

# 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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**19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

## Third Sunday of Easter A

**First reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

### Psalm Response:

O Lord, show me the path of life.

**Second reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Acclamation:** Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us,  
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

### 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 and Fiona Williams who died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Frances Smith. **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.

### Third Sunday of Easter A : *And they rose and returned to Jerusalem!*

The journey of faith is represented in the Church as journey towards Jerusalem. Jesus during his earthly

ministry journeyed towards Jerusalem. He moved progressively towards his fate in Jerusalem. There he will meet his end, in fulfilment of his mission. It will be there his mission be crowned with glory. This was forgotten by the disciples who have reached Jerusalem yet had to walk away in despair. They felt disappointed and began to go into the dark (as journey away from Jerusalem is seen by the Church), to the small obscure town of Emmaus. But Jesus will not let any of his own be lost in despondency. He went in search for them, and enlightened them, and they immediately made a swift ascent to Jerusalem, where they proclaimed with joy, 'Jesus is alive, and we have recognised him in the breaking of bread.' Yes, Jesus is in the Eucharist, truly, really and substantially. No one should give room for despair. The Holy Mass is our breaking of bread. We let his word enlighten us, our prayers lift our hearts, and our communion with him in Holy Communion give us life. Let us leave our place of despair and hasten to Jerusalem our 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.

**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.

**GRATITUDE:** In the last 6 months alone, we, as a parish, have donated a massive 888.9 kilos of non-perishable food. Also, we collected **£1163.65 for SCIAF** this year. The generosity of our parishioners has helped to put food on the table for those who struggle. The Foodbank Team/SCIAF are very grateful to you. I sincerely thank you all for your love and generosity.

### 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	18/04/26		Third Sunday of Easter A		7pm
SUNDAY	19/04/26	Margaret Mary Smith Carmen Conesa Helen Patrick+	Third Sunday of Easter A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	20/04/26	Frances Smith+	Eastertide		6pm
TUESDAY	21/04/26	William Scally (B'day ann.)	Eastertide	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	22/04/26	Mary Scally+	Eastertide		10am
THURSDAY	23/04/26	Jean Grant	Eastertide		10am
FRIDAY	24/04/26	Donald MacDonald+ Mary Ward+	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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 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.

**Mass for the sick/Anointing:** There will be Mass for the sick/anointing on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the 10am Mass.

**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  
ALL WELCOME**