

St John the Baptist's, Perth

SUNDAY MASS in St JOHN'S
6.30pm (Saturday Vigil)
& on Sunday
9am, 11am, 6.30pm

WEEKDAYS
Monday-Saturday
at 10am, Tuesday 7pm

MSZA ŚW.
PO POLSKU
Niedziela 5pm
Pojednania 4.15pm

RECONCILIATION
in St John's
Saturday
5-6pm



Priests: Very Rev. Martin Monsignor Drysdale STL VG, St John's Presbytery, 20 Melville Street, Perth, PH1 5PY (01738 622241)
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Permanent Deacons: Rev. Len Moir (01738 451677) and Rev. Krzysztof Jablonski (01783 636589)



32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 6th November 2016

Welcome
to all
our
visitors

BECAUSE HE LIVES...

"Sons of the resurrection, they are sons of God."

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Those who believe in Him will be raised from the dead to live with Him forever (Jn 11:26). Because we will rise:

- we can be free and fearless in the face of death (Heb 2:15; 1 Cor 15:55),
- we can be marvelously courageous and regard the worst sufferings as nothing (2 Mc 7:12),
- we are full of hope (2 Mc 7:14; 1 Pt 1:3),
- we are not manipulated into a life of pleasure-seeking (see 1 Cor 15:32),
- we see our bodies as temples of the Spirit (1 Cor 6:19),
- we are compelled to proclaim the good news of our resurrection to those trapped in the "culture of death" (see 2 Tm 2:8),
- we have a special bond of unity and community with those who also believe in the resurrection, and
- we are obligated to gather on Sunday, Resurrection Day, for a weekly anniversary celebration of Jesus' Resurrection.

Our faith in the resurrection should be written all over our lives. It should be noticeable almost immediately to anyone observing us. "Should anyone ask you the reason for this hope of yours, be ever ready to reply" (1 Pt 3:15).

Alleluia! He is risen!
You will rise! Alleluia forever!

They are waiting for our petitions
Silent and calm,
Their lips no prayer can utter
No suppliant psalm.
We have made them all too weary,
With long delay,
For the souls in their still agony
Good Christian pray.
*Requiescant in Pace,
Requiescant in Pace*

For the souls thou holdest dearest
Let prayers arise,
The voice of love is mighty
And will pierce the skies;
Waste not in selfish weeping
One precious day,
But speeding thy love to heaven
Good Christian pray.
*Requiescant in Pace,
Requiescant in Pace*

Teas after
the 11am
Mass on Sunday
and 10am Mass
on Tuesdays

**Priests for
Scotland**
A LIFE
WORTH
LIVING

**Parish
Shop**

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calendars
and diaries
are now available*

For this Sunday's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

I shall be filled, when I awake,
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Stay awake,
praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.

Children's Mass



On Sunday 27th November, our 9am Mass will be a special Mass for Children. Our liturgy will be prepared by our young people and those who are working in our Children's Liturgy team.

Prayers

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls Michael Campbell, Margaret Baxter, Ann Campbell, John Pearson, Sue Sills, Patrick and Bridget Flynn, John and Isabella Flynn, Robert and Catherine Bisset, John and Margaret McMahon and Lillie Flynn and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Troska o wieczność

Troska o życie wieczne odgrywa w życiu dzisiejszego człowieka rolę drugorzędną, a niekiedy jest uważana za coś wprost staromodnego, a zatem i wstydlwego. Karl Rahner, wybitny teolog i uważny obserwator świadomości religijnej ludzi XX wieku, zauważa ciekawą prawidłowość: „Są chrześcijanie. Którzy są pewni istnienia Boga, ale nie uważają za konieczne, by troszczyć się w jakiś szczególny sposób o kwestię życia wiecznego”. Wielu ludzi próbuje też przykładać ziemską miarę, by ocenić rzeczywistość nadprzyrodzoną. A ta rzeczywistość okazuje się jakże różna od naszych wyobrażeń. Na tym samym polegał błąd saduceuszów z dzisiejszej Ewangelii. Przykład o siedmiu mężach jednej żony miał być dowodem przeciwko zmartwychwstaniu i życiu wiecznemu, w które saduceusze nie wierzyli. Jezus udziela im jednak odpowiedzi na trapiące ich wątpliwości, z którymi sami nie są sobie w stanie poradzić. Ci, którzy zostaną uznani za godnych udziału w świecie przyszłym, „ani się

żenić nie będą, ani za mąż wychodzić”. W myśleniu o rzeczach ostatecznych, jak niebo, piekło, czyściciel czy oglądanie Boga twarzą w twarz trudno nie uciekać się do wyobraźni. Bo przecież „ani oko nie widziało, ani ucho nie słyszało, jak wielkie rzeczy przygotował Bóg tym, którzy Go miłują”. Zatem nasze poszukiwania życia wiecznego to wyraz odwagi wiary, która poważnie traktuje zachęty do odkrywania Boga jako pełni szczęścia. Dzieje się to zgodnie z pragnieniem, które Bóg zapisał w ludzkim sercu. Obrazuje to historia prześladowań rodu Machabeuszów, męczeństwo braci w obronie wiary i wierności Bogu i Jego przykazaniom staje się obrazem bohaterstwa naszych przodków. Determinacja i odwaga udręczonych braci oraz pewność, że są w rękach Stwórcy daje im ogromną siłę znoszenia największych męczarni. Wobec oprawców przyjmują postawę pełną godności. Gdy zbliża się koniec życia, powierzają się Bogu zdążając przez śmierć męczeńską do niebieskiej ojczyzny. W Bogu pokładają swoją nadzieję,

mając świadomość, że „Król świata jednak tych, którzy umierają za Jego prawa, wskrzesi i ożywi do życia wiecznego”. Jeśli chcemy zbliżyć się do zrozumienia, czym jest i będzie dla nas niebo, musimy uświadomić sobie podstawowe prawdy, które należą do naszego dziedzictwa wiary, a więc potrzebę miłości. „Kto nie miłuje, trwa w śmierci”. To miłość pozwala czynić dobro i w ten sposób świadczyć o przynależności do Chrystusa, który jest niekończącym się życiem. A miłość, z racji na swoją naturę, jest wieczna, sięga poza dzisiejszość. Niebo to wieczna wspólnota miłości, komunია z Bogiem, oglądanie Boga „twarzą w twarz”. Z chrześcijańskiego punktu widzenia troszczyć się z zapalem o życie wieczne oznacza troszczyć się wprost o Boga i wiarę w Niego. Eucharystia jest przedmiotem nieba tu na ziemi. Dlatego karmimy się nią jak najczęściej

Sunday reflection

Spowiedź i Msza św.

W każdą niedzielę istnieje możliwość skorzystania z Sakramentu Pokuty od godz. 4:15pm. Zapraszamy do regularnej spowiedzi i do pełnego uczestnictwa we Mszy św. Msza św. w każdą niedzielę o godz. 5pm.

Polish Sunday Mass - 5pm

Bal Wszystkich Świętych

Bal Wszystkich Świętych organizowany po raz pierwszy w naszej parafii przez „Domowy Kościół” był wspaniałym sukcesem. Uczestniczyło w nim ponad 50-ciuo dzieci przebranych za swojego ulubionego świętego. Dziękuję wszystkim za udział w tym radosnym i religijnym wydarzeniu. Szczególnie podziękowania należą się rodzicom za przygotowanie strojów swoim dzieciom. Do zobaczenia w przyszłym roku, a zdjęcia z balu można oglądać na naszej parafialnej stronie internetowej.

All Saints Ball

Polska Wigilia

„Przyjaciele Bydgoszczy” organizują Polską Wigilię 2 grudnia 2016 roku w Hotelu Lovat, Glasgow Road, Perth od godz. 7pm i serdecznie zapraszają wszystkich zainteresowanych tą polską tradycją. W skład menu wchodzi typowe polskie potrawy jak: uszka, barszcz, gołąbki, ryby, kompot ze śliwek, polskie ciasto i wiele więcej. Ilość miejsc ograniczona. Cena biletu: dla członków organizacji 20 funtów, dla pozostałych 25 funtów. Zamówienia należy składać do dnia 18 listopada 2016 roku pod adres e-mailowy: sid.j.grant@gmail.com

Msza za Ojczyznę

11 listopada w piątek przypada Narodowe Święto Niepodległości naszej Ojczyzny. Msza św. za Ojczyznę w tym dniu o godz. 7pm. Zapraszamy do udziału.

Polish Independence Day Mass

Kurs przedmałżeński po polsku

W parafii św. Józefa w Dundee (u Ks. Leszka) 19 listopada o godz. 7pm rozpocznie się kurs przedmałżeński w języku polskim. Zapraszamy do udziału w tym kursie wszystkie te pary, które w przyszłym roku planują zawrzeć sakramentalny związek małżeński. Zapisy proszę zgłaszać dzwoniąc pod numer tel. 01382 229099

Marriage course

Kalendarz Liturgiczny

W tym tygodniu w kalendarzu liturgicznym wspominając będziemy:

W środę

– Święto rocznicy poświęcenia Bazyliki Laterańskiej.

W czwartek

– Wspomnienie św. Leona Wielkiego, papieża i doktora Kościoła.

W piątek

– Wspomnienie św. Marcina z Tours, biskupa.

W sobotę

– Wspomnienie św. Jozafata, biskupa i męczennika.

Liturgia dziecięca Children's Liturgy

W każdą pierwszą niedzielę miesiąca liturgia mszalna dla dzieci. Najbliższa Msza św. dla dzieci będzie wyjątkowo 13 listopada 2016 r. o godz. 5pm, a nie 6 listopada 2016 ze względu na doroczne uroczystości listopadowe na cmentarzu i po nich liturgia Mszy św. w kościele. Zapraszamy do udziału wszystkie dzieci!



Nabożeństwo modlitewne na cmentarzu

Jak co roku zapraszamy do udziału w nabożeństwie modlitewnym przy grobach polskich żołnierzy poległych w czasie pierwszej i drugiej wojny światowej na cmentarzu w Perth w dniu 6 listopada o godz. 3pm. Po nabożeństwie udamy się do kościoła św. Jana Chrzyciela gdzie będzie odprawiona Msza św. o godz. 4pm. Zapraszamy do udziału w tych uroczystościach!

Polish War Dead 6th November

Collections

Many thanks for your generosity; last week's income was - Sunday collection - £1472,57; Votive Candles - £44.93; Catholic Papers - £12.12; and Church Shop - £54

Special Collection

There will be a special collection at all Masses next Sunday in support of the work of the Salvatorian Fathers - the order to which Fr Bodgan belongs.

Union of Catholic Mothers



Tuesday 15th November, Mass begins at 7pm - followed by Bingo Tea in aid of Lourdes Pilgrim fund. (see notice)

Prayers

Please prayer for Rita Bonner who is very ill and your support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Safeguarding training

If you work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish or within Dunkeld Diocese you **MUST** be PVG scheme registered for the specific role you have regardless of the membership you have for roles you may have in other organisations/ employment.

If you are uncertain check with the parish priest or Pauline Ward, safeguarding coordinator (01738 449841).

In order to renew your registration **ALL** who are working in the Church with children or vulnerable adults **MUST** attend the repeated **AWARENESS TRAINING** provided by the diocese.

For the Perth parishes the training will be at 7pm on Thursday 17th November (Our Lady of Lourdes Church) OR at 7pm on Monday 7th December (St John's, Church Hall).

You are requested to attend **ONE** or **OTHER** of these training days. If you are unable to attend please contact Pauline Ward (above) or your parish priest to arrange an alternative date.

All bookings for the Church Hall, and rooms, should be made using the dedicated phone line

07549 605007

only within these times:

Monday 7-9pm

Wednesday 12noon-2pm

Friday 11am-12noon

Please respect others who use the hall and kitchen - by leaving it clean and tidy at all times.

Bingo Tea Tuesday 15th November

Tickets £1

Eyes down 7pm

**in aid of the Lourdes
Pilgrim fund**

All prizes gratefully received

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy continues on Sundays at the 9am Mass. If your child is aged between pre-school and 9 years old - they are welcome to come along. If your child is under 4 you are invited to come along too!

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club continues from Monday 31st October at 12 noon, in the Church Hall. We offer you a choice of soup - with a roll - tea/ coffee and a biscuit - all welcome.

Catholic Papers

Catholic newspapers the Scottish Catholic Observer, Catholic Herald, Catholic Times etc are available in the church porch - please take copies and share them with the wider community.

Youth Group

The group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings - from 6-8.30pm - new members (11-17) always welcome.

This month we will be travelling to Dundee for a Laser Quest experience - and in December the group will hold its annual Advent Retreat.

November lists

Time now to prepare your November lists, names of those members of your families and those dear to you who have died and for whom Mass will be offered throughout the month of November - the month of the Holy Souls.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church - please fill one in and hand it to one of the priests.

Italian film

On Thursday 17th November, at 7pm in Perth Concert Hall (Norie Miller Studio) there will be a showing of Mia Madre (in Italian) - all welcome - cost £5.

Feastdays

Tuesday 8th

Blessed John Duns

Wednesday 9th

St John Lateran Basilica

Thursday 3rd

St Leo the Great

Friday 11th

St Martin de Tours

Saturday 12th

St Josaphat

Italian Classes

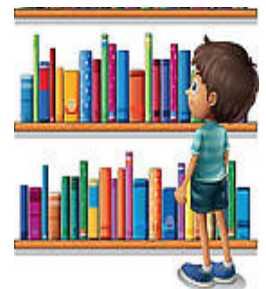
Italian classes continue on Saturdays at 4.15pm in the small hall at St John's. All welcome - beginners and fluent speakers.

Italian Association

Those attending the Mass for the Dead, celebrated in St Andrew's Cathedral Glasgow on Monday 14th November are reminded the th bus leaves St John's at 3.30pm prompt, stopping en route for High Tea - total cost £14.

Parish Library

*Borrow from
our extensive
range*



ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and return with your collection - or hand to the priest after Mass

Faith Sharing Groups for Advent

During Lent this year over 50 parishioners successfully and gainfully benefited from taking part in faith sharing.

You are all invited to join a similar faith sharing house group during Advent.

We already have 6 or 7 established Groups planning to meet in parishioners' houses soon. If you are able and wish to become involved in what is an enjoyable and interesting experience, please contact Monsignor Martin, Father Bogdan, or Deacon Len.

Deacon Len will be delighted to fit you into a group where you will be made most welcome. As most meetings will take place in the evenings at different times on different days, you just need to let us know when the most suitable time is for you. If any of this is not clear, just ask someone!!!!

Dates of Faith Sharing Sunday, 13th Nov.

Prepare for Christ the King.

Sunday, 20th Nov.

Prepare for first Sunday of Advent.

Sunday, 27th Nov.

Prepare for second Sunday of Advent.

You will notice that much of the Advent House Groups are occurring outwith Advent.

We decided that we would be better preparing for Advent before the actual rush and commitments of busy families during Christmas preparation occurred. The material used will be aimed at breaking the word for the upcoming Sunday.

Would Group Leaders please note that faith sharing material for the House Groups will be distributed and questions about it answered at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8th November in the Church Hall. Please let Deacon Len know if this does not suit.

Wigilia Celebration

You are invited to join the Friends of Bydgozcz for an early celebration of Christmas - Polish style at the Lovat Hotel, Glasgow Road, Perth from 7pm and the evening will be in the style of a traditional Wigilia with a Polish Christmas Eve menu.

Places are limited and the ticket price is £20 for members and £25 for non members, provided tickets are booked and paid for by Friday 18th November 2016. Please contact Sid Grant sid.j.grant@gmail.com.

The Society of the Divine Saviour - SDS (The Salvatorians)

The Founder of the Salvatorians, the Servant of God, Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. Was born 16th June 1848, in a poor, rural family in Gurtweil, the archdiocese of Freiburg. At the age of 30, he was ordained a priest.

As a seminarian, he felt that God was calling him to found the Church's apostolic work by fully engaging in the apostolic mission of the Church with the help of all possible ways and means. In Rome he founded the Apostolic Teaching Society on 8th December 1881, which eventually turned into a religious institute called the Society of the Divine Saviour.

On 8th December 1888, with the help and participation of the Bl. Mary of the Apostles, he founded a female branch of the Assembly, called the Salvatorian Sisters. Father Jordan was the first superior General of the Salvatorians, permanently staying at the main house in Rome. He founded numerous apostolic institutions in Europe, Asia, and America with great courage.

The last three years of his life were spent in Switzerland. It was a very hidden life, full of great suffering. He died at the age of 70 on 8th September 1918. In 1956 his remains were transported to Rome. His process of beatification is in progress.

On 14th January 2011 the Holy Father Benedict XVI has instructed the Congregation for the promulgation of the decree on the heroic virtues of the Servant of God, Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. The purpose of the Society is to strengthen, to defend

and to spread the Catholic faith everywhere in so far as this is committed to it by Divine Providence. Therefore, by exercising this ecclesiastical teaching function in word and writing, it intends to achieve the end that all people might know, more and more, the one true God and Him whom He sent, Jesus Christ (Rule from 1882).

The Polish Province: Poland is amongst the 42 countries where Salvatorians are working. The first Salvatorians arrived in Poland 1900. The Polish Province was founded in 1927, and has since grown to over 470 members, which is more than one third of the total Society. The visible expansion of the province in the '30s was halted by the Second World War. However amongst the many initiatives since the period of war occupancy, one that is worth mentioning is the underground teaching carried out in Kraków-Zakrzówek.

The results were visible after the war, after 1945. In the new post-war situation, Salvatorians took up the challenge of the Episcopate of Poland, and many priests and brothers started pastoral work in the west of Poland, which belonged to Germany before the war. Also Minor Seminaries restarted, including some catering for late vocations, and also retreat houses and the Union for the Salvatorian Collaborators was reactivated. It was only in 1968, that some Salvatorians were allowed to do mission work in Tanzania in East Africa. Since 1997, formation activities have been dynamically growing. The members of the Province are involved in the following apostolic works: parish work, pas-

toral care at the foreign missions, parish missions and retreats, apostolic work within the mass-media, spiritual formation, academic teaching at the universities, pastoral youth ministry, apostolic work abroad, pastoral work with Polish people abroad, work in hospices, chaplaincy for religious sisters and brothers, and chaplaincy in hospitals, schools and military units.

Currently the members of the Polish Province are present in 22 countries of the world: Albania, Australia, Brazil, Byelorussia, Canada, Comoro, Congo, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Liechtenstein, Poland, Russia, Spain, France, Switzerland, Tanzania, Ukraine, USA, and of course, in Scotland. Altogether, outside of Poland there are 172 priest and brothers. These are working apostolically within communities that belong to the Polish Province or within other administrative units of the Society.

In the UK we work in close cooperation with Salvatorians of the British Pro-Vince.

Through all the ways of working successfully in the apostolate, the most important and essential means is by giving good example according to the saying: Words move, examples lead. All can and should be good examples and thus help others to know and love God, because "this is the eternal life that all people should know the only true God, and the One whom He has sent, Jesus Christ" (J 17,3).

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