

Parish Newsletter

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

&

St. James', Kinross

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

*"Everyday, as long as this *today* lasts, keep encouraging one another"*

Hebrews 3:13

Parish Newsletter for:
The Solemnity of Christ the Universal King (Year B)
leading into the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

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Please pray that in our own diocese many men will come forward to answer God's call to serve Him and His people as priests; to celebrate the Sacraments, to preach, to teach, and to sanctify in the name of Jesus Christ. God grant us good and holy vocations!

Mariola's Handmade Cards

Beautiful handmade cards will be on sale after Mass in Kinross 23rd/24th Nov., and in Our Lady of Lourdes on 30th Nov./1st Dec., and 7th/8th Dec.

Act of Consecration to Christ the King

O sweet Saviour and Redeemer of mankind, Jesus Christ, Who in the impenetrable designs of Thine Infinite wisdom bearest with the audacity of the impious and sufferest the violence of the wicked, reserving to Thyself the sovereign right of judging the impious man and his perverse works, turn Thy merciful regard upon Thy children, who in the blindness of their hearts have turned from Thee in rebellion. With the eyes of a Father, and with the power of the sovereign King of the universe, stretch forth Thy Hand to bless and regenerate modern society, which is rebelliously turning its back upon Thee, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Be moved to compassion for Thy people, whom Thou hast purchased with Thy Blood, regenerated with Thy grace, and exalted with Thy love. Thou hast given them true liberty, Thou hast called them to the inheritance of Thy Father, Thou hast numbered them among Thy brethren; but in the delirium of their rebellion they have preferred the slavery of Satan, and live in abject misery, without joy, without hope. O My Lord Jesus Christ, King of Eternal Glory, Restorer of all things in heaven and on earth, Supreme Omnipotence, Who with infinite wisdom reunitest at Thy Feet things scattered and dispersed; enlighten the kings of the earth, the rulers of nations; instill Thy spirit into all civil institutions, into every form of government, into laws and armies; grant that all the powers of earth may recognize in Thee the majesty of the Eternal God, the source from which all authority is derived; illuminate the nations that they may understand that Thou art the origin of rights and duties, that it is through Thee that the kings of the earth rule, and that it is to Thee that kings and people alike owe obedience. O most Sweet Jesus, Who hast deigned to descend into this valley of tears, and to dwell with us, suffering and dying for the salvation of us sinners, and Who in an excess of charity hast set up Thy abode in the midst of men, hidden under the sacramental Species, and Who in the fullness of the Godhead, corporeally present in our tabernacles, makest Thyself the food and life of our souls; Oh, receive the humble but sincere and profound homage of our hearts, offered in reparation for the falling away of the rebellious. We firmly believe in Thee and all that the faith infused into our hearts by the Holy Spirit has revealed to us about Thee. We see in Thee the beginning and the end of all existing things; we adore Thee as the one true God; we wish to live only for Thee and in Thy service. Do Thou, O Lord, save our brethren, reunite the scattered members of modern society gone astray, that we as brethren may together be one with Thee, as Thou art one with Thy Father in Heaven. May Thy Will be done by all and in everything. May Thy Majesty shine forth on the throne of Thy earthly dominion, and may the world confess Thee to be the true Son of God, through Whom all things were created. Amen.

Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc. for the next week

Monday 25th November - *No Public Mass* - Catechism Class in St. James' church hall after school until 4.30p.m., Prayer Group in St. James' from 7.30 - 9.15p.m.

Tuesday 26th November - **Mass for the Dead (B)** - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in Our Lady's, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Tea & Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions from 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Wednesday 27th November - **Mass for the Dead (B)** - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in St. James', followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Tea & Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass. *Reception of Remains of Mr. Patrick 'Paddy' Houston R.I.P. in Our Lady of Lourdes' at 5.00p.m.*

Thursday 28th November - **Requiem Mass for Mr. Patrick Houston R.I.P. (B)** - Holy Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes' at 10.00a.m.

Friday 29th November - **Mass for the Dead (B)** - Office for the Dead at 9.30a.m. in St. James', followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. (*Social gathering of diocesan priests with Bishop Andrew at St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull - in the afternoon/evening.*)

Saturday 30th November - **Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C (V)** - 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' at 7.00p.m. with opportunity for Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 1st December - **1st Sunday of Advent, Year C (V)** - Holy Mass at 9.00a.m. in St. James' and Holy Mass at 11.00a.m. in Our Lady's.

Solemnity of Christ the King—Year B - 23rd/24th November

- ◆ Daniel 7:13-14 - *I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.*
- ◆ Psalm 92(93) - **Response:** The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.
- ◆ Apocalypse 1:5-8 - *Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests.*
- ◆ **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**
 - ◆ St. John's Gospel 18:33-37 - *Yes, I am a king.*

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. The next meetings will be Wednesday 4th December in St. James', Kinross, and Thursday 5th December in Our Lady's, Perth. 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

- Mr Patrick "Paddy" Houston R.I.P. – Reception of Remains at Our Lady's on Wednesday 27th November at 5.00p.m. Requiem Mass on Thursday 28th November at 10.00a.m. Please keep Paddy's wife Annie and their family in your prayers.
- **Advent Holy Hour & Confessions with visiting confessors in St James' on Wednesday 4th December from 6.00 – 7.00p.m. (Fr Ninian & Fr Gerard from St Patrick's, Edinburgh).**
- As in previous years, we would like to appeal to your generosity ... we are looking for donations of toys that can be passed on to Our Lady's Primary School, for Christmas. Donations should be handed in no later than Sunday 1st December. Toys should be left unwrapped, though donations of wrapping paper would also be appreciated. Many thanks in advance.
- Please complete the census form if you have not already done so. If you haven't yet collected a form, spare copies are available at the back of the church.

Acting Against Evil - Acting Against the Culture of Death

An easy way to register your protest to the proposed assisted suicide bill is to do it online. You can go onto the 'Right to Life' website by following the link below, this will help you to find out who your MP is and provides an online template to use to contact your MP. Please see:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/ASthreat>

A prayer for grieving families...

Dear Lord, you know what grieving families are going through. You know their pain, their sadness, their anguish. You hear their cries every single day. We may not know Your plan but we know You see and love them dearly. You know everything about them, their thoughts, actions, and words. O God, please shine Your eternal light into their hearts and let them feel Your presence in their lives. Flood their souls with Your love so they may see Your goodness in the midst of these difficult times. Wipe away the tears from their faces and grant them serenity of mind and peace of heart. Ease their pain and struggles and use them for good. Fill their hearts with your love and healing light. Grant them the wisdom to find new ways to cope with their loss, to rise above their hurt and to renew their spirits in You. Amen.

Please note:

Bishop Stephen's dear mother, Mrs. Margery Robson died recently - please pray for the happy repose of her soul. On Wednesday 4th December at 1.00p.m. Bishop Stephen will celebrate a 'Month's Mind' Mass for his mum's soul. All would be more than welcome to attend. Please keep Bishop Stephen also in your prayers at this sad time for him.