

Holy Week Masses & Services, etc. - advance notice

- ♦ **Holy Thursday (28th March) - Mass of the Lord's Supper** - in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, at 7.00p.m. Vigil thereafter at the Altar of Repose, concluding with *Night Prayer of the Church* at 8.45p.m.
- ♦ **Good Friday (29th March) - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer** - in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, at 10.00a.m.
- ♦ **Good Friday - Liturgy of the Passion** - in St. James', Kinross, at 3.00p.m. (this is the main Service of the day).
- ♦ **Good Friday - Stations of the Cross** - in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, at 6.00p.m.

(on Good Friday there is a retiring collection for the Holy Places)

- ♦ **Holy Saturday (30th March) - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer** - in St. James', Kinross, at 10.00a.m.
- ♦ **Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil** (this is the only Vigil Mass this Saturday in either St. James' or Our Lady's - please note) - **in St. James', Kinross, at 8.15p.m.**
- ♦ **Easter Sunday (31st March) - Mass of the Lord's Resurrection** - in St. James', Kinross, at 9.00a.m.
- ♦ **Easter Sunday - Mass of the Lord's Resurrection** - in Our Lady's, Perth, at 11.00a.m.

Details of recent parish collections will be published in next week's newsletter

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested - jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

"Catholic Families for Life" - Latest issue of newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life - download a copy on www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk.

The Episcopal Ordination of Fr. Martin Chambers as the Bishop of Dunkeld will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral, 150 Nethergate, Dundee, at 11.00a.m on Saturday 27th April. **Please pray for the Bishop-elect.**

'Mothering Sunday' as we know, has its origins in honouring our 'mother' church, the place where we were baptised, where we received the new life of grace, the supernatural life that comes from Faith in Jesus Christ. Today as we thank God for this new life we received as we were 'born again' from the font, we also think of the natural life we received from God through our parents and especially as we were born from our own mother. Alive or dead we ask the blessing of God upon our natural mother this day, too, and we give Him thanks for our 'mother' the Church - our guide, our teacher and our solace through life.

Parish Newsletter

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

&

St. James', Kinross

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Parish Newsletter for:

4th Sunday of Lent - Year B, 2024 - 10/03/24 - Laetare Sunday

Next weekend we will formally welcome to the parishes Rev. Des Connors, a Permanent Deacon who, having recently moved into the parish, will begin to exercise his ministry here with us. Deacon Des will introduce himself at all Masses next weekend and you will have an opportunity to meet him, and to hear from him a little bit about himself. Please show Deacon Des your usual kind welcome and support. God bless!

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I have now formally accepted a quote for the restoration of the kneelers in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth. The amount is in the region of £4,000.00 which is much more reasonable than had been anticipated. Updates will be given as to when the works will begin. Any further donations towards this work would be gratefully received. God bless, Fr. Martin

Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Monday 11th March

No Public Masses

St. James' Parish:

Catechism Class in the hall after school till 4.30p.m.

Prayer Group Meeting in the Church at 7.30p.m.

Tuesday 12th March

Tuesday of the 4th Week of Lent (Violet)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Tea/Coffee in the church hall after Mass - all are welcome

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

Wednesday 13th March

Wednesday of the 4th Week of Lent (Violet)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Tea/Coffee in the church hall after Mass - all are welcome

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

Thursday 14th March

Thursday of the 4th Week of Lent (Violet)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

R.C.I.A./ Adult Catechesis in the church hall 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Friday 15th March

Friday of the 4th Week of Lent (Violet)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 3.00p.m.

Saturday 16th March

Vigil Mass of the 5th Sunday of Lent (Violet)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

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 17th March

5th Sunday of Lent (Violet)

St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 9.00a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 3.00p.m.

Mass Readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent - Year B (9th & 10th Mar.)

A reading from the 2nd Book of Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of His people.

Psalm 136(137)

Response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10

You have been saved through grace.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son: everyone who believes in Him has eternal life.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

God sent His Son so that through Him the world might be saved.

Weekend of March 9th/10th - 2nd Collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF)

I'm looking to maximise our storage space and at the same time make things a bit tidier and safer around the church hall / kitchen areas in Our Lady's. I wondered if anyone might have any old but solid kitchen units or kitchen worktop stored away anywhere, stuff that they do not need but would be willing to donate for church use, and also if anyone would be willing to help construct them and mount them if we do manage to get some cupboards? If you have something that you no longer need (maybe if you've just got a new kitchen) it would help to save the parish money and would be of great benefit to us. Please let me know if you can help out.

God bless, Fr. Martin