

St John the Baptist's, Perth

SUNDAY MASS in St JOHN'S

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

WEEKDAYS MASSES (or as announced)

Monday - 6pm
Tuesday 10am & 7pm
Thursday 10am
Friday 10am

CONFESSION

Tuesday 6pm
Adoration and Confession
(before 7pm Mass)



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7th December 2025

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm Response:

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

Second reading: Romans 15:4-9

Acclamation: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Please find the annual Safeguarding Statement on behalf of Bishop Andrew and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group is out. The statement is available on the Diocese and our parish websites for people to access

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Jesus welcomed children, embraced them and blessed them. It is the same Jesus who protects and cherishes the vulnerable through the mission of the Church."

EXCERPT FROM: 'IN GOD'S IMAGE' 2021
Noreen Hickey Parish Safeguarding Coordinator

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers for those who are sick at this time. Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Logan and Helen Breslin who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time. **May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**

EMERGENCY AND SICK CALLS

In the case of emergencies or sick calls – contact Hospital Chaplain – 07842 538056.

Toilets

Children who require to use the bathroom should be accompanied at all times by a parent/guardian. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Parish Meal

Join us for a merry pre-Christmas Parish Meal with live music and dancing in the Hall. The date is Wednesday, 10th December, 2025 at 6.30pm. We will use the outside caterers that have provided our lovely meals in the past.

You are invited to sign up on the sheet provided in the Porch to enable us to ascertain numbers. During November you will then be able to choose your meal from a menu. All welcome.

Christmas Meal Wednesday, 10th December at 6.30pm. PLEASE fill in your menu choice today. The cost is £20 per head and can be paid as convenient to either Elizabeth Allan or Fr. Louis.

Readers' Rotas are now available to be picked up from the Sacristy.

Mary's Meals: Thanks to the Parish's generosity we raised the sum of £350 for Mary's Meals. Thank you also to all who donated prizes. Kate Macdonald.

Welcome Advent!

A new year of the Church's Liturgical Year has just arrived. It is ushered in by a new season, Advent. This word is derived from the Latin *Adventus*, which means 'coming.' We are to think of the Lord's coming. And who is the Lord? He is Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world. He saved us from all our sins and has reconciled us with the Father by the blood of his Cross. In this holy season, we take a retreat to recount his first coming at some point in human history, in the Incarnation. We recall his coming at Christmas, and his coming again in glory on the Last Day. We joyfully think of his coming and get ready to welcome him when he comes.

Funeral Arrangement

James Logan: The remains of James Logan will be received in the Church on Tuesday, December 9, @5pm. His funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, December 10, @10am. May his soul rest in peace, Amen.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	MASS INTENTION	FEAST/MEMORIAL	EVENT	TIME
SATURDAY	06/12/25	Fredrick Flynn+ Fr Mike Uwaezuoke	2 nd Sunday of Advent		4pm
SUNDAY	07/12/25	Francesca Stuart+ Sheila Clerk/Joseph Fabrycy+ James Logan+	2 nd Sunday of Advent		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	08/12/25	Mgr Patrick Obike+ Richard Jackson (Bday)	Immaculate Conception		6pm
TUESDAY	09/12/25	Mgr Eugene Onuoha+ Phyllis Ponsonby	Advent	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	10/12/25			10am Requiem Mass James Logan	
THURSDAY	11/12/25	Chiamaka Igbokwe	Advent		10am
FRIDAY	12/12/25	Leo Hickey+	Advent		10am

Foodbank

The monthly collection of non-perishable foods for the Foodbank will take place on the first Sunday of each month. There will also be bacon rolls available after 11am Mass on that day – with a suggested donation £2.50 each, all proceeds going towards food for the Foodbank.

Parish Shop

The Parish Shop is open after the 11am Mass on Sundays, offering prayer books, First Communion and Confirmation cards.

Christmas cards are now available!

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

The Crib donations will be for the St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society – St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society was initially founded in 1955 as an adoption society, to support children and families in need throughout the UK. Since then, it has developed further to include an education service offering support to all children, families and professionals.

**I wish you every grace and blessings at
Christmas and the joy for the new year 2026.**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Sunday 14th December after 11 p.m.

Mass: Carols with the Choir in the Hall
and refreshment

Christmas Confession: December 16 after morning Mass & in
the evening

Holy Mass times

**Wednesday 24th December: Solemnity of the Nativity of the
Lord – A Holy Day of Obligation**

4pm (with Carols from 3.30pm
This Mass will be especially for young children)

9pm (with Carols from, 8.30pm)

Thursday 25th December: Mass 10am only

**Friday 26th December – Feast of St. Stephen
No Mass**

**Saturday 27th December
Feast of St John the Evangelist – 4pm**

**Sunday 28th December
Feast of The Holy Family – 9am & 11am**

**Thursday 1st January 2026 Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God – 10am**

Friday 2nd January – 10am

**Saturday 3rd January
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – 4pm**

Sunday 4th January – 9am, 11am & 6.30pm

**Saturday 10th January
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – 4pm**

Sunday 11th January – 9am, 11am. & 6.30pm

The end of Christmastime.