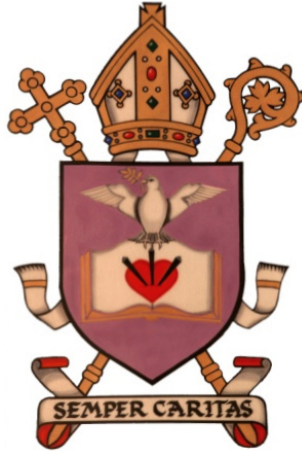


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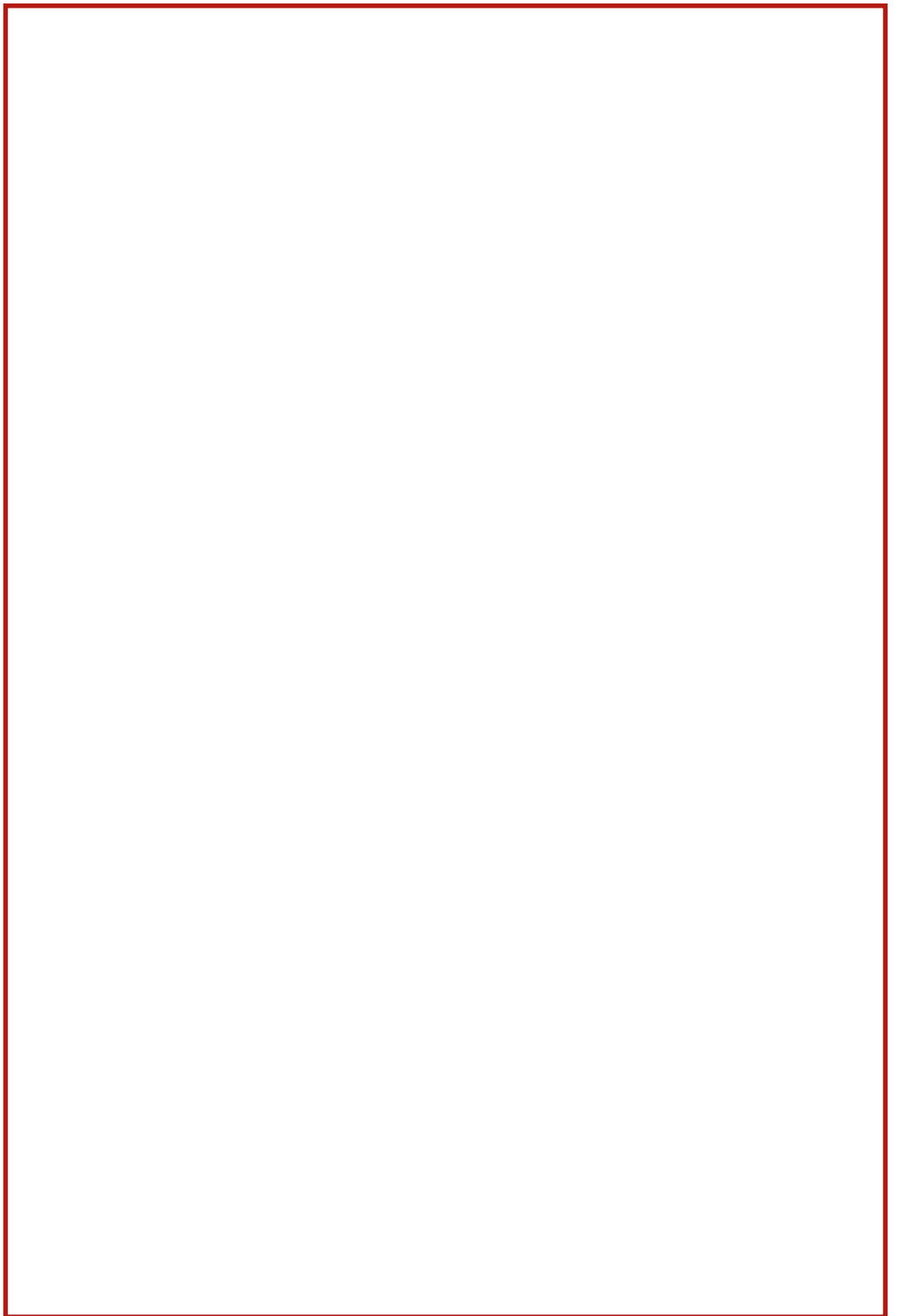
Annual Schools Mass

Rt. Rev. Stephen Robson
Bishop of Dunkeld

11am, Wednesday, 24th June 2020

**Solemnity of the Birth
of St John the Baptist**

from St Joseph's Convent Chapel, Lawside, Dundee
Livestream - www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk



Entrance Hymn

Father, I place into Your hands,
The things I cannot do.
Father, I place into Your hands
The things that I've been through.
Father, I place into Your hands
The way that I should go,
For I know I always can trust You.

Father, I place into Your hands
My friends and family.
Father, I place into Your hands
The things that trouble me.
Father, I place into Your hands
The person I would be,
For I know I always can trust You.

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Priest The Lord be with you
All And with your Spirit.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,

Through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God

Priest Lord, have mercy
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest Christ have mercy
All **Christ, have mercy**

Priest Lord, have mercy
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Opening Prayer

All **Amen**

Glory to God - *Bellahouston*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

First reading

Isaiah 49:1-6 ©

Islands, listen to me,
pay attention, remotest peoples.
The Lord called me before I was born,
from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.

He made my mouth a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of his hand.
He made me into a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel)
in whom I shall be glorified';
while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain,
I have exhausted myself for nothing';

and all the while my cause was with the Lord,
my reward with my God.
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of
Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

(Maja, Our Lady's Primary, Perth)

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138(139):1-3,13-15

**R/ And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

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(Cantor - Kama, St Paul's Academy, Dundee)

Second reading

Acts 13:22-26 ©

Paul said: 'God deposed Saul and made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

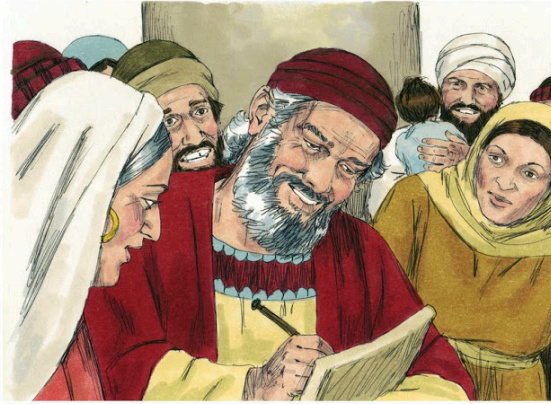
'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is for you.'

(Paula Nicoll, Our Lady's, Forebank, Dundee)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
As for you, little child, you shall be called
a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord
to prepare his ways before him.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Paula Knight, Our Lady's, Perth)



His name is John

Gospel

Luke 1:57-66,80 ©

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name,' and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

Meanwhile the child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

Homily

Bishop Stephen Robson

Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. May he continue to be a source of strength and hope in this time of global pandemic. May we, like him, continue to show compassion and tenderness to those in need. Lord Hear us,

R/ Lord Graciously, Hear us.

We pray for our own dear Bishop Stephen. May he be strengthened and supported by the Holy Spirit and continue to be a kind and generous shepherd to our priests and chaplains, parishes and people, and all men and women of good will who serve the people of God and those in need. Lord hear us,

R/ Lord Graciously, Hear us.

We pray for all those who suffer across the world, due to this health emergency. May they be consoled by the practical love of others and discover joy in the midst of tears. Lord hear us,

R/ Lord Graciously, Hear us.

We pray for our headteachers, teachers and support staff and chaplains. In gratitude for their care and devotion to us, in spite of the challenges of the Corona virus. May they look to the future with hope, knowing that like John the Baptist, their vocation is to prepare the Way of The Lord. We also remember all staff who are retiring this summer and assure them of prayers as they begin this new chapter of their lives. Lord hear us,

R/ Lord Graciously, Hear us.

We pray for all the pupils, especially those who begin Primary 1, Secondary School or move to employment, training or further study. May they discover the gifts and graces they need as they embark on this new and exciting part of their lives' journey. Lord hear us,

R/ Lord Graciously, Hear us.

In a moment of silence, we bring all the thoughts and intentions that fill our hearts today before God, knowing that when we cannot pray, The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us. Lord hear us,

R/ Lord Graciously, Hear us.

(Grant, Lucy, Patrick, Bruno and Grace, St John's Academy, Perth)

Offertory Hymn

I give my hands to do your work
And Jesus Lord I give them willingly
I give my feet to go your way
And every step I shall take carefully

***O the joy of the Lord is my strength, my strength
O the joy of the Lord is my help my help
For the power of His Spirit is in my heart
And the joy of the Lord is my strength***

I give my eyes, to see the world
And every one in just the way you do
I give my tongue to speak your words
To spread your name and freedom giving, truth

I give my mind in every way
So each though I have will come from you
I give my spirit to your O Lord
And every day my prayer will sing anew

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Drawings depicting the Life of St John the Baptist
(Our Lady's Primary, Perth)

Final Hymn

Go, the Mass is ended,
children of the Lord.
Take God's Word to others
as You've heard it spoken to you.
Go, the Mass is ended,
go and tell the world
the Lord is good, the Lord is kind,
and loves us ev'ry one.

Go, the Mass is ended,
take God's love to all.
Gladden all who meet you,
fill their hearts with hope and courage.
Go, the Mass is ended,
fill the world with love,
and give to all what you've received
—the peace and joy of Christ.

Go, the Mass is ended,
strengthened in the Lord,
lighten ev'ry burden,
spread the joy of Christ around you.
Go, the Mass is ended,
take God's peace to all.
This day is yours to change the world
—to make God known and loved.

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