

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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26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter A

First reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalm Response:

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

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Acclamation: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The public and private conduct of clergy and religious can inspire and motivate people on the path to holiness."

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 Rita Porter, Dougal Kerr and Margaret Saunders who died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Msgr. Charles Hendry. **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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter A : *Our shepherd is Jesus Christ!*

The preaching of Peter on the day of Pentecost caught the people in the heart. They asked for solution, to which Peter told them to be turn to the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, whom the second reading presents to us as 'exemplary.'

We follow the one who is the Way, the Door, knows the way, and at the same time the leader of the way as our shepherd. How simple that sounds to the present generation who follows largely the thought pattern that sets God aside. This played out in the early days of Jesus' ministry. Having began following him with enthusiasm, the people watched and waited for liberation and freedom, personal and political. When this wasn't coming about, they began seeking for alternatives. John the Baptist had to even ask through his messengers: 'are you the Christ or are we to look for another?' Yes! Jesus is still the one. He is our shepherd, and with him, there is nothing we shall lack. He fulfils our longing for peace and salvation, in the present age and even in the times to come.

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes: I wish to inform us that the Gift Aid Envelopes are now at the porch of the Church for collection by the registered members.

CONSULTATION ON DIOCESAN STRUCTURES: The Scottish bishops have commenced a consultation process regarding our diocesan structures and whether they, in their present form, are best for promoting mission. **Can we meet during tea after the 11am Mass and have this discussion briefly on May 3rd?**

School Mass: On the 1st of May, our children from St John Academy will be joining us at the 10am Mass.

Funeral: Rita Porter's body will be received in the Church on Monday 4th May at 5pm. Her funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, 5th May at 10am.

Dougal Kerr's funeral service will be on 6th May at 11am. May their souls rest in peace, Amen

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	25/04/26	Dorothy Pall+	Fourth Sunday of Easter A		4pm
SUNDAY	26/04/26	Bro Malachy Kelly+ Elizabeth & Zygmunt Stockie+ Marion Watt+	Fourth Sunday of Easter A	Prayer for vocations	9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	27/04/26	Chiamaka Igbokwe (B'day)	Eastertide		6pm
TUESDAY	28/04/26	Chiamaka Anyiam	Eastertide	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	29/04/26		St Catherine of Siena		10am
THURSDAY	30/04/26	Therese Oswald Mgr Charles Hendry+	Eastertide		10am
FRIDAY	1/05/26	Deceased of Suranovsky & Talar fam+	Eastertide		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 5.30pm. The point of contact is Bill Millar or the parish priest. The next session will be on 6th May at 6.30pm. Moving forward, the catechism session will take place twice a month.

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.

Change of Saturday evening Mass time: Are we comfortable with having the Mass on Saturday evenings at 4pm or should we do it a bit later?

Confirmation Mass: The Confirmation of our children will take place on Thursday, 30th April in the Church @6pm.

Mass For the Family: We suggest that we offer the Mass for the Family every first Friday of the month. The prayers the Church has provided for this purpose will be used on such Fridays.

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