

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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6th September 2026

23rd Sunday of the Year A

First reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Second reading: Romans 13:8-10

Acclamation: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Solidarity in safeguarding requires the active collaboration of all ordained, consecrated and laypeople, Church employees and volunteers.
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 Chelsey O'Rourke, 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.

Toilets

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

Many thanks for your cooperation.

23rd Sunday of the Year A:

Owe no one anything, except to love each other. The apostle states this clearly. Our sole duty as children of God is to love, and love without boundaries. Love, he states, is the summation of the law. The first and the gospel readings tell us some ways to demonstrate our love. On the part of those in positions of authority, teachers and preachers, parents and civil leaders, they are to call out wrongdoing. They are to speak to those going the ways that could bring harm to themselves and others, of the dangers ahead.

They are to call for restraint and reconsideration of such ways. This is a special way of showing love. Parents and other leaders who fail to take this route will not be surprised if they receive blames from those they should have helped, for their negligence. Excuses solve no problems at this point. This call finds its way in the gospel where each of us should strive to preserve the unity of the family. There is need to seek reconciliation.

We owe our brothers the duty of extending an olive branch when the love and unity of the family is disturbed. We need find our voices and in humility seek our brothers who may have offended us. There is strength in unity. When then we pray, our prayers carry weight.

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.

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 the family.

Chelsey Lee O'Rourke's funeral Mass will be on Thursday, September 10, 2026 @13pm. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and comfort the family

**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	05/09/26	People of Nepal	23 rd Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	06/09/26	Raymond Elias (Sp. int) Anthony Campbell+ Irene Simpson+	23 rd Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	07/09/26	Raymond Elias (Sp. int)	Feria		6pm
TUESDAY	08/09/26	Moura Anyaso & fam	Nativity of Our Lady	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	09/09/26		Feria		10am
THURSDAY	10/09/26	Emily Emeagi & fam	Feria		10am
FRIDAY	11/09/26	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 £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 9th September 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.

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.**