

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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25th January 2026

3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

First reading: Isaiah 9:1b-4

Psalm Response:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Acclamation:

*Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom
and healed every affliction among the people.*

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

PRAYERS

Please remember to pray for those who are sick at this time. Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for Bishop Vincent Logan and all those 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

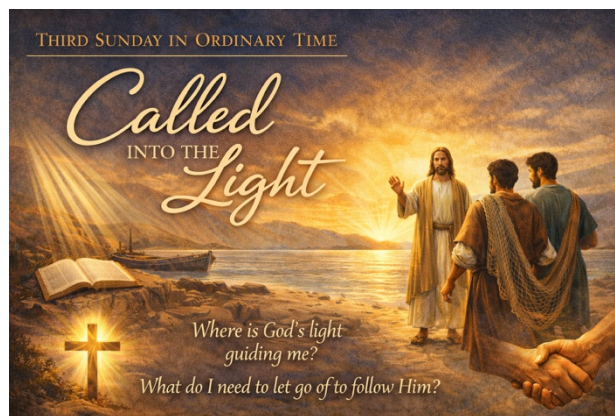
In the case of emergencies or sick calls – contact
Hospital Chaplain – 07842 538056.

Toilets

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

RCIA UPDATE

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the official process by which the Roman Catholic Church welcomes and integrates adults into the faith. The Parish RCIA programme will begin on Wednesday 28th January 2026. Those interested in learning more are invited to attend the introductory session in the Church Hall on Wednesday 28th January at 6.30pm. The point of contact is Bill Millar on 07801585049.



This Sunday's readings remind us that God is always inviting people to move forward: from darkness into light, from being unsure to trusting, and from everyday life into following Jesus.

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks about people who have been walking in darkness and suddenly see a great light. This tells us something important about God: when people feel lost, worried, or forgotten, God does not turn away. Instead, God brings light right into those difficult moments. Even when life feels hard, God is already at work.

In the Gospel, we see this promise come alive in Jesus. He begins by saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This doesn't mean we should be afraid. It means turning towards God and choosing a better way to live. When Jesus meets the fishermen, he calls them just as they are, in the middle of their normal day. They leave their nets behind and follow him, not because they know exactly what will happen, but because they trust him.

Saint Paul reminds us that following Jesus also affects how we treat one another. He asks the community to stop arguing and to live in unity. Being followers of Jesus means choosing kindness, forgiveness, and working together — especially when it's not easy. These readings invite us to think together as families: what might Jesus be asking us to let go of? It could be unkind words, bad habits, or fears that stop us from loving others well. God's light is already shining, and Jesus is already calling us.

As we gather this Sunday, may we listen for Jesus' voice in our homes, our schools, our work, and our friendships — and take small, brave steps to follow him each day.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

| DAY | DATE | MASS INTENTION | FEAST/ MEMORIAL | EVENT | TIME |
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| SATURDAY | 24/1/26 | | 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | Mass | 4pm |
| SUNDAY | 25/1/26 | | 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | Mass Mass Mass | 9am 11am 6.30pm |
| MONDAY | 26/1/26 | | Ss Timothy & Titus | Mass | 6pm |
| TUESDAY | 27/1/26 | | Tuesday in Week 3 of Ordinary Time | Mass | 10am |
| WEDNESDAY | 28/1/26 | | St Thomas Aquinas | No Mass | |
| THURSDAY | 29/1/26 | | Thursday in Week 3 of Ordinary Time | No Mass | |
| FRIDAY | 30/1/26 | | Friday in Week 3 of Ordinary Time | No Mass | |

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, with 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.

Vocations Evening

Do you sense a call to serve God and His people in the Priesthood? If so, please come along to the Vocations Evening in St Andrew's Cathedral, Church Hall, Dundee DD1 4EA.

**Under 18's Sunday 8th February
starting at 7pm finishing 8pm.**

**Over 18's Sunday 15th February
starting at 7pm finishing 8pm.**

For more information, please contact Fr Jim Walls,
Diocesan Vocations Director
stmaryslochee@dunkelddiocese.org.uk
or 01382 611282.

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

Dunkeld Lourdes Pilgrimage 15th—22nd July 2026.

Bishop Andrew will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. This is a diocesan event and your presence would make it all the richer. Direct flights and transfers, full board and a Diocesan programme are included from £969. There is also plenty of free time to allow you to enjoy the pilgrimage.

Further details and booking can be found here
<https://joewalshtours.co.uk/pilgrimages/group-diocesanpilgrimages/dunkeld-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>

If you require a little extra support there are also places in the Accueil with an army of volunteers. Please email dunkeld@pobox.com or phone 07801 227 443 for more information.