

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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20th September 2026

25th Sunday of the Year A

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm Response:

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Acclamation: Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may
pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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 Terry Ward 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.**

EMERGENCY AND SICK CALLS

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

Children's Catechism

For our children who are yet to make their first Holy Communion and are not attending St John Academy, there will be catechism classes every Friday evening at 5pm in the Church Hall, from the first week of October. Please register your children with Sr Colette Obika or show up in the hall.

25th Sunday of the Year A: *Seek the Lord while he may be found.* The first reading of today makes this call on us. It is reminding us that our existence and

progress in life is tied around time. Everything we do is time-bound. The gifts of God to us comes as opportunities, and these opportunities are time-bound. We either use them or lose them, or we struggle to catch up when we let the appointed time pass us by. The prophet invites us to seek the Lord now, as today is the **Kairos**, the proper hour, the Lord's appointed time. Tomorrow may be too late. The appointment given to each in the parable in the gospel is their appointed time. Gladly, they all took it and worked within the hours they had opportunity. The grace of being alive today is the opportunity we have to love ourselves and God and our neighbours, to amend our life by giving and accepting forgiveness, accommodating one another and helping people around us to live happy life and accomplish their goals. May we not entertain envy or hatred or jealousy or animosity for such will be waste of our precious time. Turn not down the invitation to go now and work in the vineyard of the Lord today.

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.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon: As September is MacMillan Cancer Care month our Get Together this month is a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. Thursday 24th September 1.30pm-3.30pm. £3 donation. There will also be a raffle. All welcome.

Special Collection: There will be a special collection next weekend, **The Sick & Retired Priests Fund**, next weekend, 26/27 September. May we donate generously.

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	19/09/26	Noreen Hickey (sp.int)	25 th Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	20/09/26	Fr Tobias Okoro Caroline Russell (Sp.int) Special intention	25 th Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	21/09/26	Patricia Elsmie & fam	St Matthew		6pm
TUESDAY	22/09/26	Michael Lynch (sp.int)	Feria	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	23/09/26	Fr Jonas Uwaezuoke (B'day)	St Pius Pietrelcina		10am
THURSDAY	24/09/26	Fs Jonas/Francis Eze (ann)	Feria		10am
FRIDAY	25/09/26	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 30th 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