

Upcoming necessary maintenance works in both parishes:

In both St. James', Kinross and Our Lady's, Perth, we will be engaging in some necessary maintenance works to the properties. Whilst it has not been absolutely necessary to seek the permission of the Diocese on these matters I have passed them by the diocesan fabric/finance departments for their consideration and they are more than happy for us to go ahead. Some of these you may already be aware of, others will be new to you. As always, any additional financial contributions to help with these works would be greatly appreciated and will help to 'lighten the burden' so-to-speak. If you feel you can contribute a little extra on top of your usual generous giving please put your donation in an envelope marked "Building Fund" and hand it in or pop it into the collection basket on Sunday. Many thanks in advance! God bless, Fr. Martin

St. James', Kinross:

Replacing of rotten wooden soffit behind guttering near the Shrine, repairs to stonework around the stained glass window of St. James, pointing work around the building, repairing of leaking flat roof on the kitchen of the house, freshening of paintwork on the sanctuary area of the church, painting of newly replaced soffit, paintwork around the repaired area of the stained glass window, renewing of upstairs shower/bathroom in the presbytery, repainting of confessionals.

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

Refurbishing of church kneelers, painting of all rusty downpipes around the church and house, painting of gates and some exterior doors and exterior metalwork including around the bell and the cross on top of the church, handrail in sacristy corridor. To be attended to: repair to bottom of stonework on one of the large church windows, leak into spare bedroom in the presbytery to be looked into (roof area). Electrical works have already recently been attended to.

Sacramental Celebrations in both parishes:

In Our Lady of Lourdes' Confirmations will take place during the 11.00a.m. Mass on Sunday 19th May and First Holy Communions on Saturday 1st June at 11.00a.m. Mass. In St. James', Kinross, First Holy Communions will take place on Sunday 2nd June at 9.00a.m. Mass. (There are no Confirmations in St. James' this year). Please pray for all the children concerned and for their families as they move forward and deepen their relationship with the Good Lord.

Mariola has made some beautiful hand-crafted first **Holy Communion** cards which will be on sale in **Our Lady's church this weekend**.



Clive's fundraiser for Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF)

The Edinburgh marathon on 26th May is looming. SCIAF does tremendous work supporting the poor, homeless, hungry, disadvantaged people of our world in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the money raised goes directly to them. Once again thank you very much for your support - Clive

There is now a collection box at the back of both churches for those of you who prefer to donate cash. bit.ly/43Xpqnp

A gentle reminder that on the weekend of 11th/12th May there is a statutory collection for The Apostolate of Communications - many thanks, in advance, for your generosity.

Parish Newsletter

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

&

St. James', Kinross

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

6th Sunday of Easter - Year B

We're soon to enter the month of May - Our Lady's month - when I hope to have the crowning of the statue of Our Lady in both parishes and processions involving the children of the parishes. In **St. James' the procession and crowning will be on Sunday 19th May** during the 9.00a.m. Mass and in **Our Lady's it will be on Sunday 26th May** during the 11.00a.m. Mass. Please do all you can to encourage the children to be involved: in each parish a child will be invited to have the privilege of crowning the statue of Our Holy Mother (and will receive a wee gift for doing so). God bless, Fr. Martin

100 Club Winners (St. James', Kinross)

April Draw - £50: Derek Bald (35), £10: Lauren Traynor (92), Anna Gallagher (1), Jim Duffy (96), Betty Chilvers (60). If you haven't already received your winnings through your door, you can collect them from the sacristy. Thanks, Aileen Sorbie.

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Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Monday 6th May

(No Public Mass)
Catechism Class in St. James' after school
Prayer Group in St. James' at 7.30p.m.

Tuesday 7th May

6th Week in Eastertide (W)
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
Holy Hour & Confessions & Benediction 6.00 - 7.00p.m.
St. James' Parish:
Women of the Gospels in the church hall at 7.00p.m.

Wednesday 8th May

6th Week in Eastertide (W)
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
Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension (W)
+Vigil Mass (Holyday of Obligation) at 5.00p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:
Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension
+Vigil Mass (Holyday of Obligation) at 7.00p.m.

Thursday 9th May

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (W)
(Holyday of Obligation)
Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:
+Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.
Kilgraston School:
Holy Mass at 3.10p.m. (not a public Mass, school only)
St. James' Parish:
+Holy Mass at 6.30p.m.

Friday 10th May

6th Week in Eastertide (W)
St. James' Parish:
Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.
Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Saturday 11th May

Vigil Masses of the 7th Sunday of Easter - Yr. B. (W)
Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:
Confessions 4.00 - 4.45p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5.00p.m.
St. James' Parish:
Holy Mass at 7.00p.m.
Confessions after Holy Mass

Sunday 12th May

7th Sunday of Easter - Yr. B. (W)
St. James' Parish:
Holy Mass at 9.00a.m.
Our Lady's Parish:
Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter - Year B (4th & 5th May)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have.

Psalm 97 (98)

Response: The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations.

A reading from the 1st Letter of St. John 4:7-10

Let us love one another, since love comes from God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me He will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

Wednesday 8th May at 5.00p.m. - Vigil Mass in St. James', Kinross
Wednesday 8th May at 7.00p.m. - Vigil Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth
Thursday 9th May at 10.00a.m. - Holy Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth
Thursday 9th May at 6.30p.m. - Holy Mass in St. James', Kinross

A discretionary 2nd Collection will be taken at all parish Masses for the respective parish building funds - thank you in advance for your generosity.