

# 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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1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

**First reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

### Psalm Response:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31**

### Acclamation

*Rejoice and be glad  
for your reward is great in heaven*

**Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a**

## PRAYERS

Please remember to pray for those who are sick. Please pray for the repose of the souls all those who have died recently and for of Bill and Betty Fyall, John Oswald, Archbishop Charles Heerey (founder of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ) 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.

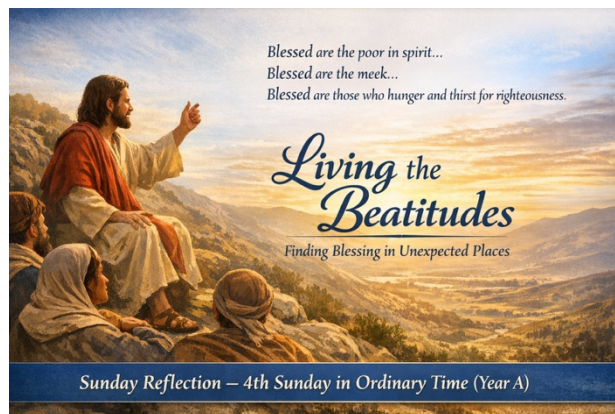
### Toilets

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 began on Wednesday 28th January 2026.

If anyone else is interested in learning more, they are invited to attend the next session in the Church Hall on Wednesday 4th February at 6.30pm. The point of contact is Bill Millar on **07801 575049**. Please note that earlier editions of the bulletin had been supplied an incorrect telephone number.



This Sunday's Gospel brings us the Beatitudes — words that are familiar, beautiful, and deeply challenging. As Jesus sits on the mountainside, he speaks of blessing in places we might not expect: poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, and a hunger for what is right.

These words turn our usual ideas of success upside down. The world often tells us that happiness comes from strength, achievement, and self-reliance. Jesus points instead to humility, gentleness, and trust in God. The Beatitudes are not instructions to seek suffering, but a reassurance that God is close to those who know their need for him, who struggle, who grieve, and who quietly work for peace and justice.

This message can be comforting and unsettling at the same time. It comforts us because it reminds us that God does not wait for us to be perfect. He meets us where we are, especially in our weakness. It unsettles us because it challenges the values we may unconsciously adopt, inviting us to rethink what it truly means to live a blessed life.

In the second reading, St Paul reminds us that God often chooses what appears weak or insignificant in the eyes of the world. Our faith is not about boasting in our achievements, but about placing our trust in God's wisdom and grace.

As we begin this week, we might ask ourselves where we see the Beatitudes lived out in everyday life — in quiet acts of kindness, in forgiveness freely given, or in faithfulness through difficulty. These moments remind us that God's kingdom is already at work among us.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	MASS INTENTION	FEAST/MEMORIAL	EVENT	TIME
SATURDAY	31/1/26		4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Mass	4pm
SUNDAY	1/2/26		4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Mass Mass Mass	9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	2/2/26		Presentation of Our Lord	Mass	6pm
TUESDAY	3/2/26		St Blaise	Mass	10am
WEDNESDAY	4/2/26		Wednesday in Week 4 of Ordinary Time	No Mass	
THURSDAY	5/2/26		St Agatha	No Mass	
FRIDAY	6/2/26	Molly Miller	Ss Paul Miki and Companions	Mass	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, 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.

Two evenings - 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.**

### Second Collection next Sunday

There will be a second collection at all Masses next Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> February, in support of the Ecclesiastical Students Fund.

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

### 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](mailto:dunkeld@pobox.com) or phone 07801 227 443 for more information.