

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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25th October 2026

30th Sunday of the Year A

First reading: Exodus 22:21-27

Psalm Response:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Acclamation: If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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 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.

30th Sunday of the Year A: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.* The love of God and love of

our neighbour are the ground for every good we do. God has loved us and poured this capacity into our hearts. By this we can love him in return, and love other people with the same love God has loved us. What about those who do not believe in God, yet they do good, what informs their actions? Humanity, some may say. And humanity is rooted in God and sustained by him. Hence, everything in all its essentials find their standing in God. The first reading reveals the test of goodness. We demonstrate character and Christian dignity when our love is not selective. The foreigner, the widow, the poor and the orphan are identified as the vulnerable people in our world. Standing for justice and fairness for everyone especially the vulnerable is a demonstration of goodness. Our love for God, which is rooted in prayer, carrying out our duties of faith, dependence on God's mercy and so on, is complemented by the love we give our neighbour, especially those in most need. We have a compassionate Father who invites us to be compassionate.

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.

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

Deanery Inauguration Mass: Our Deanery, St Fillan's Deanery will be inaugurated by Bishop Andrew on Thursday, October 29 @7pm in St Stephen parish Blairgowrie. We are encouraged to attend. At least five people from each parish.

Christmas Parish Dinner: Join us for a pre-Christmas Parish dinner with live music and dancing in the hall on Wednesday, December 9 @7pm. We will use the caterers that provided our lovely meal last year. Please sign up on the sheet provided to ascertain the numbers by November 22.

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	24/10/26	Agnes Jones+ Roy Blacklock+ Margaret Baxter+	30 th Sunday of the Year A		4pm
SUNDAY	25/10/26	Tom Welsh+ Amarachi Okeke(sp.int) Special intention	30 th Sunday of the Year A		9am 11am 6.30pm
MONDAY	26/10/26	Isobel & John Doyle+	Feria		6pm
TUESDAY	27/10/26	Fr Peter Akaenyi+ James Robertson+	Feria	Confession, Exposition/Mass 6-7pm	10am 7pm
WEDNESDAY	28/10/26	Philomena Rozario+	SS Simon & Jude		10am
THURSDAY	29/10/26	Rosaline Omorogbe(heal)	Feria		10am
FRIDAY	30/10/26	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: REMEMBERING THE

DECEASED: 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 prayer box or presbytery letterbox.

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