

# 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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3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

## Fifth Sunday of Easter A

**First reading:** Acts 6:1-7

**Psalm Response:**

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

**Second reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

**Acclamation:** I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 14:1-12

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"... Christ - the light of the world - shines forth to establish the truth."

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, Margaret Saunders and Sylvia Mitchell who died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Denis Toner. **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.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter A : *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life!*

This is one of the *I AM* sayings of Jesus, found more in the Johannine narrative form. He draws our attention to the divinity of Jesus which takes us to reflect on the scene of the Burning Bush where God revealed himself, his

Name to Moses. Here, today, Jesus states that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is not just a way, or a truth or a life, he is the only way, truth and life. It means then that in him and through him we not only learn, but we become and reach reality ultimately. Aware of the situation in our world, reaching a new height in our time, where people treat the faith in God as one of the ways or 'no way' at all, St Paul renews the call to us in the second reading to come to Jesus, he remains the Way. We learn from him how to reach true joy in God, where lies our destiny. But before then, we learn and practice the ways of making the present world a better place to live, as we find in the first reading, through faith-filled devotion, justice and fairness, love and service. May his grace lead us on.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>?**

**May Devotion:** In the month of May we are encouraged to up our devotion to Mary through praying the Rosary, as we recall the Fatima apparitions. We may well create time to pray our Rosary.

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

**Dougal Kerr's** funeral service will be on 6<sup>th</sup> 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	02/05/26		Fifth Sunday of Easter A		4pm
SUNDAY	03/05/26	Marlene Ishmael(health)	Fifth Sunday of Easter A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	04/05/26	Christine Mazarire	Eastertide		6pm
TUESDAY	05/05/26	Rita Porter+ Monica Mazarire	Eastertide	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	06/05/26		Eastertide		10am
THURSDAY	07/05/26		Eastertide		10am
FRIDAY	08/05/26	Margaret Blacklock+	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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**UCM Meeting:** An evening with Our Lady, 5th May 2026, @7.30pm. there will be tea in the hall after the prayers.

**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.

**Ascension Thursday:** The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be on Thursday, 14 May. We shall have Masses in the Church @9am, 10am (funeral), 12noon (with school children), 2pm (with school children), and 6pm.

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