

Parish Newsletter - Our Lady's & St. James'

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On behalf of Deacon Des and myself I'd like to wish you all a very blessed and peaceful New Year, praying that the year ahead will be a time of grace for you all. God bless, Fr. Martin

I am having a short break this week when I have a visit from my good friend Br. Zachariah, hence the changes in Mass times, of which I ask you to take particular note. In case of pastoral emergency please be in touch with Canon Mulholland in St. John's (01738 259371)

Monday 6th January - *Monday after Epiphany Sunday* - Holy Mass at 7.00p.m. in St. James', Kinross.

Tuesday 7th January - *Tuesday after Epiphany Sunday* - Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth.

Wednesday 8th January - *Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday* - Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

Saturday 11th January - *Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord* - Confessions from 4.00-4.45p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 5.00p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth. Holy Mass at 7.00p.m. in St. James', Kinross, followed by Confessions.

Sunday 12th January - *The Baptism of the Lord* - Holy Mass at 9.00a.m. in St. James', Kinross. Holy Mass at 11.00a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth.

Tuesday 14th January - *Week 1 in Ordinary Time* - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. and Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. in Our Lady's, followed by tea/coffee in the church hall after Mass.

Wednesday 15th January - *Week 1 in Ordinary Time* - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. and Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. in St. James', followed by tea/coffee in the church hall after Mass. Adoration and Confessions in St. James' 6.00-7.00p.m.

Thursday 16th January - *Week 1 in Ordinary Time* - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. and Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. in Our Lady's. Adoration & Confessions in Our Lady's 6.00-7.00p.m.

Friday 17th January - *Week 1 in Ordinary Time* - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. and Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. in St. James'.

Saturday 18th January - Baptism at 2.00p.m. in St. James', Kinross. *Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time* Confessions from 4.00-4.45p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 5.00p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth. Holy Mass at 7.00p.m. in St. James', Kinross, followed by Confessions.

Sunday 19th January - *Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time* - Holy Mass at 9.00a.m. in St. James', Kinross. Holy Mass at 11.00a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of a dear parishioner in St. James' - **Shereen Philbin** - who sadly died this past week. We commend her soul to the prayers of Our Lady and to the merciful love of God, asking His blessing upon her dear family who mourn her loss at this time. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

At the time of printing the newsletter I am unaware of funeral arrangements for Shereen, this may necessitate changes in the weekly timetables above. Any such changes will be announced at Mass.

Blessed Epiphany Chalk will be available for parishioners to collect after Holy Mass in order to mark the lintels of your homes on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. In this devotion we ask God's blessing through the intercession of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. We mark the lintel of the main door of the house in the following manner:

+20+C+M+B+25+ (The letters also represent the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* - Christ Bless [this] house).

Epiphany Holy Water will be available for parishioners to collect the weekend of 11th/12th January. This holy water is blessed with the praying of many Psalms. This sacramental is good to have at home to use in our own prayers and devotions and for blessing the members of our families. Please bring an empty bottle with you that weekend if you wish to take some.

For the next issue of this newsletter (weekend of 18th/19th January) I will provide an update of the collections from December 2024 to the current date. Thank you as always to all who assist with the parish finances.

Catechism Class resumes for the children in Kinross on Monday 13th January after school.

St. James' 100 Club winners for December:

£50	50	Maite Bowstead
£10	2	Jim Hughes
£10	89	Aisling Thornber
£10	62	Joan MacKinnon
£10	60	Betty Chilvers

Huge congratulations to No 55, John Wheatley who won the December special draw of £500. Subscription money is continuing to come in and could I ask that parishioners try to pay me by the middle of January if possible. There are still a few vacant numbers available if anyone would like to take a number.

This weekend's Mass Readings (Mass of the Day):

- ♦ **Isaiah 60:1-6 'The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.'**
- ♦ **Psalm 72 (71) - Response: All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**
- ♦ **Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 'It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise.'**
- ♦ **Alleluia, alleluia. We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord. Alleluia.**
- ♦ **St. Matthew's Gospel 2:1-12 'We have come from the east to worship the king.'**