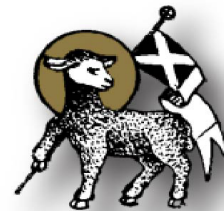


St John the Baptist's, Perth



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

Parish Priest: Very Rev. Louis Uwaezuoke, St John's Presbytery, 20 Melville Street, Perth, PH1 5PY (01738 718473)
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2nd August 2026

18th Sunday of the Year A

First reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalm Response:

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Second reading: Romans 8:35,37-39

Acclamation: One does not live by bread alone, but
by every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"... Jesus, in the Gospel, not only commands us to love all, but promises the Kingdom of God to the most vulnerable (Lk 18:15-17)."

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 Ailsa Aitkins, Irene Jackson and Anne Cox, 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.

18th Sunday of the Year A: *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?* Nobody, nothing! The words above remind us of the heritage we have in Christ. It

is an eternal inheritance. We are placed in his love and that's complete. The readings of today make clear this position. While the apostle writes about this position we occupy as children of light, the first reading tells of the invitation extended to all. In the gospel, we have the experience of those who accepted the invitation. In the Lord is life, love and compassion. Those who go to him, who is the fountain of life, return satisfied. He takes great interest in his people, for that is the purpose of his coming – that we may have life and have it in abundance. He feeds us with his word and the Eucharist. The Lord Jesus, having instructed his disciples would not allow them to go hungry. He fed them with the loaves, a foretaste of the Eucharist. We have access to this great love of Christ as members of the Church. Let us not walk away from his grace which remains in every season for us in the Eucharist.

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.

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

A Call for Help: A parishioner, **Georgina Campbell Rutherford-Ross**, living in **108 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 5AS**, is wondering if someone/people could help cut the grass in her garden as she has been let down several times by people who promised her help with that. Go with lawn mower please.

St Mary's Loch Restoration Project proudly presents McGonagall's Ghost a Shoestring Theatre Production by John Quinn on Friday 21st August at 7pm. Entry £7. Tickets from 07752540000.

Also, A Night on the Tiles with Demi McMahon & Friends on Friday 28th August, Doors Open 6.30pm, Tickets £10 from 07806777157."

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	01/08/26	Margaret Horn (Sp. int) Cana Mayne	18 th Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	02/08/26	Sarah Blackwood (health) Kevin Gallagher+ Emmanuel Ekebuike+	18 th Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	03/08/26	Sharon Leary (Sp. int)	Feria		6pm
TUESDAY	04/08/26	Fr John Okoro (B'day) Jacinta Ekebuike	St John Vianney	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	05/08/26	Chinonso Okwara	Feria		10am
THURSDAY	06/08/26	Frank Uzoegbu (health)	Transfiguration		10am
FRIDAY	07/08/26	People of the parish	Feria		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 12th August at 6.30pm. Moving forward, the catechism session will take place once 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: Grateful thanks to all who give to this cause each month. A letter of THANKS for us all from the Food Bank is on the notice board in the hall. There will be no bacon rolls in June, July and August. Normal service will resume 1st Sunday in September. Many thanks.

Readers' Rota: We kindly remind our dear readers that the rota is now available for collection in the sacristy. Pick up your own copy there please.

Mission Appeal: The Mill Hill Missionaries will be coming for their mission appeal in our parish this weekend 1/2 August 2026. May we support them.

Transfiguration: The feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord will be on August 6. We shall join the universal Church in this celebration at the 10am Mass.

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