

St John the Baptist's, Perth

SUNDAY MASSES
4pm - Saturday Vigil
& on Sundays
9am, 11am & 6.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES or as announced
6pm - Monday
10am & 7pm - Tuesday
10am - Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

CONFESSION
6pm - Tuesday

ADORATION
6-7pm - Tuesday



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17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter A

First reading: Acts 1:12-14

Psalm Response:

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land
of the living.

Second reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Acclamation: I will not leave you as orphans, says
the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you,
and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

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 souls of those
who died recently, especially Mary Doogan and for all
whose anniversaries occur about this time. **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.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter A : *Father, the hour has
come; glorify your Son!***

The High Priestly prayer of Jesus is the culmination of the
farewell discourses of Jesus before his Passion. Today, we
must read it with the Ascension or his place in glory in

mind. On Thursday past, we celebrated the solemnity of
his Ascension into heaven, into glory. This prayer is thus
realised. He has now taken his place at the right hand of
the Father, where he was before he took our nature to save
us. This brings us to consider the exhortation in the second
reading, calling for joy and longanimity through life's
travail, since our hope in glory is rich. The disciples, in
line with the instruction of Jesus to wait for the coming of
the Holy Spirit, went up the upper room, and stayed in
prayer. We get from the readings clearly that the ministry
they will undertake, while sponsored by the Holy Spirit as
its backbone, is not going to be an easy one. That explains
the exhortation in the second reading, and the prayer of
Jesus to the Father in the gospel, which referenced their
life 'in the world.' Who are the disciples now? We are!
Take then to heart these words. Be joyful in your ministry,
even in the face of suffering, in the hope of the glory we
shall have when we come to take our place in glory where
the Head, Jesus, has gone before us.

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.

Change of Parish Phone Number: The parish phone
number now is: **01738718473**. Please replace the former
one with this.

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.

Musical afternoon in the church hall on Tuesday 19th
May from 1.30pm-3.30pm. Refreshments served.
Donation £3. All 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	16/05/26	Sylvia Mitchell+	Seventh Sunday of Easter A		4pm
SUNDAY	17/05/26	Jean Grant (B'day) Dwane DeSilva+	Seventh Sunday of Easter A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	18/05/26	May Collins+	Eastertide		6pm
TUESDAY	19/05/26		Eastertide	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	20/05/26		Eastertide		10am
THURSDAY	21/05/26	Maura Anyaso & fam	Eastertide	Mass for the sick	10am
FRIDAY	22/05/26	People of the parish	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 6.30pm. The point of contact is Bill Millar or the parish priest. The next session will be on 20th 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.

Food Bank: The collection of non-perishable food stuff continues to be collected on the 1st Sunday every month and grateful thanks to everyone who supports this initiative to help those in need. There will be no bacon rolls in June, July and August. Normal service will resume 1st Sunday in September. Many thanks.

Special Collection: There will be special collection this weekend, 16/17 May: **The Apostolate of Communications.** Please may we donate generously.

Mass for the Sick: There will be Mass for the sick/anointing on Thursday, May 21, at 10am in the Church.

School Children at Mass on Friday, 22 May at the 10am Mass.

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