

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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27th September 2026

26th Sunday of the Year A

First reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm Response:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Acclamation: I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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 Dianne Menzies, 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.

26th Sunday of the Year A: *Brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just,*

whatever is pure...if there is anything worthy of praise – think about them. These are the ways we can bear fruit, St Paul says. We are the vineyard of the Lord. We are planted to yield profitable and useful fruits. The allegory of the first reading will not change in our case if we fill our minds with things that are ignoble – hatred, envy, greed, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment and the like. The labourers in the gospel reading, from the store of their greed would not deliver to the landowner his due. They wanted the landowner dead so that they vineyard will be theirs, ignoring the graces made available for their success – *put a fence round it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower.* How shortsighted they were! Those who do not see the hand of God at work in their lives are blinded by ignorance. We have been given the grace to serve the purpose of the kingdom of God in our little way. God should not be made a stranger in our affairs. He is the centre. We should acknowledge this and so live. Our heart provides the ground on which goodness germinates. If we carry out the exhortation given to us in the second reading, then will we produce fruits of righteousness and justice as God's people.

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.

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

Mass for the Family: On Friday, October 2, there will be Mass for the family @10am.

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	26/09/26	Jennifer Smith+ Fr Louis Uwaezuoke(ann.) Bart McGettrick(thanks)	26 th Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	27/09/26	Stacey Houston+ Gillian Marie (sp.int) Mgr Henry Docherty+	26 th Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	28/09/26	Alice & William Doyle+	Feria		6pm
TUESDAY	29/09/26	Betty Graham+ Fr Yohanna Ishaya(ann.) Blanche Clayes+	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	30/09/26	Andrew McGettrick+ Therese Oswald(thanks)	St Jerome		10am
THURSDAY	01/10/26	Therese Oswald(sp.int)	St Therese of the Child Jesus		10am
FRIDAY	02/10/26	People of the parish	Guardian Angels	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. 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**