

St John the Baptist Catholic Church-The Mother Church of Perth

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Canon Mulholland:

**St John's Presbytery, 20 Melville Street. Perth PH1 5PY
01738 259371**

Monday 09th January 2023-6pm- The Baptism of the Lord & the end of Christmastide

Tuesday 10th -10am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Confessions from 6pm-6.45pm

7pm

Wednesday 11th-10am

Thursday 12th-No Mass

Friday 13th-10am- Feast of St Kentigern

Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did NOT die, he was a second father. He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man as the good old City knew, or any other good old city, town, or borough in the good old world. Some people laughed to see the alteration in him, but he let them laugh, and little heeded them, for he was wise enough to know that nothing ever happened on this globe, for good, at which some people did not have their fill of laughter in the outset; and knowing that such as these would be blind anyway, he thought it quite as well that they should wrinkle up their eyes in grins, as have the malady in less attractive forms. His own heart laughed, and that was quite enough for him.-Charles Dickens 1812-1870 -A Christmas Carol

I would like to thank each one of you for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to reflect God's presence in our community. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. A special thank you to those parishioners who work quietly, behind the scenes all the time to make our parish vibrant.

A very sincere thank you to all for your Christmas wishes, prayers, cards, offerings and gifts and a very happy New Year to you all. **Canon Steven.**

The Rainbow Unit at St John's Perth is looking for a new leader. Do you like working with young girls aged 4 – 7 years and are able to offer a couple of hours of your time each week (term time)? If you'd like to volunteer to become a leader, you'll be supported to complete the Leadership qualification. You'll have training on everything from planning your programme to child safety. For further information please contact Anne Mitchell on 01738 628039

Sunday Masses: Saturday 4.00pm (Anticipatory Sunday Mass) 9.00am, 11.00am & 6.30 pm

Tuesdays: 6.00pm-6.45pm (Confessions in Church)

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RECECENTLY DEAD: HH Pope Benedict XVI & Betty McCloskey
ANNIVERSARIES: Bishop Vincent Logan, Joseph & Myra Collier, Mary Duffley,
Ann Collier Taylor, Sean Ryan , Donald MacDonald, Martyn Laahs,
Maureen & George Wallace, Margaret Smith
Fidelia animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.

Father, eternal shepherd,
hear the prayers of your
people for your servant
Pope Benedict XVI,
who governed your Church
with unbounded love.

In your mercy, bring him with
the flock once entrusted to his
care to the reward you have
promised your faithful
servants.

May he who faithfully
administered the mysteries
of your forgiveness and love
on earth, rejoice with you for
ever in heaven

In your wise and loving care,
you made your servant teacher
of all your Church.
He did the work of Christ on
earth.

May your Son welcome him
into eternal glory.

May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock
be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom.

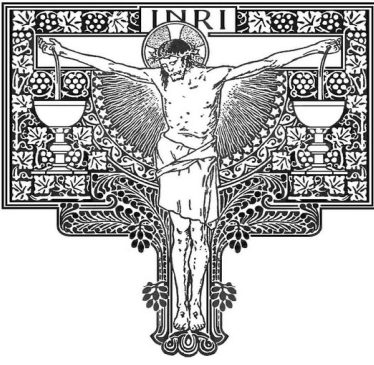
Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness
and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.

We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence.
In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love.

May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.





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Instructions for Blessing one's Home with blessed Epiphany Chalk

Using the blessed chalk blessed during Mass mark the lintel of your front door (or the door itself or front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 23 while saying: **The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-two years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.**

Then offer the following prayer: **Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen**

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions.

20 + C + M + B + 23

Please keep the chalk in a special place as it is blessed

The National Commission for Justice and Peace advises the Scottish Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in matters of social justice, peacebuilding, promoting care for creation and human rights, supporting the Catholic community to live the values of the Gospel in service to the poor and marginalised. **There will be a second collection this weekend.**

Heavenly Father, you sent Jesus to shepherd your people and the Holy Spirit to make your people one. Look with favour upon us who await the appointment of our new bishop. We thank you for our past shepherds and the blessings they have been for the people of this Diocese. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to anoint our new bishop that he may continue the work of fidelity to the Gospel in the Church, and lead our parishes, priests and people in love, truth and wisdom. Give him a true shepherd's heart like that of Jesus, that he may give strength to the weak, heal the brokenhearted, console the lonely, bring back the wandering and be a power against the evil of our day. In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2023

Justice & Peace

8th January-The Epiphany of the Lord

The Ecclesiastical Students Fund

19th February- 7th Sunday of the Year

Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF)

19th March- 4th Sunday of Lent

Holy Places

7th April- Good Friday

The Apostolate of Communications

21st May- 7th Sunday of Easter

The Day for Life

28th May- Solemnity of Pentecost

Peter's Pence

2nd July- 13th Sunday of the Year

The Apostleship of the Sea

16th July- 15th Sunday of the Year

Bishops' Mensal Fund

6th August- The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Sick & Retired Priests Fund

10th September- 23rd Sunday of the Year

Mission Sunday

22nd October- 29th Sunday of the Year

Catholic Education Service

26th November- Solemnity of Christ the King

Poor Mission Fund

3rd December- 1st Sunday of Advent



Unfortunately, **Dry Rot** has been discovered in the Sacristy and work will begin near the end of January to remedy this. It will involve disruption and inconvenience and re-location of the Sacristy.

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