

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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18th October 2026

29th Sunday of the Year A

First reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm Response:

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Acclamation: Shine as lights in the world, holding
fast to the word of life. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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.

29th Sunday of the Year A: *Therefore, render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's.* This instruction of Jesus has a second side to it, *'and to God what*

belongs to God.' We look at the first part, which makes the second part clear. The first and second readings remind us that God has chosen us. We are from his decision. We found ourselves here, enabled by his grace. Both where we are and who we are now are God's choice and gift. We are composite creatures – body and soul. We belong to the order of earthly existence; the government and the individual responsibility keep this order stable. Equally, we belong to God, we are citizens of heaven. We need to make the best of where we are just now, with a view to the world to come. Paying our taxes and the maintenance of the environment we dwell in are necessary for the government to perform their duties towards everyone. In the same way, we owe our neighbours respect, friendliness, charitable words and actions, generosity with our time and talents. Added to the duties we owe the government and neighbours, we owe ourselves as well. You owe yourself good habits that enhance health and wellbeing. Eating healthy, drinking enough water, keeping warm, getting enough sleep, and exercising your body. That is *giving to Caesar what is Caesar's*. These creates the enabling conditions for our giving to God what belongs to him.

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: **Mission Sunday**, this 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.

Musical afternoon Tuesday 27/10 1.30pm-3.30pm. Refreshments provided. £3 donation. All welcome.

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	17/10/26	James Muldownie+	29 th Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	18/10/26	Margaret Yawson+ Bob Schanz Fiona Walker+	29 th Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	19/10/26	Charlie Muldownie+	Feria		6pm
TUESDAY	20/10/26	Alvaro & Susan Rossi(47 th wed.ann) Ian Mackle+	Feria	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	21/10/26	Tristan Yawson Jnr+	Feria		10am
THURSDAY	22/10/26	Therese Oswald(sp.int)	Feria	Mass for the sick/anointing	10am
FRIDAY	23/10/26	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 28th October 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.

November List: The journey of the soul is one of the deepest mysteries of our faith, but we believe that only saints immediately behold the face of God. We cannot truly know what becomes of the rest of the faithful departed on their journey after earthly death. The Church, however, comforts us with the faith that their purification and progress to heaven can be helped greatly by our prayers, especially the sacrifice of the Mass. In 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 we read: *Then he took up a collection from all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this, he acted in a suitable and honourable way, guided by his belief in the resurrection...Therefore, he had this expiatory sacrifice offered for the dead so that they might be delivered from their sin.* This is our faith. Please find the sheet for November dead list is in the Church porch. Do compile the names of your deceased relatives enclosing a donation and return that we may remember them at Mass throughout the month of November. You can give the envelope to the priest or drop in the collection plate or presbytery letterbox.

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