

Recent Parish Collections/Income (November, 2024):

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

2nd/3rd Nov.	Plate Collection: £674.50	Direct to Bank: £79.61	Total: £754.11
9th/10th Nov.	Plate Collection: £584.65	Direct to Bank: £79.61	Total: £664.26
16th/17th Nov.	Plate Collection: £588.20	Direct to Bank: £79.61	Total: £667.81

Second Collection - Catholic Education: £257.65

23rd/24th Nov.	Plate Collection: £503.63	Direct to Bank: £79.61	Total: £583.24
30th Nov./1st Dec.	Plate Collection: £754.10	Direct to Bank: £79.61	Total: £833.71

Second Collection - Poor Mission Fund: £256.72

Total Offertories for November: **£3,503.13** Average Weekly Collection for November: **£700.63**

Parish Quiz Night: £306.00 (for Church Funds)

St. James', Kinross:

2nd/3rd Nov.	Plate Collection: £xxx.xx	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £xxx.xx
9th/10th Nov.	Plate Collection: £xxx.xx	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £xxx.xx
16th/17th Nov.	Plate Collection: £xxx.xx	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £xxx.xx

Second Collection - Catholic Education: £xxx.xx

23rd/24th Nov.	Plate Collection: £xxx.xx	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £xxx.xx
30th Nov./1st Dec.	Plate Collection: £xxx.xx	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £xxx.xx

Second Collection - Poor Mission Fund: £xxx.xx

Total Offertories for November: **£xxxx.xx** Average Weekly Collection for November: **£xxx.xx**

Many thanks, as always, for your generous support of the parishes. The parishes depend entirely upon your financial contributions in order to function. If you are a tax payer you can add to your contributions by donating with Gift Aid - for every £1.00 you contribute the parish can claim an additional 25p from HMRC, which amounts to a significant contribution to the parish finances over the year at no extra cost to yourself - you simply need to fill in a straightforward and confidential Gift Aid Form. If you do not currently Gift Aid your donations please speak to Fr. Martin or to Gordon McGregor in Our Lady's, or Tom Traynor in St. James'. If you wish to pay directly into the bank the bank details are below, please use a reference with your name that will show on the parish bank statement to indicate your contribution. Our Lady of Lourdes' Bank Details: (Bank of Scotland) DIOCESE OF DUNKELD OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Account No. 14176562, Sort Code: 80-22-60 St. James' Bank Details: (Royal Bank of Scotland) ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE DUNKELD, Account No. 00255001, Sort Code: 83-23-47

Congratulations to the November 100 Club winners in both parishes:

Our Lady of Lourdes:

£50 - Jan Jack (74), **£10** - Russell McGill (15), Reta Burke (107), Lisa Brown (66), and Mary Smith (33). Thanks to members for their support of the parish, anyone wishing to become a member should speak to Gordon McGregor or Fr. Martin about getting a number.

St. James:

£50 - Joan McKinnon (62), **£10** - Aisling Thornber (89), Derek Bald (35), Regina Irvine (16), and Clive Litchfield (94). Thanks to members for their support of the parish, anyone wishing to become a member should speak to Aileen Sorbie or Fr. Martin about getting a number.

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Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth &
St. James', Kinross

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

Preparation for Baptism - Parish Lessons

Deacon Des has very kindly agreed to run the baptismal preparation meetings for both parishes. Therefore, anyone wishing to have a child baptised must now contact him on his e-mail address - desconnors@brcdt.org - in order to make the necessary arrangements. There will be set times for the baptismal lessons, they will be held once monthly, and will be a requirement for baptism in the parish. Even if parents have already approached me about Baptism for their children they must also now contact Deacon Des and make arrangements for the lessons. The lessons will take part on these dates at 7.00p.m. in the respective church halls. For January 2025 the dates are Wednesday 8th for St. James' and Thursday 9th for Our Lady's.

God bless, Fr. Martin

Safeguarding - What are we doing about it? All of our clergy and volunteers work very hard in their ministries. The training they receive gives them the tools to protect children and vulnerable adults. They must adhere to a number of standards of conduct which confirm what they must and must not do. Those standards of conduct are detailed in our national instruction 'In God's Image'. Working within these standards means that children and vulnerable adults are kept safe as well as protecting church employees and volunteers.

Maureen Foster, PSC at St. James'

Contact details:

Parish Priest - Fr. Martin Pletts

Permanent Deacon - Rev. Des Connors (e-mail: desconnors@brcdt.org)

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Our Lady of Lourdes' Website: ourladyoflourdes@perth.church

St. James' Website: www.catholickinross.com

Office Hours for the Parish Secretary (Dianne Mitchell): Thursday 10.00a.m. to 12.00 noon

(Phone 01738 626979 only in order to speak to the Parish Secretary)

Parish Secretary's E-Mail addresses: ololadmin@dunkelldioocese.org.uk or stjamesadmin@dunkelldioocese.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators' E-Mail for Our Lady's (Marie Stuart & Dianne Mitchell):
ololpsc@dunkelldioocese.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator E-Mail for St. James' (Maureen Foster): stjamespsc@dunkelldioocese.org.uk

& Mobile Number (St. James'): 07720811055

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (John Smith): safeguardingadvisor@dunkelldioocese.org.uk or tel. 01382 225453

Or www.dunkelldioocese.co.uk/safeguarding

Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency: www.scssa.org.uk

Telephone Number for the Diocesan Curial Offices: 01382 225453

Dunkeld Diocesan Website: www.dunkelldioocese.co.uk

Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Please pay particular attention to the [changes this week...](#) double-check the timetable...

Monday 9th December - 2nd Week of Advent - No Public Mass - Children's Catechism Class in St. James', Kinross, from after school until 4.30p.m. Prayer Group in St. James', Kinross, from 7.30p.m.

Tuesday 10th December – (Please note that there is **no** morning Mass today)
***'Rorate' Candlelight Mass for Advent** - in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth at 7.00p.m. followed by hot chocolate and cakes in the church hall. (Confessions available before Mass from 6.00-6.45p.m.)

Wednesday 11th December - (Please note that there is **no** morning Mass today)
***'Rorate' Candlelight Mass for Advent** - in St. James', Kinross, at 7.00p.m. followed by hot chocolate and cakes in the church hall. (Confessions available before Mass from 6.00-6.45p.m.)

Thursday 12th December - (No Public Mass as the church is hosting the Primary's School's Christmas Concerts) (*Meeting of the Council of Priests in Dundee*)

Friday 13th December - No Public Mass

Confessions are always available after every weekday Mass and upon request, please also see weekend times for Confession.

Saturday 14th December - **Vigil Mass of the 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday, Year C** (Rose) - Confessions in Our Lady's from 4.00-4.45p.m., followed by the Vigil Mass at 5.00p.m. Vigil Mass in St. James', Kinross, at 7.00p.m. followed by an opportunity for Confession after Mass.

Sunday 15th December - **Mass of the 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday, Year C** (Rose) - Holy Mass in St. James', Kinross, at 9.00a.m. Holy Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, at 11.00a.m.

**On Tuesday and Wednesday help would be greatly appreciated in setting up (before Mass) in the respective church halls for the hot chocolate and cakes that will be served after Mass. Please let Fr. Martin know if you can assist with this - thank you!*

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year C - 2024

A reading from the Prophet Baruch 5:1-9

'God will show your splendour.'

Psalm 126(125)

Response: What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

'Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.'

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6

'All flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

Christmas Hamper Raffle in Our Lady's... Tickets are available priced £1.00 each. The prizes are hampers and festive goodies. Donations would be gratefully received of cakes, mince pies, chocolates, etc.

Many thanks, Liz Judge (on behalf of the fundraising team)

Mariola's Handmade Cards

Beautiful handmade cards will be on sale after Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes on 7th/8th Dec.

Help Required...

If anyone in Our Lady's would like to help with teas/coffees for the Reception of Remains in Our Lady's when we have a funeral could they please speak to Florence Reid, the Sacristan. Usually, the Reception of Remains takes place the night before the funeral (it tends to be at 5.00p.m.) and providing a cup of tea or coffee and a chance to chat can be a great means of bringing comfort and showing hospitality to a grieving family. Recently some people travelled over 250 miles to attend, and in such instances this kind of welcome is much appreciated.

Audio Enhancements in Our Lady's

As I mentioned recently, there has been a need sometime now to upgrade the sound system in Our Lady's Church in order to help parishioners to better hear readings and music. Thanks to the help of members of the music group and the sound technician (Killian) we will soon be going ahead with these improvements, hopefully in time for Christmas. The total cost will be in the region of £2,000.00, and while this may seem to be a lot of money, Killian is providing much of the hardware free-of-charge, so it is actually an excellent deal for the parish. Very kindly, the music group has also agreed to contribute £250.00 towards this from their own funds – for which I am very grateful. If any parishioner would also like to give a donation towards this work it would be very much appreciated. Overall I am sure this will make a big difference to our participation in our worship, enabling us to enjoy much better the music and singing and helping us to better hear and appreciate the Sacred Scriptures proclaimed to us. Donations for this work can be put in an envelope, marked '**audio improvements**' and put along with one's collection in the Sunday Collection basket. God bless, and thank you in advance, Fr. Martin