

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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15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent A

First reading: 1 Samuel 11:1, 6-7, 10-13

Psalm Response:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Acclamation: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

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 faithful 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.

Kinnoull Monastery – Lenten Retreat for Clergy: We have a Holy retreat from the evening of Tuesday 31st March until the morning of Saturday 4th April so that

people can return to their parishes for the Easter Vigil. We also offer the opportunity for any of the clergy or laity to come for a few days of rest or relaxation, with the opportunity to join the community for prayer or spend time alone. Please contact: info@kinnoullmonastery.co.uk or (01738) 624075.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent A: *Yes, Lord, I believe!*

This is a cry of joy from the one who has encountered the Light of the World. This will ring out from the apostle Thomas on the day of his encounter with the Risen Lord. This is our joy, on this *Rejoice* or *Laetare* Sunday in which the Lord has visited us. It is the word of those who have encountered light. It is our joy as we awake from sleep and come into light. It is the joy of the Catechumens. It is the joy of the chosen, like David. We rejoice that God has chosen us, given us light and life. We rejoice that the salvation long promised is drawing ever near. We rejoice in the love of the Lord, which is with us, despite the opposition of the world, as seen in the gospel today. We believe. And we will continue to profess it.

Parishioners' Form

The new parishioners' form is 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. Fill and return to us please.

Mothers' Day

It is Mothers' Day celebration this 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.

Easter Confession: Our Easter confession this year will be on **24th March** immediately after the 10am Mass and in the evening 6pm-6.45pm.

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	14/03/26		4 th Sunday of Lent A		4pm
SUNDAY	15/03/26	Edith Horn+ Alev Ozkan Menzies+ Mary Canning+	4 th Sunday of Lent A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	16/03/26	Geoffrey Morrilt+	Lent		6pm
TUESDAY	17/03/26	Anne Murray+	St Patrick	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	18/03/26		Lent	Stations of the Cross @9.30am	10am
THURSDAY	19/03/26	Bruce & Jackie Tattershall (hlt)	St Joseph		10am
FRIDAY	20/03/26	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 18th 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.

Musical afternoon with Michael Ellacott on Friday 27th March 1.30pm-3.30pm. Refreshments served. £3 donation. All welcome.

Special Collection: A special collection, **Papal & Episcopal Charities**, will be taken next weekend, 21/22 March. Please donate generously.

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 now available at the back of the Church. After filling, 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**