

Recent Parish Collections/Income (March, 2025):

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

1st/2nd March	Plate Collection: £1,639.20	Direct to Bank: £78.46	Total: £1,717.66
8th/9th March	Plate Collection: £598.20	Direct to Bank: £78.46	Total: £676.66
15th/16th March	Plate Collection: £613.16	Direct to Bank: £78.46	Total: £691.62
22nd/23rd March	Plate Collection: £640.65	Direct to Bank: £78.46	Total: £719.11
29th/30th March	Plate Collection: £698.70	Direct to Bank: £78.46	Total: £777.16

2nd Collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities/S.C.I.A.F. - £205.49

Total Offertories for March: **£4,582.21** Average Weekly Collection for March: **£916.44**

Bingo Tea - **£429.00**

St. James', Kinross:

1st/2nd March	Plate Collection: £252.36	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £852.36
8th/9th March	Plate Collection: £302.97	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £902.97
15th/16th March	Plate Collection: £338.97	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £938.97
22nd/23rd March	Plate Collection: £272.83	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £872.83
29th/30th March	Plate Collection: £276.90	Direct to Bank: £600.00	Total: £876.90

2nd Collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities/S.C.I.A.F. - £128.00

Total Offertories for March: **£4,444.03** Average Weekly Collection for March: **£888.81**

Building Fund - **£198.49**

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

Congratulations to the March Winners in Our Lady's & St. James' 100 Clubs

Our Lady's : £50 - Fr. Martin (72), £10 - Kathleen Krause (85), Mary Cargill (21), Florence Reid (106), Jennifer Rodgers (26) and Cathie Gunn (32). Thanks to members for their support of the parish, anyone wishing to become a member should speak to Gordon McGregor or Fr. Martin about getting a number.

St. James' : £50 - Regina Irvine (16), £10 - Kelly Davie (100), Cailean Young (33), Gerard Eadie (81), and Stuart Bald (52). Thanks to members for their support of the parish, anyone wishing to become a member should speak to Aileen Sorbie or Fr. Martin about getting a number.

Help is always needed with gardening and grass-cutting in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth. If you can help please sign the list in the porch in Our Lady's and also leave your contact details, or speak to Gerry Rodgers or Liz Robertson. Many thanks!

Parish Newsletter

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

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

A Warm Welcome to Bishop Andrew



This weekend we have the pleasure of welcoming our new bishop, Bishop Andrew McKenzie, to the parishes of St. James' and Our Lady of Lourdes' for the celebration of Holy Mass. Please take the opportunity to welcome his Lordship in person at the buffets that will take place in the church halls after the Vigil Mass in St. James' on Saturday 5th April and the morning Mass in Our Lady's on Sunday 6th April - everyone is encouraged to come along for these social events. Please also keep Bishop Andrew in your prayers as he shepherds us here in the Diocese of Dunkeld.

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who, in one way or another, have helped to prepare the churches, halls, Liturgy, etc. for Bishop Andrew's visit, and for all who have contributed items for the buffet. Your help and your generosity are very much appreciated. Thank you so much!

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

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Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Please note changes in the usual timetable and extra devotions for Lent

Monday 7th April - No Public Mass

St. James', Kinross:

N.b. There is no Catechism Class Mondays 7th, 14th and 21st of April while the schools are on holiday. Prayer Group from 7.30 - 9.15p.m.

Tuesday 8th April - Tuesday of the 5th Week of Lent

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

Stations of the Cross at 9.30a.m. followed by **Holy Mass** at 10.00a.m. **Confessions** available after Holy Mass. **Tea & Coffee** in the church hall after Holy Mass.

St. James', Kinross:

Lenten Talk in St. James' church hall from 7.00 - 8.00p.m. - 'The Seven Last Words of Our Blessed Lord', with tea/coffee and discussion.

Wednesday 9th April - Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent

St. James', Kinross:

Stations of the Cross at 9.30a.m., followed by **Holy Mass** at 10.00a.m. **Tea & Coffee** in the church hall after Holy Mass. **Confessions** available after Holy Mass. (*Church cleaning afterwards - new volunteers always welcome*). **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions** from 6.00-6.50p.m. concluding with **Benediction** at 6.50p.m.

Thursday 10th April - Thursday of the 5th Week of Lent

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

Stations of the Cross at 9.30a.m., followed by **Holy Mass** at 10.00a.m. **Confessions** available after Holy Mass. (*Thursday evening I will be in Alloa, assisting Fr. Michael Carrie to hear Confessions in preparation for Easter - 6.00-7.00p.m. in St. Mungo's, Mar Street. All are welcome to attend*). N.b. There is no Adoration nor are there Confessions in Our Lady's this Thursday evening.

Friday 11th April - Friday of the 5th Week of Lent

St. James', Kinross:

Stations of the Cross at 9.30a.m., followed by **Holy Mass** at 10.00a.m. **Confessions** available after Holy Mass.

Saturday 12th April - Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday - Year C

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

Confessions from 3.45-4.45p.m., followed by the **Vigil Mass** at 5.00p.m.

St. James', Kinross:

Vigil Mass at 7.00p.m. followed by an opportunity for **Confession**.

Sunday 13th April - Mass of Palm Sunday - Year C

St. James', Kinross:

Holy Mass at 9.00a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 3.00p.m. (Deacon Des)

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 3.00p.m. (Fr. Martin)

Readings for the weekend of 5th / 6th April, 2025 - 5th Sunday in Lent, Yr. C

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 43:16-21

'Behold, I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my chosen people.'

Psalm 126(125)

Response: What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 3:8-14

'For the sake of Christ I have suffered the loss of all things, becoming like Him in His death.'

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful.

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 8:1-11

'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.'

Schedule for Holy Week, 2025:

Holy Thursday (17/04/25) - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - in St. James', Kinross at 10.00a.m.

Holy Thursday (17/04/25) - Mass of the Lord's Supper - in St. James', Kinross, at 7.00p.m. Watching at the Altar of Repose until 9.00p.m. when we will celebrate together Night Prayer of the Church (Compline).

Good Friday (18/04/25) - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, at 10.00a.m.

Good Friday (18/04/25) - The Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord - in Our Lady of Lourdes', beginning at 3.00p.m.

Good Friday (18/04/25) - Stations of the Cross - in St. James', Kinross, at 7.00p.m.

Holy Saturday (19/04/25) - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, at 10.00a.m.

There is no Vigil Mass in St. James', Kinross, on Holy Saturday - please note this carefully.

Holy Saturday (19/04/25) - Easter Vigil - in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, at 8.00p.m.

Easter Sunday (20/04/25) - 9.00a.m. Mass in St. James', Kinross & 11.00a.m. Mass in Our Lady's, Perth.