

# 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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**8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent A**

**First reading:** Exodus 17:3-7

**Psalm Response:**

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden  
not your hearts.

**Second reading:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

**Acclamation:** Lord, you are indeed the saviour of the  
world; give me living water, so that I will not be  
thirsty.

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“ . . . the safeguarding of children and of all  
vulnerable adults is a work of love that emerges from  
the fundamental programme of Christian faith and  
living, mandated by Jesus himself.”

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 those who have died recently and for all whose  
anniversaries occur about this time. **May their souls,  
and the souls of all the faith departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

## EMERGENCY AND SICK CALLS

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

## Children's Catechism

We know that some of our children are not attending  
Catholic schools. This has presented some challenge with  
their making their sacraments. We are planning to provide  
catechism classes for those in this category. Details will  
be communicated in the coming weeks.

## Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross every Wednesday  
and Friday @9.30am before Mass. May we be part  
of it.

## Consuming the Body of Christ

Just a gentle reminder that it will be the best practice if we  
consume the Body of Christ at the point of reception  
before stepping aside or walking towards our seat. We  
have noticed that some of our children walk away with the  
Sacred Body of Christ and had to be reminded to put it  
into their mouth for consumption. Let us help with this.

## Third Sunday of Lent A: Give me that living water!

Transcendence is one of the human qualities. We all strive  
to get into what lies beyond us. We thirst for the infinite.  
The human person is constantly facing the tension of  
inadequacy. We feel incomplete and yearn for completion,  
which clearly lies beyond our reach in the interim. The  
completeness we long for, however, is not impossible to  
attain. It is in God through Christ Jesus. The readings of  
today attest to that. In the gospel, we learnt of the peace  
the woman of Samaria and the town's people got when  
they welcomed Christ. This joy is ours should we let him  
into our lives, as St Augustine stated. Creating time to  
come for Masses even during the weekdays provides the  
opportunity for such encounters with Christ.

## Parishioners' Form

In the coming weeks, the new parishioners' form will be  
in the Church porch for those whose records we do not  
have in the parish. Those who wish to update their details  
should do so as well.

## Mothers' Day

Mothers' day celebration is next Sunday. In the name of  
the parish, we wish all women and mothers in our parish  
every special blessing from God. Thank you for all you do  
for us. May God bless you all.

Please remember your mother, alive or dead. You can  
request Mass for her.

## Toilets

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

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	MASS INTENTION	FEAST/MEMORIAL	EVENT	TIME
SATURDAY	07/03/26	Odette Turner+	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent A		4pm
SUNDAY	08/03/26	Merle Rosemeyer+	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	09/03/26	Terry & Ron Mackay+	Lent		6pm
TUESDAY	10/03/26		Lent	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	11/03/26		Lent	Stations of the Cross @9.30am	10am
THURSDAY	12/03/26	Peter Ushie	Lent		10am
FRIDAY	13/03/26	People of the parish	Lent	Stations of the Cross @9.30am	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.

### 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 evenings at 6.30pm. The point of contact is Bill Millar or the parish priest. The next session will be on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. Moving forward, the catechism session will take place twice a month.

### Mass for the Sick/Anointing

There will be Mass for the sick/anointing on **Thursday, March 19** at the 10am Mass. May we note the change in date please.

### Requesting Mass: The Gift of the Mass

The Catholic Mass stands as the most powerful form of prayer, a divine conduit through which we can offer our deepest intentions. By requesting a Mass for someone, we engage in a profound act of intercession, praying on their behalf. Pope Paul VI once proclaimed, “The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer.” Its immense power has wrought countless miracles and conversions throughout history. Offering Masses for specific intentions or individuals is a cherished tradition within the Church, carrying a spiritual significance that is beyond measure. When we seek Mass for a particular intention, we invite divine presence to intervene in our lives and the lives of others. This sacred act unites our prayers with the ultimate sacrifice of Christ. Each Mass is a moment to adore, seek forgiveness, give thanks, and ask for divine help, making it an extraordinary treasure of the Church. The Holy Mass is for both the living and the dead. If you wish to request a Mass, simply fill out an envelope (*available at the back of the Church soon*). You can place it in the sacristy, hand it to one of the Fathers, or drop it in the letterbox at the Fathers’ House.

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