

Recent Parish Collections/Income (July & August, 2024):

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

6th/7th July	Plate Collection: £375.90	Direct to Bank: £63.46	Total: £439.36
13th/14th July	Plate Collection: £509.50	Direct to Bank: £63.46	Total: £572.96
20th/21st July	Plate Collection: £418.50	Direct to Bank: £63.46	Total: £481.96
27th/28th July	Plate Collection: £409.80	Direct to Bank: £63.46	Total: £473.26

Total Offertories for July: £1,967.54 Average Weekly Collection for July: £491.89

Apostleship of the Sea Collection (6th/7th July) - £159.17

3rd/4th August	Plate Collection: £542.00	Direct to Bank: £63.46	Total: £605.46
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Bishop's Mensal Fund Collection (3rd/4th August) - £177.00

10th/11th August	Plate Collection: £637.04	Direct to Bank: £63.46	Total: £700.50
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Current Bank Balance (15/08/24): £23,594.29

St. James', Kinross:

6th/7th July	Plate Collection: £153.05	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £753.05
13th/14th July	Plate Collection: £450.90	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £1,050.90
20th/21st July	Plate Collection: £353.40	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £953.40
27th/28th July	Plate Collection: £303.12	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £903.12

Total Offertories for July: £3,660.47 Average Weekly Collection for July: £915.12

Apostleship of the Sea Collection (6th/7th July) - £153.21

3rd/4th August	Plate Collection: £261.80	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £861.80
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Bishop's Mensal Fund Collection (3rd/4th August) - £231.78

10th/11th August	Plate Collection: £315.11	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £915.11
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Current Bank Balance (15/08/24): £32,272.81

In both parishes recently there have been significant and costly maintenance works carried out, all essential, for the upkeep of the exterior and interior fabric of the church buildings and houses. I also must admit that last time I transposed, unfortunately, in my statement to you, the bank balances of the parishes, giving St. James' as Our Lady's and vice versa. The correct figures for the parishes are now listed above as they stand on 15/08/24. Both parishes are financially sound and we have no debt. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

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

Parish Newsletter

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

&

St. James', Kinross

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B. - 18th August, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B. - 25th August, 2024

Parish BBQ in Our Lady of Lourdes' on Sunday 18th August at 3.00p.m.

B.Y.O.B.

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

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Remember to invite family and friends to come along, too - all are most welcome.

Please also consider travelling to the parish you don't normally attend in order to build up further fellowship between the two faith communities of St. James' and Our Lady's - it's always good to make some new friends.

Our Lady's Primary School won 1st Prize in a gardening competition held by the Knights of St. Columba/ Bishops' Conference of Scotland - a prize of £250.00 - well done to all concerned and thanks to parishioners for their support.

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Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Monday 19th August

Memorial of St. John Eudes (W)

St. James' Parish:

Catechism Class resumes after school on Mon. 02/09/24

Prayer Group Meeting in the church hall at 7.30p.m.

Tuesday 20th August

Memorial of St. Bernard (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 Holy Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Confessions 6.00 - 6.50p.m.

St. James' Parish:

Holy Hour 10.00 - 11.00a.m. - *Deacon Des*

Wednesday 21st August

Memorial of Pope St. Pius X (W)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Tea/Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Confessions 6.00 - 6.50p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Hour 10.00 - 11.00a.m. - *Deacon Des*

Thursday 22nd August

Memorial of Our Lady, Mother & Queen (W)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Friday 23rd August

Optional Memorial of St. Rose of Lima (W)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mr. John Dodds (Kinross) & Mrs. Phyllis Kingham (mother of Fr. Andrew Kingham - Dunfermline, Rosyth, Inverkeithing), both of whom died recently. Requiescant in pace.

Friday 23rd August is the Feast of St.

Rose of Lima

Isabel de Flores was born in Lima, Peru on April 20th, 1586. She was the tenth child of a Spanish family of modest means. She was a beautiful child and her mother, believing one day that she'd seen a rose blossom on her, called her Rose. The Holy Virgin herself would confirm this name change by appearing to the young girl and asking her to add her own name. The little girl was particularly pious and gentle. Having fragile health, she offered her pains and illnesses as sacrifices from her childhood. Her love for Jesus was so strong that she devoted many mortifications to Him. For example, when her mother adorned her with a crown of flowers, she added a thorn to it in order to offer a sacrifice to the Lord. At four and a half years old, she asked for the grace to know how to read and was granted it. From then on, she read the life of Saint Catherine of Siena, who became her role model. At five years old, Rose dedicated herself to Jesus.

At 20 years old, the young woman became a Dominican tertiary and took the name given by the Virgin: Rose of Saint Mary. Rose settled in a small hermitage near her parents' garden and lived there in great austerity. Prayer was the heart of her life. Full of love and patience, Rose devoted herself to supporting the poor, the sick, and the orphans. She also worked on embroidery to help her parents financially. Rose offered prayers and sacrifices for the souls of the dying everywhere on Earth, especially the Turks, the Chinese, and the Heretics of Europe. In exchange for her life offered to God, **Rose received great mystical graces and visions**. She attracted the attention of the Inquisition and was interrogated. The inquisitors were impressed by the doctrinal accuracy of her answers.

At the end of her life, Rose only ate bread and water; offering sacrifices continually, she was called to Heaven on August 24th, 1617, at the age of 31. All the common people of Lima crowded around her tomb, each taking a little bit of soil. Since then, prayers and processions have taken place at her tomb, and numerous miracles have occurred. Rose of Lima was beatified by Clement IX in 1668 and canonized three years later by Clement X. Saint Rose of Lima is celebrated on August 23, and she is the patron saint of Peru and the entire American continent, having been the first saint of America. Today, the relics of Saint Rose of Lima are venerated at the Santo Domingo convent in Lima, alongside those of Saint Martin de Porres and Saint Juan Macias.

Wednesday 21st August is the Feast of Pope St. Pius X

It was his desire, in the words of St. Paul, "to restore all things in Christ." (Eph 1:10). The prime means of accomplishing this restoration was dearly seen by Pius to be through the clergy, and throughout his reign, the Pope exhorted bishops to reorganize the seminaries and to obtain the best possible training for these men who would instil in others the knowledge of God. The Pontiff published an encyclical, "*Exhortation to the Catholic Clergy*," in which he pointed out that only through a trained and disciplined clergy could a program of return to Christ be realized.

The religious instruction of young and old became the second most important means toward the Christian restoration, and in his encyclical "*Acerbo nimis*", "*On the Teaching of Christian Doctrine*," Pius X firmly stated his position. The evils of the world were traceable to an ignorance of God, he said, and it was necessary for priests to make the eternal truths available to all and

in a language that all could understand. Ever an example, he himself gave Sunday instruction to the people in one of the Vatican courtyards. However, no reform of Pius' was more widely acclaimed than the Decrees on Holy Communion, and Pius X is often called "the Pope of the Eucharist." These decrees, issued from 1905 through 1910, allowed the reception of first Holy Communion at an earlier age than had formerly been required, encouraged the frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist by all Catholics, and relaxed the fast for the sick.

In the field of Christian social action the Pope had always been an ardent champion, and in 1905, he published "*Il fermo proposito*", "*On Catholic Social Action*." In this work, the Pontiff listed practical recommendations for the solution of the social problem; he reaffirmed the need and power of prayer, but said that society would not be Christianized by prayer alone. Action is needed, he pointed out, as had been shown in the lives of the Apostles and of saints like Francis Xavier. The Pope likewise vigorously promoted reforms within the liturgy of the Church, since he felt that these were long overdue. In his Motu proprio on the Restoration of Church Music, he listed the aims of such music to be sanctity, beauty of form, and universality. Gregorian Chant, the Pope felt, was the music best suited to attain those aims. However, he felt that an attempt to make all Church music Gregorian was an exaggerated fad, and modern compositions were always welcomed by the Pontiff as long as they fulfilled the prescribed norms. Pius also reformed the Breviary, and was founder of the Biblical Institute for the advancement of scholarship in the study of the Scriptures. Even more important for the internal structure of the Church, he initiated and closely supervised the construction of the Code of Canon Law.

The familiar notion of Pius X as the Teacher of Christian Truth and the firm guide and staunch foe of error was forcibly illustrated in 1907 when he issued more than fourteen pronouncements against the growth of Modernism. This subtle philosophy, in which Pius saw the poison of all heresies, pretended to "modernize" the Church and to make it keep pace with the changing times. In reality, its end would have been the destructions of the foundation of faith. The crowning achievement of the Pontiff's writings and pronouncements against this philosophy came in the encyclical, "*Pascendi dominici gregis*", "*On the Doctrines of the Modernists*." In this work, he gave a systematic exposition of the errors involved, their causes, and provisions for combatting the errors by definite preventive measures.

Saturday 24th August

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Vigil Mass of the 21st Sunday of the Year - B. (G)

Confessions 4.00 - 4.45p.m.

Holy Mass at 5.00p.m.

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 7.00p.m.

Confessions after Holy Mass

Sunday 25th August

21st Sunday of the Year - B. (G)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 9.00a.m.

Our Lady's Parish:

Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

Readings for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - B (17th & 18th August)

A reading from the Book of Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom builds her house and invites all to eat her bread there.

Psalm 33(34)

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:15-20

Be filled not with wine, but with the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:

To all who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Join the Gardening Team!

If you can spare 30 minutes (or more) a week to help with church gardening, it would be very much appreciated. Our gardening season at Our Lady of Lourdes' runs from April until the end of October. No gardening experience is necessary; you won't be left to your own devices. Volunteers should be aged 16+. If you think you could help out or would like more information, please speak to Liz or give your name & number to Fr Martin. Thank you.

Monday 26th August

Monday of week 21 in Ordinary Time (G)

St. James' Parish:

Catechism Class resumes after school on Mon. 02/09/24

Prayer Group Meeting in the church hall at 7.30p.m.

Tuesday 27th August

Memorial of St. Monica (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 Holy Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Confessions 6.00 - 6.50p.m.

Wednesday 28th August

Memorial of St. Augustine (W)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Tea/Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Confessions 6.00 - 6.50p.m.

Thursday 29th August

Memorial of the beheading of St. John the Baptist (R)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Friday 30th August

Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus (R)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Saturday 31st August

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Vigil Mass of the 22nd Sunday of the Year - B. (G)

Confessions 4.00 - 4.45p.m.

Holy Mass at 5.00p.m.

Thank you to all helpers and volunteers in both parishes - your contribution to parish life is invaluable and very greatly appreciated. God bless you all, Fr. Martin

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St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 7.00p.m.

Confessions after Holy Mass

Sunday 1st September

22nd Sunday of the Year - B. (G)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 9.00a.m.

Our Lady's Parish:

Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

Readings for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - B (24th & 25th August)

A reading from the Book of Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord, for He is our God.

Psalm 33(34)

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:25-32 (short version)

Christ loves the Church, because it is His body.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God.

100 Club Results for July:

Congratulations
to the winners
and thank you
to all members
of the 100 Club
for your
support!

Our Lady of Lourdes:

£50 28 Gerard Rodger
£10 25 Patricia Crines
£10 32 Cathie Gunn
£10 73 A McQuat
£10 71 Anne Oliver

St. James:

£50 42 Sid Grant
£10 95 Hamish Hamilton
£10 10 Natalie Young
£10 7 Maureen Foster
£10 90 Marianne Traynor