

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

Some recommendations for spiritual nourishment this Lent:

The Hallow App - have a look on: <https://hallow.com/> This App is a great daily support on our spiritual journey with a wealth of resources.

Credo – A Catechism of the Catholic Faith by Bishop Athanasius Schneider

I'm looking to maximise our storage space and at the same time make things a bit tidier and safer around the church hall / kitchen areas in Our Lady's. I wondered if anyone might have any old but solid kitchen units or kitchen worktop stored away anywhere, stuff that they do not need but would be willing to donate for church use, and also if anyone would be willing to help construct them and mount them if we do manage to get some cupboards? If you have something that you no longer need (maybe if you've just got a new kitchen) it would help to save the parish money and would be of great benefit to us. Please let me know if you can help out.

God bless, Fr. Martin

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:

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B, 2024 - 25/02/24

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 26th 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 27th February

Tuesday of the 2nd 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 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday of the 2nd 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 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Thursday 29th February

Thursday of the 2nd Week of Lent (V)

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 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Friday 1st March

Friday of the 2nd 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 2nd March

Vigil Mass of the 3rd 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 3rd March

3rd 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 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B (24th & 25th Feb.)

A reading from the Book of Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Psalm 115(116)

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare His own Son.

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

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.'

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved.

Thanks!

Many thanks to all who have been helping recently in the two parishes with weekly teas and coffees, social events and fundraising activities. Your assistance and the contribution of your time and energies is always greatly appreciated. It's good that we can come together outside of our time of worship to socialise and to strengthen the bonds of our Family of Faith in informal ways too. On behalf of everyone who benefits from your help in these matters I want to say a heartfelt 'thank you', and I want also to encourage others to get involved. We all have something to offer to the life of the parish. God bless you, Fr. Martin