

Recent Parish Collections/Income (March, 2024):

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

2nd/3rd March	Plate Collection: £567.83	Direct to Bank: £75.00	Total: £642.83
9th/10th March	Plate Collection: £605.98	Direct to Bank: £75.00	Total: £680.98
2nd Collection - Papal/Episcopal/SCIAF - £260.92			
16th/17th March	Plate Collection: £593.00	Direct to Bank: £75.00	Total: £668.00
23rd/24th March	Plate Collection: £685.31	Direct to Bank: £75.00	Total: £760.31
2nd Collection - Holy Places (Good Friday) - £66.40			
31st March (No Vigil)	Plate Collection: £769.85	Direct to Bank: £75.00	Total: £844.85

Total Offertories for March: £3,596.97 Average Weekly Collection for March: £719.39

Building Fund/Donations for Kneelers - **£175.00**

Bunny Rabbit Birthday - **£29.50**

St. James', Kinross:

2nd/3rd March	Plate Collection: £307.38	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £907.38
9th/10th March	Plate Collection: £263.85	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £863.85
2nd Collection - Papal/Episcopal/SCIAF - £244.00			
16th/17th March	Plate Collection: £275.01	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £875.01
23rd/24th March	Plate Collection: £354.68	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £954.68
2nd Collection - Holy Places (Good Friday) - £237.00			
30th/31st March	Plate Collection: £436.10	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £1,036.10

Total Offertories for March: £4,637.02 Average Weekly Collection for March: £927.40

Building Fund - **£23.00**

Many thanks, as always, for your generous support of the parishes. The parishes depend entirely upon your financial contributions in order to function. If you are a tax payer you can add to your contributions by donating with Gift Aid - for every £1.00 you contribute the parish can claim an additional 25p from HMRC, which amounts to a significant contribution to the parish finances over the year at no extra cost to yourself - you simply need to fill in a straightforward and confidential Gift Aid Form. If you do not currently Gift Aid your donations please speak to Fr. Martin or to Gordon McGregor in Our Lady's, or Tom Traynor in St. James'. If you wish to pay directly into the bank the bank details are below, please use a reference with your name that will show on the parish bank statement to indicate your contribution. Our Lady of Lourdes' Bank Details: (Bank of Scotland) DIOCESE OF DUNKELD OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Account No. 14176562, Sort Code: 80-22-60 St. James' Bank Details: (Royal Bank of Scotland) ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE DUNKELD, Account No. 00255001, Sort Code: 83-23-47

St. James', Kinross, 100 Club Winners (March, 2024):

£50: 42 - Sid Grant, £10: 35 - Derek Bald, 47 - Niall Munro, 13 - John Irvine, 95 - Hamish Hamilton. Congratulations to all concerned!

Parish Newsletter

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

&

St. James', Kinross

In the Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld - Scottish Charity Number: SC001810

2nd Sunday of Easter - "Low Sunday" / Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday afternoon in St. James', Kinross, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 3.00p.m. until 6.00p.m. for Divine Mercy Sunday. After Exposition at 3.00p.m. we will immediately pray together the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which takes only 10 minutes, and then the remainder of the time will be for silent prayer to Jesus our Eucharistic Lord. Feel free to come and go during this time, stay for it all, for a few minutes, for an hour or, indeed, for however long you can manage. I will be available to hear Confessions throughout the time of silent prayer, sitting outside the confessional, and will go in when I hear someone entering the confessional. The afternoon of prayer will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5.45 - 6.00p.m.

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Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Monday 8th April

Transferred from Holy Week

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (White)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Prayer Group Meeting in the Church at 7.30p.m.

Tuesday 9th April

2nd Week in Eastertide (White)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Tea/Coffee in the church hall after Mass - all are welcome

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Wednesday 10th April

2nd Week in Eastertide (White)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Tea/Coffee in the church hall after Mass - all are welcome

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Thursday 11th April

Memorial of St. Stanislaus Kostka (White)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Friday 12th April

2nd Week in Eastertide (White)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Saturday 13th April

Vigil Masses of the 3rd Sunday of Easter - Yr. B. (White)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Confessions 4.00 - 4.45p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5.00p.m.

Continued...

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 7.00p.m.

Confessions after Holy Mass

Sunday 14th April

3rd Sunday of Easter - Yr. B. (White)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 9.00a.m.

Our Lady's Parish:

Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

Readings for 2nd Sunday of Easter - Year B (6th & 7th April)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul.

Psalm 117(118)

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.

A reading from the 1st Letter of St. John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them.

A few things coming up in St. James', Kinross...

Women of the Gospels a follow - on *Lectio Divina* course from *Women of the Torah* will start on **Tuesday 16th April at 7.00p.m. in St. James' church hall**. All are welcome to attend. You do not need to have attended the sessions on the *Women of the Torah* to participate. A suggested donation of £10.00 would cover the cost of the book for the entire programme, though no one should be deterred from participating because of the cost. The *Women of the Gospels* is open to parishioners from both parishes, of course, so please come from Our Lady's if this interests you.

Because school goes back on a Tuesday, the first **Children's Catechism class** will be **Monday 22nd April**, after school.

Mariola has made some beautiful hand-crafted first **Holy Communion** cards which will be on sale in the church hall in **St. James' 27th/28th April** and also in **Our Lady's church the weekend of 4th/5th May**.