

Tea & Coffee this weekend in the church hall after the 9.00a.m. Mass in Kinross - do come and join us and enjoy some fellowship with other parishioners. Volunteers to help with the teas and coffees always welcome!

The Episcopal Ordination of Fr. Martin Chambers as the Bishop of Dunkeld will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral, 150 Nethergate, Dundee, at 11.00a.m on Saturday 27th April.

Project Truth is the UK's largest pro-life youth outreach initiative. We bring young people together to take the pro-life message to the streets.

We focus on starting conversations with the public on the issue of abortion, and distributing information on the development of unborn humans in the womb, crisis pregnancy support centres, and post-abortion care centres.

Our factual information on life before birth focuses on foetal development at 10 weeks gestation. This is when most abortions take place in the UK. The slogan we use to illustrate this is: "For some, 10 weeks is a lifetime."

If you are a young person aged 18+ and would like to apply to take part in Project Truth July 2024, please contact Louise Grant at SPUC for more information. louisegrant@spuc.org.uk

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/project-truth>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/Ty7ok2tj8RQRRh8Q/>

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment

*Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!*

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life

The annual SPUC Dundee **Afternoon For Life** will be held at the Pastoral Centre at Our Lady of Victories, Forebank, on **Saturday 16th March**. Tea and coffee and a chance to catch up with friends from 12.30pm; and talks from 1 - 4.30pm. This year's speakers are Bishop John Keenan, Richard Lucas and Dr Gillian Wright (see poster for more details). Feel free to join us for all or part of the afternoon. For enquiries please contact mcgraw.clare@gmail.com

Congratulations to baby Matthew Firth of St. James', Kinross, on his baptism. Every blessing on him and his family!

Lenten Reading Material - If you're looking for something to feed you spiritually in this Lenten Season let me recommend to you a book by Fr. Walter Ciszek S.J. called "He Leadeth Me", the following gives you a taste of what the book is about... *Captured by a Russian army during World War II and convicted of being a "Vatican spy," Jesuit Father Walter J. Ciszek spent 23 agonizing years in Soviet prisons and the labour camps of Siberia. Only through an utter reliance on God's will did he manage to endure the extreme hardship. He tells of the courage he found in prayer--a courage that eased the loneliness, the pain, the frustration, the anguish, the fears, the despair. For, as Ciszek relates, the solace of spiritual contemplation gave him an inner serenity upon which he was able to draw amidst the "arrogance of evil" that surrounded him. Ciszek learns to accept the inhuman work in the infamous Siberian salt mines as a labour pleasing to God. And through that experience, he was able to turn the adverse forces of circumstance into a source of positive value and a means of drawing closer to the compassionate and never-forsaking Divine Spirit. He Leadeth Me is a book to inspire all Christians to greater faith and trust in God--even in their darkest hour. As the author asks, "What can ultimately trouble the soul that accepts every moment of every day as a gift from the hands of God and strives always to do his will?"*

Parish Newsletter

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

&

St. James', Kinross

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

"Everyday, as long as this *today* lasts, keep encouraging one another"

Hebrews 3:13

Parish Newsletter for:

1st Sunday of Lent - Year B, 2024

In our time we are taken up with so many activities and duties, worries and problems: we often tend to fill all of the spaces of the day, without leaving a moment to pause and reflect and to nourish our spiritual life, to make contact with God. Mary teaches us how necessary it is to find in our busy day, moments for silent recollection, to meditate on what the Lord wants to teach us, on how he is present and active in the world and in our life: to be able to stop for a moment and meditate - H.H. Pope Benedict XVI

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Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Monday 19th February

No Public Masses

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 20th February

Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent (V)

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 6.30 - 7.30p.m.

Wednesday 21st February

Wednesday of the 1st Week of Lent (V)

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 6.30 - 7.30p.m.

Thursday 22nd February

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter (W)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Adult Catechesis/R.C.I.A. in the church hall 6.30 - 7.30p.m.

Friday 23rd February

Friday of the 1st Week of Lent (V)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 3.00p.m.

Saturday 24th February

Vigil Mass of the 2nd Sunday of Lent (V)

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 25th February

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B (V)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 9.00a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 3.00p.m.

Mass Readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent - Year B

A reading from the Book of Genesis 9:8-15

There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.

Psalm 24(25)

Response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

A reading from the 1st Letter of St. Peter 3:18-22

The water on which the Ark floated is a type of baptism which saves you now.

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

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after Him.

Our Lady of Lourdes' - Bingo Tea & Raffle

An appeal to your generosity, please... We're looking for prizes for the Bingo Tea & Raffle (organised by the Parish Fundraising Committee) which will take place on Friday 23rd February in Letham Club at 7.30p.m.. Please hand any donations in when you come to Mass, and many thanks in advance for your support!

Sincere thanks to all who organised and participated in our very successful parish celebrations after Mass last Sunday in Our Lady's. We had a lovely time together as a parish family and hopefully this is something to be repeated soon!