

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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29th March 2026

Palm Sunday A

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm Response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Acclamation: Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

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.

On Holy Thursday, may we remember to return the SCIAF Wee boxes during the Mass

that evening. A box will be left at the back of the Church for this purpose.

There will be a special collection on Good Friday, *Holy Places*. May we donate generously.

Palm Sunday A: Are you the Christ?

This question from both the Chief priest and Pilate which was answered by the soldier who watched how Jesus died gives us something to think about. We, who are reading the events from knowledge, know he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He has come to reconcile us with the Father, lifting us from our fallen state. Yes, he is the Anointed one. His Passion and Death are for us, remedy from sin. His Cross is the symbol of victory not shame. His chastisement has made us whole. By his wounds we have been healed. We glory in his Passion. His glory will shatter even the might of the soldiers on guard at his tomb. We glorify him who is our peace and life. We commit then to loving him with all we are and loving our neighbour for good.

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.

The Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk: On April 3rd, 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.

St Andrew Cathedral Dundee: There will be sung Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday in the Cathedral at 4pm, with the music led by members of the Diocesan Choir.

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 | Time | Event | Intentions |
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| Saturday | 28/03/26 | 4pm | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A | Nora Collier & fam |
| Sunday | 29/03/26 | 9am 11am 6.30pm | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A | Tom & Carmel Collier/Fam Richard Wilkie+ |
| Monday | 30/03/26 | 6pm | Fig Monday | |
| Tuesday | 31/03/26 | 10am 7pm | Temple Tuesday Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & confession 6 – 6.45pm | Annie McNeill+ |
| Wednesday | 01/04/26 | 10am 7pm | Spy Wednesday Chrism Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral Dundee | |
| Holy Thursday | 02/04/26 | 7pm | Solemn Mass of the Lord' Supper & watching at the altar of repose until compline together @9.30pm | Alice McLoughlin+ James Grant (B'day) |
| Good Friday | 03/04/26 | 9am 2.30pm 3pm | Office of readings & Morning prayer Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion | |
| Holy Saturday | 04/04/26 | 9am 7pm | Office of readings & morning prayer Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection | |
| Easter Sunday | 05/04/26 | 9am 11am 6.30pm | Easter Sunday Year A | |

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 communicated soon. Moving forward, the catechism session will take place twice a month.

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