



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

A warm welcome to our Church. Countless Catholics and visitors have crossed the threshold of this holy place, sensing the presence of God and filling it with prayer and contemplation. Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our mission is to glorify God by our lives.

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Sunday 15th January 2023-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A

Refreshments in the hall after 11am Mass

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Holy Mass

Monday 16th January 2023-6pm

Tuesday 17th -10am-St Anthony

Mass for the sick followed by refreshments in hall. All welcome.

& 7pm

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

Wednesday 18th-10am

Thursday 19th-No Mass

Friday 20th-10am-St Sebastian

Saturday 21st-Baptism of Helen Maria Grogan (*Canon Mulholland's 6th Godchild*)-12noon



RECENTLY DEAD: HE George Cardinal Pell, Susan Cassidy,
Canon John McAllister, Canon Bill Conway, Robert Rogers, John Doyle
& Jimmy Dillon

ANNIVERSARIES: Martha Easter Johnson, Teresa Mackle,
Bill Fyall & Ian McDermott

Fidelia animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.

*“As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming toward us and thanking us.
We will ask who they are and they will say: ‘A poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.’”*
-The Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

The sudden death of Susan Cassidy our parish organist and choir director breaks our hearts but we leave her in God's embrace. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her close family and friends and all who mourn her death. May she rest in peace.

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

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

Behold
the
Lamb of
God, which
taketh away
the sin of the
world.

John 1: 29



If the "world", as in those forces that represent the spirit of the world, heap praise on the Church or any of her organs, it is a sure sign that we are doing something wrong. As the Venerable Archbishop Sheen once so aptly said...

"If I were not a Catholic, and were looking for the true Church in the world today, I would look for the one Church which did not get along well with the world; in other words, I would look for the Church which the world hates. My reason for doing this would be, that if Christ is in any one of the churches of the world today, He must still be hated as He was when He was on earth in the flesh. If you would find

Christ today, then find the Church that does not get along with the world. Look for the Church that is hated by the world, as Christ was hated by the world. Look for the Church which is accused of being behind the times, as Our Lord was accused of being ignorant and never having learned. Look for the Church which men sneer at as socially inferior, as they sneered at Our Lord because He came from Nazareth. Look for the Church which is accused of having a devil, as Our Lord was accused of being possessed by Beelzebub, the Prince of Devils. Look for the Church which the world rejects because it claims it is infallible, as Pilate rejected Christ because he called Himself the Truth. Look for the Church which amid the confusion of conflicting opinions, its members love as they love Christ, and respect its voice as the very voice of its Founder, and the suspicion will grow, that if the Church is unpopular with the spirit of the world, then it is unworldly, and if it is unworldly, it is other-worldly. Since it is other-worldly, it is infinitely loved and infinitely hated as was Christ Himself. ... the Catholic Church is the only Church existing today which goes back to the time of Christ. History is so very clear on this point, it is curious how many miss its obviousness".

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18–25 January 2023

Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice

God of Unity, forgive us when we are self-serving and help us to grow in unity and understanding as we extend your love and justice to all.

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. The murder of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis in May 2020 was described as a watershed moment. The group has also focussed our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark this year. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better. As we join with other Christians around the world for this year's Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.
-Dr Nicola Brady, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

The UCM will meet for Holy Mass on Tuesday 17th January at 7pm
followed by meeting with guest speaker.

Congratulations to Anne-Marie Powęska who was Baptised on 14/01/23

The second collection for the work of the Justice & Peace Commission raised £309

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