

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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21st December 2025

First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm Response:

Let the Lord enter, he is the king of glory.

Second reading: Romans 1:1-7

Acclamation: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which means, God with us. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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 Helen Breslin who has 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.

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.

On Annual Leave: I wish to inform our dear parishioners and visitors that I hope to be away from the parish for my annual leave this period starting from the Christmas day. I will return in the first week of February 2026. This will provide me a brief opportunity to stay close to my siblings, and to manage some time away from the parish settings. Fr Abraham Poonoly, now resident in St Mary Magdalene Perth has agreed to cover for me. May we welcome him. Given his own schedule, there will **not be Masses on Tuesday evenings, Wednesdays and Thursdays** until my return.

As we come to the end of this year of the Lord, 2025, I give thanks to the Almighty God for his special blessings on us all. I offer my deepest gratitude to all of you, beloved parishioners and visitors – children, young and not so young, and the experienced – for all your support to the parish throughout this year. Our parish community is alive, flourishing, focused and stable, thanks to your faith, commitment, joy and unflinching support.

During this short period I have stayed with you, we have sustained all the activities that have moved the parish on in her pilgrimage of hope. And I know we will continue to do better.

May the blessings and joy of Christmas accompany you all into the new year 2026 and follow you through all the days and months therein. I wish you a blessed, happier, healthier and more prosperous individual and community life. I commend myself, the entire parish community and my journey to the patronage of the Blessed Mary Mother of Jesus, and to your prayerful support. With every grace – Fr Louis

Funeral Announcement

Helen Breslin will be buried on Monday, December 22 after a funeral Mass in the Church @12noon. May her soul rest in peace.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	MASS INTENTION	FEAST/MEMORIAL	EVENT	TIME
SATURDAY	20/12/25	Margaret Smith+ Sheila	4 th Sunday of Advent		4pm
SUNDAY	21/12/25	Special Intention George Smillie+ Charles Canning+	4 th Sunday of Advent		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	22/12/25	Jean McKellaig+	Advent		6pm
TUESDAY	23/12/25	Michael Nwachukwu Fr Thomas Udie	Advent	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	24/12/25	Ann Brown+ Jean Grant	Christmas Eve		4pm 9pm
THURSDAY	25/12/25	Bridget & Michael Duggan	Christmas Day		10am
FRIDAY	26/12/25				

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

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 & 6.30pm**

**Thursday 1st January 2026 Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God – as announced**

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.