

St John the Baptist's, Perth

SUNDAY MASS

4pm (Saturday Vigil)
& on SUNDAY
9am, 11am and 6.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - 6pm
Tuesday - 10am & 7pm
Thursday - 9.40am Rosary; 10am Mass
Friday - 10am

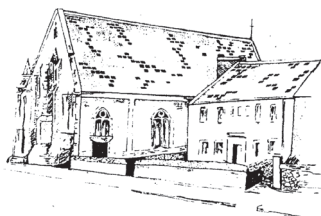
CONFESSION

Tuesday - 6pm
Adoration & Confession
(before 7pm Mass)



Parish Priest: Very Rev. Steven Mulholland

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25th Sunday of the Year Year C 21st September 2025



For this Sunday's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

**Praise the Lord
who raises the poor.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Jesus Christ,
though he was rich,
yet for your sake,
he became poor,
so that you, by his poverty,
become rich.**

Second Collection

There will be a second collection at Masses today for the Sick and Retired Priest Fund.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick at this time - especially Margareta Mary.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Betty Graham, Iris Herchell, Rodney Richard Scobie, Betty Alice O'Neill and John Joyce and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**May their souls, and the souls of
all the faith departed, rest in peace.
Amen.**

**Tea and Coffee after the 11am
Mass on Sunday
and 10am Mass
on Tuesdays
ALL WELCOME**

St Vincent de Paul

Saturday 27th September is the Memorial of St Vincent de Paul. On this day, we give thanks for the life and witness of St Vincent, who devoted himself to serving Christ in the poor and marginalised. We also remember and pray for all who continue his mission today through the Society of St Vincent de Paul. May God bless and strengthen all who work in its fraternities across the world, that they may be guided by compassion, sustained in hope, and inspired always by the love of Christ.

Weekday Services

MONDAY 22nd September
6pm Mass

TUESDAY 23rd September
St Pius of Pietrelcina
(Padre Pio)
10am Mass
6pm - Adoration & Confession
7pm Mass

THURSDAY 25th September
9.40am - Rosary
10am Mass
during Fr Poonoly's time in the parish

FRIDAY 26th September
10am Mass

National Youth Pilgrimage

At our 4pm Vigil Mass today, we welcome the Young Catholics of Scotland with Archbishop Leo Cushley and Bishop Andrew McKenzie as they reach the end of their journey through the city of Perth today as PILGRIMS OF HOPE!

Emergency and Sick Calls

In the case of emergencies or sick calls - contact Fr Abraham Poonoly - 01738 259371 or 07776 235335.

Prayer after Communion

*I thank you, my Jesus,
for giving yourself to me
in this Blessed Sacrament,
and so enriching it with
the treasures of your love
you have no greater
Gift to give to me.
I thank you not only
for becoming my food,
but also for offering yourself
as a continual sacrifice
to your Eternal Father
for my Salvation.*

Amen

Diocesan Vocations Mass

The Annual Diocesan Mass for Vocations will take place at St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, on Monday 22nd September at 6pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Andrew McKenzie, together with priests from across the diocese. Fr Jim Walls, Dunkeld Vocations Director, extends a warm invitation to religious communities, parishes, schools and groups from throughout the diocese to gather for this important occasion of prayer for vocations. All are welcome to take part in this celebration, praying together for the encouragement and support of new vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

SSVP Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society in the parish have been asked to coordinate an appeal for good quality men's clothing to combat the oncoming winter months.

Pastoral Letter for Vocations Week - from Bishop Keenan

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Salva me bona crux! Save me, good cross! According to tradition, this is the dying prayer of St Andrew. He said these words as he prepared to give his life for his faith in Jesus. But in the Roman world, the cross was anything but "good." It was a cruel instrument of torture. To proclaim a crucified King was offensive to some and foolish to others. But, for St Andrew, the contradictory sign of the cross was a symbol of salvation. It was a sign of hope. For St Andrew, the cross was also a sign pointing out the way that would lead him to Heaven. The cross offered to him on the day of his martyrdom was a reminder of the new commandment given by Jesus: 'Love one another, as I have loved you.'

The cross was a personal call from his Lord and Master: 'Come, follow me.' There are many people today who are looking for a sign. Does this life have any meaning? Does my own personal life have a purpose? Why am I here? To many people, our modern world feels like the lonely desert of the Exodus. Sin has caused a mysterious, spiritual sickness and people are looking for a cure. Hungry stomachs grumble for real food. Parched throats thirst for living water.

In our first reading, we heard how Moses held up a mysterious, contradictory sign to the people of his generation. Like the cross of Jesus, it brought healing and forgiveness

to a hurting people. Like the cross of Jesus, it saved them from death. Like the cross of Jesus, it brought new hope, when all hope seemed lost. God is calling men and women today to be signs of hope to this generation. He's calling them to be courageous leaders like Moses. He's calling them to be joyful messengers of his Good News like St Andrew. He's calling them to find in his cross the way of true love. He is calling them to serve him and his Church in the priesthood and in the religious life.

In our second reading, Paul describes how Jesus 'emptied himself' to become a servant of his brothers and sisters.⁵ To want to become priest or a religious today doesn't mean aspiring to a position of privilege or power. To want to become a priest or a religious is to want to love like Jesus. This means giving God everything, holding nothing back. It means giving him our gifts and talents, but also our weakness and our limitations. It means remembering that we must first receive God's forgiveness before sharing it with others. It means remembering that, before we preach, we must first listen carefully to the word spoken by the one, true Teacher. It means remembering that we can only ever be true leaders by remembering that we are followers of a crucified King.

Living like Jesus means making sacrifices. Becoming a priest or a religious means imitating Jesus in his simple poverty, his holy purity and his faithful obedience. But Jesus asks us to make sacrifices only so

that he can give us even greater gifts. He is never outdone in generosity. In this way, the cross is the way to true joy, and a peace the world cannot give. As Jesus made his way to Calvary, Simon of Cyrene helped him to carry the cross which would save the world. Could you help him carry the cross today? Veronica wiped his holy face when others couldn't bear to look at him. Could you see his face today in the least of his brothers and sisters?

After his Resurrection, Mary Magdalene announced to the apostles the good news of his victory. Andrew and the others brought that good news to the very ends of the earth. Who will share the joy of the Gospel with this generation? Who will proclaim the hope of his salvation today? God is looking for courageous prophets to tell the truth to his people. Jesus is looking for humble servants who will wash the feet of their fellow disciples. The Holy Spirit is already stirring in generous hearts afire of creative love that will set the whole world ablaze. Jesus said to his disciples, 'take up your cross and follow me!'

During this Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray that the call of Christ will be heard in our Church in Scotland and find in the hearts of our young people a generous response.

With every good wish and blessing,
+John Keenan
Bishop President, Priests for Scotland

Are you a girl aged between 5 and 7 years old and interested in making new friends and having fun?

Rainbows take part in all sorts of activities, both indoors and outdoors. Rainbows cook. Rainbows make things. Rainbows learn how to take care of each other and their environment. Rainbows learn lots while playing games and having fun. Rainbows celebrate!! We meet every Friday night at 5.30 - 6.30 in St. John's RC Church Hall, Melville Street.

For further details contact Anne Mitchell on 01738 628039 or register your daughter on www.girlguidingscotland.org.uk click for parents followed by register your daughter and we will contact you.

A very special date for your diary

An evening of sacred choral music by candlelight in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee on Friday 7th November – in aid of funds for the St Mary's Loch restoration Project.

Conducted by our choir director, composer Helen Band and performed by a new choir of talented singers from across Tayside, the programme will feature Helen's choral works, including anthems, hymns, excerpts from Helen's Mass settings and music by guest soloists.

The evening will also include two world premieres of Helen's new writing.

BOOK NOW

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/choral-music-by-candlelight-tickets-1600893568759

