

### 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. 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 the church hall in **St. James' 27th/28th April** and also in **Our Lady's church the weekend of 4th/5th May.**



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

**Please consider sponsoring and supporting Clive in his fundraising work:**

The date for the marathon draws ever nearer, five and a half weeks! I certainly won't be breaking any records, despite a nagging injury to the left knee I intend to complete the course. At 71 years old this will be my first marathon. Thank you for your interest and your support, SCIAF do 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, Clive Litchfield (parishioner of St. James', Kinross). Go to: [bit.ly/43Xpqp](http://bit.ly/43Xpqp)

# Parish Newsletter

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

&

St. James', Kinross

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

## 5th 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

**Please pray for the souls of those who have died recently in our parishes and for their family members and loved ones who mourn their loss. May God grant eternal rest to the souls of the faithful departed and comfort to all who grieve.**

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## Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

### Monday 29th April

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

### Tuesday 30th April

*Optional Memorial of Pope St. Pius V (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 prayer - all are welcome  
**St. James' Parish:**  
Reception of Remains of Ursula Humphrey R.I.P. at 5.00p.m.  
*Women of the Gospels* in the church hall at 7.00p.m.

### Wednesday 1st May

*Requiem Mass of Ursula Humphrey R.I.P. (B)*  
**St. James' Parish:**  
Holy Rosary at 9.00a.m. & Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.  
Holy Hour & Confessions & Benediction 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

### Thursday 2nd May

*Memorial of St. Athanasius (W)*  
**Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:**  
Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.  
Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

### Friday 3rd May

*Requiem Mass of Patrick Philbin R.I.P. (B)*  
**St. James' Parish:**  
Holy Rosary at 9.00a.m. & Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

### Saturday 4th May

**St. James' Parish:**  
*1st Saturday Mass - Our Lady of Fatima (W)*  
Confessions 9.00 - 9.25a.m.  
Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.  
Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.  
*Vigil Masses of the 6th 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 5th May

*6th 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.

## **For your diary:**

Thursday 9th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a **Holyday of Obligation** - Mass times will be as follows:

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 3.10p.m. - Holy Mass at Kilgraston School (not a public Mass)*

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.**

## **Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter - Year B (27th & 28th April)**

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31**

*Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.*

### **Psalm 21 (22)**

*Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

### **A reading from the 1st Letter of St. John 3:18-24**

*The commandment of faith and love.*

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.**

### **Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8**

*I am the vine, you are the branches.*