



**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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**DUNKELD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025**  
LED BY BISHOP ANDREW MCKENZIE

Joe Walsh Tours

**7TH - 14TH JULY 2025 | 7 NIGHTS**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Mass at the Grotto
- Torchlight Procession
- Blessed Sacrament Procession
- International Mass

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**INCLUDING**

- Return flights from Prestwick to Lourdes
- Airport transfers to accommodation in Lourdes
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation
- Full board: breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- Airport taxes
- 20kg check-in luggage & 1 small cabin bag
- Full religious programme facilitated in conjunction with the Diocese of Dunkeld
- £929 pps at Hotel St Louis de France
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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025-The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024-Funeral Mass for Mary Whitehead-12.30pm**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> -10am followed by refreshments**

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Confessions from 6pm-6.45pm followed by 7pm Mass**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>-No Mass**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>-HMP Perth**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>-St Anthony-10am with Primary 6**

**UCM Burns' Supper-21<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bishop Logan, Susan Cassidy, Ian M<sup>c</sup>Dermott & Michael M<sup>c</sup>Manamon  
*Fidelia animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.*

The Crib donations will be for the **St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society**

Holy Year Scotland 2025 is organising a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025, with 4 nights in Rome and 3 in Assisi. The cost of the trip will be approximately £1,600 per person, with a single-room supplement of £168. If you would like further information, or to register your interest, please contact Jim McKelvie by email [j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk](mailto:j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk) or by phone [07957 847290](tel:07957847290).

Justice and Peace: £451 Refreshments in hall after 11am Sunday Mass

Musical get together in hall Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January in the afternoon

**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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“This Christmas Eve in Rome our Holy Father Pope Francis inaugurates the Jubilee Holy Year 2025 and has asked our Bishops to mark its opening in our dioceses on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday 29th December. He has declared this Year be a Holy Year of Hope, a virtue most welcome in our uncertain and unstable world of today.” “How do we live and practise the virtue of hope in our families, our workplace, our communities and our country?” “Hope is more than the optimism that chooses to see the glass half full. Hope, instead, endures though good times and bad in the grace to accept whatever comes our way and see God’s saving power in everything, and His plan for all things to work for the good for those who love GOD. (Rom 8:28).” “When life is tough, when we are struggling, when we cannot see light at the end of the tunnel, hope allows us to discern the signs of God’s Kingdom even in the world such as it is.” “Through baptism we have been given hope of eternal life and the Sacraments nourish that hope until the Lord comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest.” “As Catholics we are not just invited into the consolation of hoping in the Lord but are called to champion the sort of hope that can transform our world.” “Our current times can tempt us to despair in the secular values and individual choices that trump every other consideration. So, we watch on as the gap grows between rich and poor; as babes in the womb lose their sacredness; as the anxieties and troubles of our youth intensify; as the elderly, sick and dying worry about their worth;

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# Explore

God's will for you

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life?

Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will for you.

4-7pm | **Sunday 26 Jan 2025**

4-7pm | **Sunday 23 Feb 2025**

4-7pm | **Sunday 30 Mar 2025**

4-7pm | **Sunday 25 May 2025**

9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh EH9 1SN

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as world leaders turn to violence and war; and as social media makes its brutal commentary. In such a world, modern living enslaves and weighs us down.” “More than ever, we need examples of hope to inspire us, and few better for Scotland than Venerable Margaret Sinclair, who belonged to the modern world –of mass industry, the movie theatre and high street fashion- and whose young face, captured on camera, is of a modern girl and one of us.” “Her mother, providing for the family amid the poverty of Edinburgh’s Cowgate with constant money concerns, sometimes came close to buckling beneath the weight of worry, and would often find comfort in Margaret’s words: Dinna gie in! Not giving up was the hallmark of Margaret’s short life, from the poverty of her youth to the sickness of her final years. Don’t give in!, a fine combination of steely character and supernatural trust.” “Margaret strove for sanctity wherever she found herself, whether at home, or in the factory or the convent. Because she was set on doing God’s will she had the firmest hope, often in times of extreme trial, that the Lord would see her through.” “Margaret was a

commonplace young woman who looked for personally holiness and is an example to all of us who want to live our own ordinary lives in the modern world for God too. Perhaps our prayers for her help will open the door to a miracle through her intercession that raises her to the altar of the saints.” “Pope Francis encourages us to live in hope this Holy Year. As the Catholic community in Scotland, this Jubilee is an opportunity for us to get to know and follow Margaret Sinclair and her example of living in hope for ourselves, and of sharing it in our families, our Church, our country and world.”

+ Bishop John Keenan