

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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23rd August 2026

21st Sunday of the Year A

First reading: Isaiah 22:15,19-23

Psalm Response:

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

Second reading: Romans 11:33-36

Acclamation: You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

for access to most locations. One of them is presented to us today: getting to know people. People are so interested in their identity. People treasure their names. People get impressed when we know their name and call them by them. Our knowledge of the identity of a person determines our relationship with them. People are weighed against their names and who they are and what they do. Most people determine the level of respect they can accord others by how they identify them. The interesting part is that people are moved to do some special things when we honour their identity especially when that is not common knowledge or when they don't expect we know. The first and gospel readings make this truth abundantly clear. The servants, Eliakim and Peter, who were careful to know and acknowledge the presence of God were greatly rewarded with the gift of key – authority. The Lord looks on the lowly and knows the haughty from afar. Do you know the Lord? Who is he to you? Some guy who says nice things? Or is he the Lord and Saviour? Let us know the Lord and worship him. The reward of this knowledge and appropriate action from us is always great.

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 Kathleen Burns and Dennis Marmion, 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.

21st Sunday of the Year A: *And you, who do you say that I am?* There are some specialized keys that make

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	22/08/26	Louis Smith+	21 st Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	23/08/26	Adam McNee+ Chloe McGregor-Anderson(health) Peter Gowran+	21 st Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	24/08/26	Tom & Catherine Muldownie+	St Bartholomew		6pm
TUESDAY	25/08/26	Jack Simpson+ Fr Louis Uwaezuoke	Feria	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	26/08/26	Maureen Mayne+	Feria		10am
THURSDAY	27/08/26	Special intention	St Monica		10am
FRIDAY	28/08/26	People of the parish	St Augustine		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 £3 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 26th 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: There will be no bacon rolls in June, July and August. Normal service will resume 1st Sunday in September. The suggested donation for bacon rolls from September will be £3. Many thanks.

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/>

Special Collection: There will be a special collection next weekend, 29/30 August: **Bishop's Mensal Fund**. Please donate generously.

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