

St John the Baptist's, Perth

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES or as announced

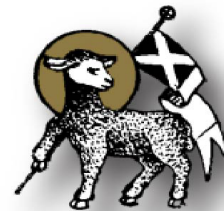
6pm - Monday
10am & 7pm - Tuesday
10am - Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

CONFESSION

6pm - Tuesday

ADORATION

6-7pm - Tuesday



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30th August 2026

22nd Sunday of the Year A

First reading: Jeremiah 20:1-9

Psalm Response:

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second reading: Romans 12:1-2

Acclamation: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

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 John Dolan 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.**

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.

22nd Sunday of the Year A: *O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived.* This is the lamentation of the prophet Jeremiah as we have it today in the first reading. Peter must have had the same feeling in the gospel reading after Jesus' rebuke. And who would not feel like these men?

Why would Peter and indeed every member of the Church who had come to know the power of Jesus as the Son of God, and hence, one who is able to work wonders? Who will not but feel deceived when told that the way to life is the way of the Cross, the way of sacrifice, the way of suffering? Who will not have their enthusiasm flattened on learning that the mighty Lord will be subjected to humiliation, he in whom they have put their trust as so powerful a redeemer, challenging the authorities and promising them places of honour in his kingdom? That is the way it is here, dear friends. As the Lord has stated it, so it is. The way forward in life is the way of sacrifice. We have to pay the full price to have it. In the second reading, St Paul brought the message home through his appeal that we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice. He is appealing to us to deny ourselves of empty gratifications now so that we may gain greater rewards in the time to come. Every good thing comes at a cost. The Lord will always give us the grace to weather the storm and win the race.

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.

'UCM meeting – 1st September after 7pm Mass – Rosary Evening with refreshments'

Mass for the Family: there will be Mass for the family on Friday, September 4, at the 10am Mass.

Funeral: John Dolan, who died recently will be buried on Monday, September 7 after a funeral Mass in the Church at 10am. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and comfort to the family.

Toilets

Children who require to use the toilet should be accompanied at all times by a parent/guardian.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

In the case of emergencies or sick calls – contact Hospital Chaplain – 07842 538056.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	MASS INTENTION	FEAST/MEMORIAL	EVENT	TIME
SATURDAY	29/08/26	Jack Simpson+	22 nd Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	30/08/26	Francesco Sidoli+ Raymond Elias (Sp. int) Agnes Winning+ James Patrick+ Sr Mary Agnes Canning+	22 nd Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	31/08/26	Raymond Elias(Sp. int)	Feria		6pm
TUESDAY	01/09/26	Mary & Carol Mayne(B'day) Denis Marmion+	Feria	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	02/09/26	Raymond Elias(Sp. int)	Feria		10am
THURSDAY	03/09/26	Special intention	St Gregory the Great		10am
FRIDAY	04/09/26	Fr Tobias Okoro(B'day)	Feria	Mass for the family	10am

Foodbank

The monthly collection of non-perishable foods for the Foodbank will take place on the first Sunday of each month. Bacon Rolls after 11am Mass will resume on the first Sunday in September. – with a suggested donation of £3 going in support of the Foodbank. Many thanks.

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. Catechism session will take place once a month.

Requesting 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.

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 this weekend, 29/30August: **Bishop's Mensal Fund**. Please donate generously.

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