

Dates for your Diary - Parish Social Events:

Parish BBQ in Our Lady of Lourdes' on Sunday 18th August (time to be confirmed)

Parish BBQ in St. James' on Sunday 25th August at 2.00p.m.

Volunteers to help clean our church

Sadly, so far, no one has come forward to volunteer to help with the cleaning in Our Lady of Lourdes since I made an appeal in the previous newsletter. In a spirit of taking ownership and responsibility for the well-being of our parish church and the environment in which we all worship and from which we all benefit, can I kindly appeal again for volunteers to come forward to assist with the cleaning (both **men** and women, please). All it will require is a couple hours of your time every few weeks to help keep our church beautiful, clean and welcoming. Let's not rely on other people coming forward to do this for us, but let's give something of what we have to benefit the parish community, namely our time and our energies. If you think you can help in any way please contact the parish secretary by e-mail on: ololadmin@dunkelldiocese.org.uk or speak to Michelle or to Fr. Martin. Many hands, as you know, make light work. Thank you in advance for your help! **(I'm sure help would also be appreciated in St. James'!)**

An appeal to the children of the parishes (and their parents)

Dear children of the parishes, I'd like to make a request of you, please. Would you consider helping at Holy Mass? Would you be willing to read, to help take up the collection or the gifts at the Offertory Procession. Would you like to help with singing or music, or with arranging the flowers? Would you like to take part in serving at Holy Mass (a great privilege for anyone)? Or is there some other way you think you could be involved that we haven't thought of? Please let us know, because you have much that is valuable to offer to the life of our parishes too.

Dear parents - please encourage your children to be involved, we know they are the future of our parish communities and that they have much to contribute!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic society which exists to bring the love of Jesus Christ in practical and material ways to all who are in need irrespective of their religious affiliation, etc. It seeks to put the Gospel message of care for the needy, the poor, the lonely, the disadvantaged and marginalised at the heart of all that it does - showing the face of Christ to all. If you have a love for helping your neighbour, if you feel inspired by your faith in Jesus Christ to do something to positively benefit those around you who are struggling in so many ways, why not consider becoming an active member of this organisation which meets regularly in both of our churches. Not only is it a means of helping others, but a way of growing in love and faith, a means of deepening one's own Catholic spirituality and of recognising the presence of Jesus in the world today. If you're interested please speak to Fr. Martin or to one of the members of the Society in either of the parishes.

Daily Mass is a source of great grace and peace, a meeting point with our Risen Saviour in what can sometimes be the *maelstrom* of life. If you don't already, try taking some time out to come to daily Mass to drink in what the Good Lord has to give you, to hear His words of love and guidance in the Sacred Scriptures and to be strengthened by Him for the daily toil with the 'daily Bread' of His Body in the most Holy Eucharist. Jesus is waiting for you to come to Him, waiting in love and eager anticipation for a union of His Sacred Heart with your heart.

Parish Newsletter

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

&

St. James', Kinross

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B. - 16th June, 2024

June - Month of devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque (later St. Margaret Mary) and revealed ways to venerate His Sacred Heart and explained the immense love He has for humanity, appearing with His heart visible outside His chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns.

These different ways include partaking in a holy hour on Thursdays and the reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of every month. Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary: *"My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means."* The visions continued for eighteen months.

On June 16th, 1675, Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary to promote a feast that honoured His Sacred Heart. He also gave Sister Margaret Mary twelve promises made to all who venerate and promote the devotion of the Sacred Heart.

He said: *"I ask of you that the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special feast to honour my heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to it by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which it has received during the time it has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that my heart shall expand itself to shed in abundance the influence of its divine love upon those who shall thus honour it, and cause it to be honoured."*

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Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Monday 17th June

No public Mass

St. James' Parish:

No Children's Catechism Class until further notice

Prayer Group Meeting in the Church at 7.30p.m.

Tuesday 18th June

Tuesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time (Green)

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

Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 6.00-7.00p.m.

Wednesday 19th June

Optional Memorial of St. Romuald (White)

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

Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 6.00-7.00p.m.

Thursday 20th June

Votive Mass of the Most Holy Eucharist (White)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Friday 21st June

Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga (White)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Saturday 22nd June

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Vigil Mass of 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - B. (Green)

Confessions 4.00 - 4.45p.m.

Holy Mass at 5.00p.m.

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Vigil Mass of 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - B. (Green)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 7.00p.m.

Confessions after Holy Mass

Sunday 23rd June

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - B. (Green)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 9.00a.m.

Our Lady's Parish:

Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

Readings for 11th Sunday of the Year - B (15th & 16th June)

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel 17:22-24

I will plant a shoot on the high mountains of Israel.

Psalm 91(92)

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

A reading from the 2nd Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 5:6-10

We want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 4:26-34

The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all.

Mrs. Mary Nobbs R.I.P.

I ask you, please, to pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary Nobbs a well-known and loved parishioner of St. James', Kinross, who sadly died recently. Please also remember her husband and family at this difficult time. Mary's remains will be received into St. James' Church at 5.00p.m. on Tuesday 25th June, her Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St. James' at 10.00a.m. on Wednesday 26th June, and the Service of Committal will take place at Perth Crematorium on Thursday 27th June at 10.30a.m. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Leaflets with reference to the work of the Perth 'Street Pastors' can be picked up at the back of the church in Our Lady of Lourdes' - please take a look.