



**Fr. Martin Chambers R.I.P. (Bishop-elect, Diocese of Dunkeld)**

Dear parishioners, I am sure that by this time many of you will already have heard the very sad news of the untimely death of Fr. Martin Chambers, our bishop-elect. The news of his death was relayed to us on Wednesday of this week, when we heard that the bishop-elect had died at home in his sleep only a couple of weeks away from his ordination as our new bishop.

After waiting for the appointment of a new bishop, following Bishop Robson's retiral, the news of Fr. Martin Chambers' nomination to the post by the Holy Father was most welcome, a time for us to look forward together as a diocese to new and hopeful things to come. This adds all the more to our sadness, hearing of Fr. Martin's passing and knowing what a friendly, faithful, and caring person he clearly was, and seeing the rich gifts that he would have brought through his ministry as our father in the Faith.

He will, of course, be mourned by his siblings who survive him - and who recently lost their mother also (Christmas Eve of 2023) - as well as by his friends, parishioners, and his fellow priests in the Diocese of Galloway.

Of your charity, I ask you, please, to pray for the happy repose of his soul, for the forgiveness of his sins, and for the reward of his goodness. Fr. Martin demonstrated a great generosity of heart in being willing to take on the burden of responsibility and the care of souls that comes with being a diocesan bishop. Although this call did not come to fruition, the Good Lord, I am sure, accepted Fr. Martin's "yes" to His will and will reward him accordingly. Pray for peace and consolation for his family and loved ones, and please remember too, in your prayers, Canon Kevin Golden our Diocesan Administrator who continues to carry the weight of the diocese on his shoulders until a suitable successor to Bishop Robson is found.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

# Parish Newsletter

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

&

St. James', Kinross

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

## 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year B

Clive Litchfield, a parishioner from Kinross, will soon be running to raise funds for the work of S.C.I.A.F. and is kindly requesting your generous support. More details will follow in next week's newsletter.

**Teas & Coffees in the church hall after 9.00a.m. Mass this Sunday in Kinross - do come and join us, all are welcome!**

**Please pray for all who are sick and suffering, especially those who are in hospital, in nursing homes, and who find themselves housebound. Remember, too, those who care for them in your prayers. Pray also, please, for all who have died recently, for those who mourn their loss, and of your charity keep in mind those who anniversaries occur at this time.**

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## Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

### Monday 15th April

*3rd Week in Eastertide* (White)

#### Our Lady's Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

#### St. James' Parish:

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

*I am spending a couple of days with my Priests' Support Group (after Mass on Monday, until Wednesday evening) so there will be no Masses in Our Lady's or St. James' Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. Instead, Deacon Des Connors will have a Holy Hour on those days, with Rosary, silent prayer, and ending with Benediction - please make the most of these opportunities for prayer. In case of pastoral emergency please contact one of the other priests in Perth.*

### Tuesday 16th April

*3rd Week in Eastertide* (White)

#### Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Exposition, Rosary, & Benediction at 10.00a.m.

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

#### St. James' Parish:

*Women of the Gospels* in the church hall at 7.00p.m.

### Wednesday 17th April

*3rd Week in Eastertide* (White)

#### St. James' Parish:

Exposition, Rosary, & Benediction at 10.00a.m.

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

### Thursday 18th April

*3rd Week in Eastertide* (White)

#### Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

### Friday 19th April

*3rd Week in Eastertide* (White)

#### St. James' Parish:

Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m.

Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

### Saturday 20th April

*Vigil Masses of the 4th Sunday of Easter - Yr. B.* (White)

#### Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

Confessions 4.00 - 4.45p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5.00p.m.

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#### St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 7.00p.m.

Confessions after Holy Mass

### Sunday 21st April

*4th Sunday of Easter - Yr. B.* (White)

#### St. James' Parish:

Holy Mass at 9.00a.m.

#### Our Lady's Parish:

Holy Mass at 11.00a.m.

## **Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year B (13th & 14th April)**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19**

*You killed the Prince of Life: God, however, raised Him from the dead.*

**Psalm 4**

*Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

**A reading from the 1st Letter of St. John 2:1-5**

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's.*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.**

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:35-48**

*It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

## **A few things coming up in St. James', Kinross...**

*Women of the Gospels* a follow - on *Lectio Divina* course from *Women of the Torah* will start on **Tuesday 16th April at 7.00p.m. in St. James' church hall**. All are welcome to attend. You do not need to have attended the sessions on the *Women of the Torah* to participate. A suggested donation of £10.00 would cover the cost of the book for the entire programme, though no one should be deterred from participating because of the cost. The *Women of the Gospels* is open to parishioners from both parishes, of course, so please come from Our Lady's if this interests you.

Because school goes back on a Tuesday, the first **Children's Catechism class** will be **Monday 22nd April**, after school.

**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**.