

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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16th August 2026

The Assumption/20th Sunday of the Year A

First reading: Revelation 11:19:9, 12:1-6, 10

Psalm Response:

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Acclamation: Mary has been taken up into heaven;
the host of angels rejoice. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

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.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: *For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed.* The essential teaching of today's celebration is that God, when Mary, the Blessed Mother of his

Son had completed her mission on earth and had died, was carried into heaven body and soul. The first reading of today presented the splendour of the woman who bore the Son of God, who is to reign over the whole world. That Son of God spoken about in the second reading as the new Adam, through whom the fallen humanity had life, is the Son of the Virgin Mary. In the gospel, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, spotted the presence of the coming Saviour of the world in the womb of the Virgin Mother, Mary, and called her the most blessed of all women. She herself sang of the marvels of the Lord and pointed out the exalted position God has placed her in by the singular virtue of his choice and privilege. She whom God proclaimed blessed and full of grace will know not corruption. And if God could honour her so highly, and we worship her Son, Jesus our Saviour, we may do well to join the hosts of angels and generations long past, now and in time to come to honour her and ask her to intercede for us. She who was humble enough to go give help to her cousin in her need, and was there at the wedding in Cana, giving support to the new family, will not hide her face when we invite her to assist us in our needs.

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	15/08/26	John Doherty+	20 th Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	16/08/26	Stephen Heron+ Louis Smith+ Jenny Law+	20 th Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	17/08/26	Lucy Parr+	Feria		6pm
TUESDAY	18/08/26	Dora & Chic Oswald+ Gerard Welsh+	Feria	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	19/08/26	Giles Umunna(health)	Feria		10am
THURSDAY	20/08/26	Special intention	St Bernard	Mass for the sick	10am
FRIDAY	21/08/26	People of the parish	St Pius X		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.

Mass for the sick there will be Mass for the sick and anointing on Thursday, 20th August at the 10am Mass. Let us come and pray for our people.

National Conversation: Catholics across Scotland are encouraged to take part in the National Conversation, a UK-wide listening exercise giving people the opportunity to share what is working well in their communities, the challenges they face, and their hopes for the future.

Our faith calls us to play an active part in society and to work for the common good. This is an opportunity to ensure that Catholic voices, experiences and values are part of this important national conversation.

Complete the National Conversation survey: <https://www.national-conversation.ox.ac.uk/>

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