**Abbreviated Newsletter for Our Lady of Lourdes’, Perth & St. James’, Kinross**

**22/09/24 – 06/10/24**

Contact the Parish Priest - Fr. Martin Pletts on either 01577 863329 or 01738 626979

Parish Deacon - Rev. Des Connors

**Monday 23rd September:** (St. James’) Catechism Class after school until 4.30p.m., Parish Prayer Group in the hall from 7.30p.m.

**Tuesday 24th September:** (Our Lady’s) Rosary at 9.30a.m., Holy Mass at 10.00a.m., Tea & Coffee in the hall after Holy Mass, Adoration & Confessions 6.00 – 7.00p.m.

**Wednesday 25th September:** (St. James’) Rosary at 9.30a.m., Holy Mass at 10.00a.m., Tea & Coffee in the hall after Holy Mass, Adoration & Confessions 6.00 – 7.00p.m.

**Thursday 26th September:** (Our Lady’s) Rosary at 9.30a.m., Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

**Friday 27th September:** (St. James’) - ***Please note the change of times*** - Rosary at 6.30p.m. (Celebration of the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, with renewal of promises by members) Holy Mass at 7.00p.m., followed by refreshments and sandwiches in the hall – all parishioners are welcome to this celebration and social event and are encouraged to attend.

***On Friday 27th Bishop Andrew McKenzie will also be visiting Our Lady’s Primary School and will be there for the school assembly at 9.30a.m.***

**Saturday 28th September:** (Our Lady’s) Vigil Mass at 5.00p.m., (St. James’) Vigil Mass at 7.00p.m.

**Sunday 29th September:** (St. James’) Holy Mass at 9.00a.m., (Our Lady’s) Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

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**Monday 30th September:** (St. James’) Catechism Class after school until 4.30p.m., Parish Prayer Group in the hall from 7.30p.m.

**Tuesday 1st October:** (Our Lady’s) Rosary at 9.30a.m., Holy Mass at 10.00a.m., Tea & Coffee in the hall after Holy Mass, Adoration & Confessions 6.00 – 7.00p.m.

**Wednesday 2nd October:** (St. James’) Rosary at 9.30a.m., Holy Mass at 10.00a.m., Tea & Coffee in the hall after Holy Mass, Adoration & Confessions 6.00 – 7.00p.m.

**Thursday 3rd October:** (Our Lady’s) Rosary at 9.30a.m., Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

***At 6.00p.m. on Thursday 3rd October Bishop Andrew McKenzie will be celebrating the ‘Family Mass’ in St. John’s Academy, Perth. All are welcome to attend – especially if you have children or grandchildren attending the Primary or Secondary schools.***

**Friday 4th October:** (St. James’) Rosary at 9.30a.m., Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

**Saturday 5th October:** (Our Lady’s) Vigil Mass at 5.00p.m., (St. James’) Vigil Mass at 7.00p.m.

**Sunday 6th October:** (St. James’) Holy Mass at 9.00a.m., (Our Lady’s) Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

***Baptism of baby Cadence Harizim in St. James’ at 2.00p.m. – 06/10/24***

1. Parish Quiz in Our Lady’s in November – details will follow.
2. **A reminder from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** SSVP is a Catholic registered charity which exists to provide help to anyone in need. We respect people’s dignity, and all help is given in the strictest confidence. Help can be anything from financial assistance, befriending, lifts to Mass or to medical appointments, spiritual support, etc. and if the help you need is beyond what we can offer we will try to introduce you to someone who can help. You may recently have become unemployed or suffered some other type of crisis, and these are situations where the SSVP can assist. Please, if you know anyone who is in need don’t hesitate to let us know – pop a name and contact details in the SSVP collection box, speak to one of the members, or speak to the Parish Priest.

**Vigil/Sunday Mass Readings:**

**25th Sunday - Year B – 22/09/24**

* Wisdom 2:12,17-20 – *The wicked prepare to ambush the just man.*
* Psalm 53(54) – Response: ***The Lord upholds my life.***
* James 3:16 – 4:3 – *The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace.*
* Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!
* Mark 9:30-37 – *Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me.*
* **26th Sunday - Year B – 29/09/24**
* Numbers 11:25-29 – *If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!*
* Psalm 18(19) – Response: ***The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.***
* James 5:1-6 – *The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated.*
* Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!
* Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48 – Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name.

From Advent we will begin to use a new Lectionary (a new translation) in Scotland, England and Wales. Rather than using the Jerusalem Bible translation this will be the English Standard Version-Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) translation of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. This change has been mandated by the bishops to provide us with a better, richer, more accurate translation. I am hoping to have a priest-friend involved in this task to come and talk to readers/parishioners in the near future, if he is available. For those wishing to purchase the new missals in advance can I suggest you contact: **Emily Short (at Hodder) on the Missals Hotline: 020 3122 6074 or email****missals@hodder.co.uk**. The hardback Sunday Missal retails for £18.99.