



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023-03<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A**

Refreshments in the hall after 11am Mass

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help.

Holy Mass

Please note carefully Mass times during the week to accommodate and facilitate the work in the Sacristy. Please note the disruption to the morning Mass routine.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January- 1.30pm Requiem Mass for Susan Cassidy

& 6pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> -St Francis De Sales-7pm

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

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>-The Conversion of St Paul-6pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>-No Mass

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>-6pm

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>-Baptism of Brodie McKay-12noon & 1pm Eva Kelly



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bishop Ian Murray, Michael McManamon, Mary Arklass, Baby Charles Canning, Frances McCann & 90<sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance of Mgr Charles Hendry  
*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

**New rota for Readers now ready for pick up.**

The Crib collection for **St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society** raised **£553**.  
A registered Charity and Voluntary Adoption Agency in Scotland.

**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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## Remembering Pope Benedict XVI-Courtesy of CTS

1. “Life is not just a succession of events or experiences. It is a search for the true, the good and the beautiful. It is to this end that we make our choices; it is for this that we exercise our freedom; it is in this – in truth, in goodness and in beauty – that we find happiness and joy.”
2. “Know that God will never abandon you. Turn your eyes to him often. He gave his life for you on the cross because he loves you.”
3. “How can it be that the most wondrous and sacred human space — the womb — has become a place of unutterable violence?”
4. “Holiness does not consist in never having erred or sinned. Holiness increases the capacity for conversion, for repentance, for willingness to start again and, especially, for reconciliation and forgiveness.”
5. “It is very helpful to confess with a certain regularity. It is true: our sins are always the same, but we clean our homes, our rooms, at least once a week, even if the dirt is always the same; in order to live in cleanliness, in order to start again. Otherwise, the dirt might not be seen but it builds up. Something similar can be said about the soul, for me myself: if I never go to confession, my soul is neglected and in the end I am always pleased with myself and no longer understand that I must work hard to improve, that I must make progress. And this cleansing of the soul which Jesus gives us in the sacrament of confession helps us to make our consciences more alert, more open, and hence, it also helps us to mature spiritually and as human person.”
6. “Mary has truly become the Mother of all believers. Men and women of every time and place have recourse to her motherly kindness and her virginal purity and grace, in all their needs and aspirations, their joys and sorrows, their moments of loneliness and their common endeavours.”
7. “Apart from Jesus Christ risen from the dead, there can be no salvation! He alone can free the world from evil and bring about the growth of the Kingdom of justice, peace and love to which we all aspire.”
8. “We are moving toward a dictatorship of relativism which does not recognise anything as definitive and has as its highest value one’s own ego and one’s own desires. The Church needs to withstand the tides of trends and the latest novelties.”
9. “Let us not be consumed with haste, as if time dedicated to Christ in silent prayer were time wasted. On the contrary, it is precisely then that the most wonderful fruits of pastoral service come to birth. There is no need to be discouraged on account of the fact that prayer requires effort, or because of the impression that Jesus remains silent. He is indeed silent, but he is at
10. “Quite soon, I shall find myself before the final judge of my life. Even though, as I look back on my long life, I can have great reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings, and is thus also my advocate, my ‘Paraclete.’”

## “Lord, I love you!” (Pope Benedict XVI’s last words)

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9.00am/11.00am/6.30 pm

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