

Pot Luck Supper



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Congratulations to St. James' 100 Club winners:

St. James:

£50 - Lesley Law (6), **£10** - Anne Marie Lawrence (3), Michael Murphy (39), John Wheatley (55), and Charlie Payne (77).

I would very much appreciate if any person who has still to pay for their subscriptions for the church 100 club could do so as soon as possible. This will allow me to complete my records for the first quarter and ensure that everyone's number is in the draw. It doesn't matter if you have lost your subs slip, just clearly mark your envelope with your name and 100 club. Thank you to everyone who has already paid me. There are still quite a few numbers available so if anyone else would like to join please just speak to me or Fr Martin. Thanks, Aileen Sorbie

Our Lady's Primary School in Perth would love to foster even stronger links with the parish communities of both churches and are hoping that some parishioners might like to share their skills and talents with our young people at school and promote a bit of 'inter-generational learning'. If you can share your skills with board games, stitching, sewing, knitting, or any other crafts they would be most grateful. You would be working, accompanied by a member of staff, with a small group of children passing on some of your own skills to them. Call the school on **01738 477570** if you can help. Thank you!

Bishop Andrew will be visiting the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes' and St. James' and saying all the Masses (which I will concelebrate with him) on the 5th Sunday of Lent, that is: **Saturday 5th April** and **Sunday 6th April**. He is systematically visiting parishes throughout his diocese.

Parish Newsletter

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

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

In anticipation of Shrove Tuesday and in order for as many people as possible to be able to join in, I wondered if any parishioners would be interested in helping to arrange a **pancake tea** after the 9.00a.m. Mass in St. James', Kinross, and the 11.00a.m. Mass in Our Lady's of Lourdes', Perth, on **Sunday 2nd March**? I know it's a little way off, but it would be a lovely way to get our parish family together for something fun and enjoyable before we enter the more sober and penitential season of Lent. Please speak to Fr. Martin if you can help with this.

(To date I think two people, between the two parishes, have spoken to me about this. I would be really grateful if you would consider helping to do something to build up a bit of parish community life. We can buy pancakes, all I would be looking for would be help to serve the pancakes, make tea and coffee, and to help set up and tidy away. Please do speak to me if you can assist. God bless, Fr. Martin)

Please pray for vocations in our Diocese

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. God bless, Fr. Martin

Contact details:

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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@dunkelldioecese.org.uk or stjamesadmin@dunkelldioecese.org.uk

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

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Dunkeld Diocesan Website: www.dunkelldioecese.co.uk

Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Monday 3rd February - *No Public Mass* - Catechism Class in St. James' church hall from after school until 4.30p.m. Prayer Group in St. James', Kinross, from 7.30 - 9.15p.m.

Tuesday 4th February - *Tuesday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time* - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Tea & Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass.

Wednesday 5th February - *Memoria of St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr* - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in St. James', Kinross, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Tea & Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass. (*Church cleaning afterwards - new volunteers always welcome*). Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions in St. James', Kinross, from 6.00-7.00p.m., concluding with Benediction.

Thursday 6th February - *Reception of Remains & Requiem Mass for Mr. Jim Halkett R.I.P.* - Reception of Remains at the beginning of Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions in Our Lady's, Perth, from 6.00-7.00p.m., concluding with Benediction.

Friday 7th February - *Friday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time* - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in St. James', Kinross, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Saturday 8th February - *Vigil Mass of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C* - Confessions in Our Lady's from 3.45-4.45p.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 9th February - *Mass of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C* - Holy Mass in St. James', Kinross, at 9.00a.m. Holy Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, at 11.00a.m.

Monday 10th February - *No Public Mass* - Catechism Class in St. James' church hall from after school until 4.30p.m. Prayer Group in St. James', Kinross, from 7.30 - 9.15p.m.

Tuesday 11th February - *Solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes (White)* - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. (Whole School Mass).

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Wednesday 12th February - *Wednesday of the 5th Week in Ordinary Time* - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in St. James', Kinross, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Tea & Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass. (*Church cleaning afterwards - new volunteers always welcome*). (*No Adoration or Confessions this evening because of the meeting which begins at Kinnoull*)

Thursday 13th February - *No Public Mass* - Meeting of priests and deacons of the diocese with Bishop Andrew McKenzie at St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull. Day of Prayer & Recollection.

Friday 14th February - *Feast of St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop (White)* - Holy Rosary

at 9.30a.m. in St. James', Kinross, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Saturday 15th February - *Vigil Mass of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C* - Confessions in Our Lady's from 3.45-4.45p.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 16th February - *Mass of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C* - Holy Mass in St. James', Kinross, at 9.00a.m. Holy Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, at 11.00a.m.

Readings for the weekend of 1st / 2nd February, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Year C

A reading from the Prophet Malachi 3:1-4

'The Lord whom you seek will come to His Temple.'

Psalm 24(23)

Response: The LORD of hosts, He is the king of glory!

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 2:14-18

'He had to be made like His brothers, so that He might become merciful.'

Alleluia, alleluia!

A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-32 (Short Version)

'My eyes have seen your salvation.'

Readings for the weekend of 8th / 9th February, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8

'Here I am! Send me.'

Psalm 138(137)

Response: In the presence of the angels I praise you, O LORD.

A reading from the 1st Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:3-8,11 (Short Version)

'So we preach and so you believed.'

Alleluia, alleluia!

Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

'They left everything and followed Him.'

Social Events Group for St. James', Kinross - Anyone who would like to be involved in the planning and/or the execution of parish social events in St. James', Kinross, is invited to come and meet with me in the church hall there at **2.00p.m. on Friday 7th February**, to discuss how we might move forward with this. I hope to see you, God bless, Fr. Martin (If you cannot attend at this time, please send me an e-mail instead, in advance of the meeting, to express your interest and/or share your ideas).