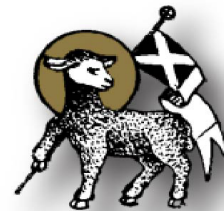


St John the Baptist's, Perth



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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9th August 2026

19th Sunday of the Year A

First reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Psalm Response:

Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Second reading: Romans 9:1-5

Acclamation: I long for you, O Lord, my soul longs for his word. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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 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.

19th Sunday of the Year A: *Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.* Is this not the comforting and consoling words we seek to hear every day? What has the people of this age not experienced – a great and

strong wind that tore mountains and broke in pieces the rocks, earthquakes, fire, tsunami, landslide, hunger, storms (whether Katrina or Stanley), war, famine and many more? Where is God in all these? Is that not why many still feel so angry and find faith in God either untrue or incomplete or total nonsense? Why is God silently watching sickness which caused pain in the past by taking our loved one(s) resurface and about to cause harm again? It is either God does not exist or he does not care or he is incapacitated, not powerful at all, or powerful enough to do something to help. But do all these situations persist indefinitely? No. They appear in seasons which pass albeit leaving trains of discomfort that could last a lifetime. The words, ***it is I, do not be afraid*** cannot be drowned by the noise in our world. Even in the darkest moments of our days, he is with us. Our part? Cancel out the noise that keeps us from hearing his gentle comforting words. It comes as a low whisper yet is persistent. He does not fail.

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.

St Mary's Lochee 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	08/08/26	Chloe McGregor-Anderson (health)	19 th Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	09/08/26	Special intention Annie Buchan+ Anthony Lynam+	19 th Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	10/08/26	Special intention	St Lawrence		6pm
TUESDAY	11/08/26	Sarah Blackwood+	St Clare	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	12/08/26	Wanda Band+	Feria		10am
THURSDAY	13/08/26	Irene Jackson+	Feria		10am
FRIDAY	14/08/26	Tony Ward+	St Maximillian Kolbe		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.

Gratitude: We sincerely thank you for your generosity to the Mill Hill Fathers in the mission appeal last weekend. We raised £1426.85. May God reward you handsomely.

Anne and Andrew Mitchell wish to thank the parish community for your generous and kind good wishes on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Thanks also to Joan and Mary-Lou and the team for the lovely reception in the hall.

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