

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 16th June 2024-11th Sunday Year B

Responsorial Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Please read carefully Mass times this week

Monday 17th June-6pm

Tuesday 18th-Mass of the Sick -10am with refreshments in hall

No evening Mass

7pm- S4-S6 Awards Ceremony in St John's Academy

Wednesday 19th May-No Mass

Thursday 20th-HMP Perth

Friday 21st-St Aloysius Gonzaga-10am

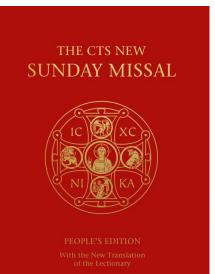
Refreshments in hall after 11am Mass

RECENTLY DEAD: Pat O'Connor ANNIVERSARIES: Dennis Watson, Cardinal Thomas Winning & Tommy Mullen Animae omnium fidelium defunctorum, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

There has been much discussion in the media recently about 'assisted suicide', whereby people who feel they are overburdened by suffering will be facilitated in bringing their lives to a premature end by a change in legislation. The Catholic Church opposes this.

As Catholics, along with many people of other faiths and none, we share a different vision about what it is to be fully human, especially when we are suffering and approaching death in the hope of eternal life. People who are coming towards the end of their lives can feel vulnerable, and recent research shows that many consider themselves a burden on their loved ones and wider society. Jesus shows us that life always has dignity and that there is no such thing as a useless life. We are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. We support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

Jesus did not send the sick away. Our Lady remained at the foot of the Cross to the very end as Her Son, Jesus, died. Mary is the model of compassionate presence and prayer whom we are called to imitate. People close to death and their loved ones, often go through similar darkness and pain but can come to a more complete acceptance and find peace in those treasured last moments accompanied by spiritual care. *Bishop John Sherrington (England and Wales), Bishop Kevin Doran (Ireland), and Bishop John Keenan (Scotland)* **There will be a second collection this weekend for the Bishops of Scotland's Day For Life.**



If you would like to pre-order a copy of the new Sunday Missal, please add your name to the list in the porch. The price is £20.

On 5 June 2005, Pope Benedict XVI spoke about the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during his Angelus. "In biblical language, 'heart' indicates the centre of the person where his sentiments and intentions dwell," he said. "In the Heart of the Redeemer we adore God's love for humanity, His will for universal salvation, His infinite mercy." "Practising devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ therefore means adoring that Heart which, after having loved us to the end, was pierced by a spear and from high on the Cross poured out blood and water, an inexhaustible source of new life," Pope Benedict XVI said.

Please note, if you haven't registered to vote in the general

election, you must do so by 23:59 on **Tuesday**, **18 June 2024**. If you are eligible, you can do so here: <u>gov.uk/register-to-vote</u>. Photo ID is necessary in order to be permitted to vote.

Next Second Collection-Sunday 30th June-Peter's Pence.

UCM BBQ Tuesday 18th June at 7.30pm.

Sunday Masses 4.00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass (on Saturday) 9.00am/11.00am/6.30 pm Tuesdays: 6.00pm-6.45pm (Confessions in Church) www.stjohns-perth.org.uk stj

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