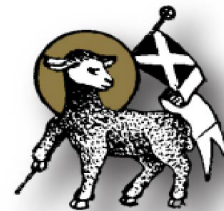


# St John the Baptist's, Perth



## 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

Parish Priest: Very Rev. Louis Uwaezuoke, St John's Presbytery, 20 Melville Street, Perth, PH1 5PY (01738 718473)  
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**11<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A

**First reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10

### Psalm Response:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

**Second reading:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

**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 22:1-14

## 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.

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A:** *On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.* The wedding feast or a banquet of rich food and choicest wine, according to the first reading is turned down or treated as *not important* by the invitees in the gospel reading. This attitude of the invitees to the great feast is what the call to the kingdom life receives in most cases. God has called his people to salvation through his Son Jesus Christ. The foretaste of the feast of the Lamb is the Eucharist. The invitation is for every creature under heaven. We all have access to salvation in Christ Jesus. We have been invited and the response needed is urgent. Do we respond? The response to the invitation to the life of heaven is determined by the perception of each individual. What counts as important to a person conditions their course of action. For those who do not believe that the good each person brings to bear makes for the general good, they go ahead to rob everyone of peace and fair treatment by their self-centred mindset. This is the challenge we deal with in the world. The life of love, joy and peace we hold within and live out improves the general good. May we then respond promptly to the call to holiness made to everyone beginning from the family and the Church.

## 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.

## 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  | 10/10/26 | Heather Dempster(thanks)                                        | 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A |                                         | 4pm                   |
| SUNDAY    | 11/10/26 | Gabrielle Lynagh+<br>Ogechi Uwaezuoke<br>Therese Oswald(sp.int) | 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A |                                         | 9am<br>11am<br>6.30pm |
| MONDAY    | 12/10/26 | Christopher Aligwara                                            | Feria                                 |                                         | 6pm                   |
| TUESDAY   | 13/10/26 | Fr John Okoro<br><br>Fr Temple Okoro                            | Feria                                 | Confession,<br>Exposition/Mass<br>6-7pm | 10am<br><br>7pm       |
| WEDNESDAY | 14/10/26 | Therese Oswald(thanks)                                          | Feria                                 |                                         | 10am                  |
| THURSDAY  | 15/10/26 | P.J & Ancy Kuriakose+                                           | St Teresa of Jesus                    |                                         | 10am                  |
| FRIDAY    | 16/10/26 | 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**Special Collection:** There will be a special collection: **Mission Sunday**, next weekend 17/18 October. May we donate generously. Envelopes from Mission Scotland in the pouch.

**Mass for the sick:** There will be Mass for the sick/anointing on Thursday, 22 October at the 10am Mass. You are invited.

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