves and grow in holiness; The Spirit of Understanding to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth; The Spirit of Counsel that we may choose the surest way of doing Your will, seeking first the Kingdom; Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom that we may aspire to the things that last forever;

Teach us to be Your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with Your Spirit. Amen.