

Recent Parish Collections, etc.:

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

3rd/4th February	Plate Collection: £636.50	Direct to Bank: £75.00	Total: £711.50
10th/11th February	Plate Collection: £651.50	Direct to Bank: £75.00	Total: £726.50
17th/18th February	Plate Collection: £573.30	Direct to Bank: £75.00	Total: £648.30

2nd Collection - £260.02 - Ecclesiastical Students' Fund

24th/25th February	Plate Collection: £637.27	Direct to Bank: £75.00	Total: £712.27
2nd/3rd March	Plate Collection: £567.83	Direct to Bank: £75.00	Total: £642.83

St. James', Kinross:

3rd/4th February	Plate Collection: £190.77	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £790.77
10th/11th February	Plate Collection: £298.21	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £898.21
17th/18th February	Plate Collection: £413.10	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £1,013.10

2nd Collection - £199.55 - Ecclesiastical Students' Fund

24th/25th February	Plate Collection: £287.00	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £887.00
2nd/3rd March	Plate Collection: £307.38	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £907.38

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

Total Receipts for 2023: **£64,577.00**
Total Payments for 2023: **£70,456.00**
Total Offertories for 2023: **£38,867.00**
Bank Balance (01/03/24): **£23,741.97**

St. James', Kinross:

Total Receipts for 2023: **£76,944.00**
Total Payments for 2023: **£70,203.00**
Total Offertories for 2023: **£42,270.00**
Bank Balance (01/03/24): **£38,891.83**

What is significant to note is that neither parish has any outstanding debt now: no loans to be repaid to the Diocese, etc. Hopefully this information helps to make clear the current financial standing of the respective parishes. Thank you for your continuing financial commitment to the well-being of our parish communities!

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

Parish Newsletter

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

&

St. James', Kinross

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

Parish Newsletter for:

5th Sunday of Lent - Year B, 2024 - 17/03/24

This weekend we welcome to minister in both parishes Deacon Des Connors. Des will be preaching at all the Masses, you'll be relieved to know :-)

Please make him (and his wife, Jane) very welcome!

Whilst he still has many other commitments at the moment we anticipate that by May of this year we will be seeing more of Deacon Des in the parishes and benefitting from all that he has to offer through his diaconal service.

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Our Lady of Lourdes' Website: ourladyoflourdes@perth.church

St. James' Website: www.catholickinross.com

Office Hours for the Parish Secretary (Dianne Mitchell): Thursday 10.00a.m. to 12.00 noon

(Phone 01738 626979 only in order to speak to the Parish Secretary)

Parish Secretary's E-Mail addresses: ololadmin@dunkelldioocese.org.uk or stjamesadmin@dunkelldioocese.org.uk

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Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency: www.scssa.org.uk

Telephone Number for the Diocesan Curial Offices: 01382 225453

Dunkeld Diocesan Website: www.dunkelldioocese.co.uk

Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Monday 18th March

No Public Masses

Funeral Service of Phoebe Wright R.I.P. in Stirling Crematorium at 2.00p.m.

St. James' Parish:

Catechism Class in the hall after school till 4.30p.m.

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

Tuesday 19th March

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (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 20th March

Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent (Violet)

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 21st March

Thursday of the 5th Week of Lent (Violet)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Confessions in St Mungo's, Alloa, 6.00 - 7.00p.m. - all are welcome to attend.

Friday 22nd March

Friday of the 5th Week of Lent (Violet)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 3.00p.m.

Saturday 23rd March

Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday (Red)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Confessions 4.00 - 4.45p.m.

Holy Mass at 5.00p.m.

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 7.00p.m.

Confessions after Holy Mass

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday (Red)

Weather permitting, and individual health permitting, please gather outside the church 5 minutes before Mass begins, for the Solemn Entry. Please take one Palm Cross per person. If Palm Crosses remain, additional Crosses can be collected after the Mass. This is to make sure that everyone has the chance to get at least one Palm Cross.

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 9.00a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

Mass Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent - Year B (16th & 17th Mar.)

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my Law in their hearts.

Psalm 50(51)

Response: A pure heart create for me, O God.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 5:7-9

He learned to obey and He became the source of eternal salvation.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Tea & Coffee in St. James' hall after 9.00a.m. Mass this Sunday - join us!