

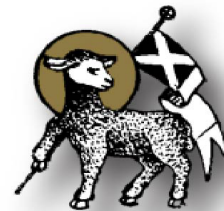
St John the Baptist's, Perth

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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4th October 2026

27th 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

"The parish can be seen as the safeguarding 'frontline' where children, young people, and adults participate in religious services and community activities."

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.

27th Sunday of the Year A: *There was a master of the house who planted a vineyard and put a fence*

round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants. The Lord has set us in his vineyard and has made everything for our success in ministering in his household available. We have been well provided with all the graces and means of making our journey through life less a burden. The sacraments of the Church and the protective wall of the Church and people around us are the gifts of his mercy. The opportunity for delivering on the mission to bear fruit has been given. Much of the work has been done for us. We only need to align with the working of the Holy Spirit and the effort on our part to consistently choose the ways of goodness. The nature of human beings is such that people can be drawn by envy and greed to take on laziness, thus wasting the graces offered them. The first reading points out that the people of God instead of yielding justice and mercy produced thorns and briars. The kind of heart anyone cultivates leads to this. The servants given the vineyard on trust chose the option of cutting off the owner of the vineyard to take possession of it. How mistaken they were. Great is the effort people make to shut God off their affairs. How great the attempt to take full control of our lives and the things that happen to us. Let us reconsider. God will always be the centre.

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.

Burial arrangement: The funeral Mass for **Dianne Menzies** will be on Monday October 12 @10am. May we remember her soul in our prayers.

Gratitude: Thank you to all parishioners and friends who donated to our MacMillan coffee afternoon. We raised £320 which I have passed on to the charity.

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	03/10/26	Fr Tobias Okoro(sp.int)	27 th Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	04/10/26	Raymond Elias (sp.int) Bert Little+ Gavin Patrick+	27 th Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	05/10/26	Mary Rose Reveille+	Feria		6pm
TUESDAY	06/10/26	Raymond Elias (sp.int)	Feria	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	07/10/26	Raymond Elias(sp.int)	Our Lady of the Rosary		10am
THURSDAY	08/10/26	George & Ina Aitchison	Feria		10am
FRIDAY	09/10/26	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