

# 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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**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent A**

**First reading:** Ezekeil 37:12-14

**Psalm Response:**

With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

**Second reading:** Romans 8:8-11

**Acclamation:** I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die.

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

## 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](mailto:info@kinnoullmonastery.co.uk) or (01738) 624075.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent A: *I will open and raise you from your graves, my people!*

The Liturgy of today, as shown in the readings, gives us a glimpse of what will happen at Easter and to all of us. Resurrection is our hope. Having been through the crucibles of life, taken part in the Lenten observances, the readings remind us that the Lord sees our effort and struggles and will reward us. He is hearing our voices echo with that of the Psalmist, 'Out of the depths I call to you, O Lord'. He responds to our cry of distress and will raise us from the grave, from the depths of despair. That cry is like that of Martha and Mary. And as he raised Lazarus today, prophesied by Ezekiel, Jesus' cry will be heard by the Father, and in him we shall all be raised from darkness into the light of Easter and eternal glory. Do not lose hope.

## 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.

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

**The Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk:** On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Stations of the Cross Walk will start in the Church at about 9.30am after the Morning Prayers, after the first four stations then on to St Mary's Monastery Kinnoull for the next five stations. Then return to St John via Norrie Miller Walk and the North Inch for the final five stations. Small refreshments in the Church hall afterwards. Anyone wishing to join by car is most welcome.

## 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	21/03/26		5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent A		4pm
SUNDAY	22/03/26	Brian Mallon+ Sue O'Neill+	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	23/03/26	Kathleen Black+	Lent		6pm
TUESDAY	24/03/26	Margaret McCarron+	Lent	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	25/03/26		Annunciation of our Lord	Stations of the Cross @9.30am	10am
THURSDAY	26/03/26		Lent		10am
FRIDAY	27/03/26	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.

**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 this weekend, 21/22 March. Please donate generously.

**Reader's Rota:** is now ready and available for collection from the sacristy by the readers. Thank you so much.

### 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**