



Children, please colour in the picture of St. Margaret of Scotland, whose Feast Day is 16th November, and return it to Fr. Martin by 24th November. The pictures will be displayed and every entry (by a child) will be given a small prize! :-)

Parish Newsletter

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

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

If you are interested in the parish outing to Pitlochry Theatre on Sunday 15th December for the 2.00p.m. showing of 'The Sound of Music' please approach Florence Reid in Our Lady's, or Geraldine Johnstone in St. James'. The initial ticket price of £30.20 per person must be paid by 17/11/24. If you cancel, your money will not be refunded, as this would ultimately mean the parish having to pay for your ticket instead (which we cannot afford to do), so please be aware of this when you decide to book. For all the details of the outing and the total costs please speak to the ladies mentioned above.

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. The next meetings will be Wednesday 4th December in St. James', Kinross, and Thursday 5th December in Our Lady's, Perth. 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. For January 2025 the dates are Wednesday 8th for St. James' and Thursday 9th for Our Lady's.

God bless, Fr. Martin

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Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc.

Please be aware that there are changes to the usual timetable this week, so double-check the Mass times, etc.

Monday 18th November - *Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of SS Peter & Paul* (W) - No Public Mass - Children's Catechism Class in St. James', Kinross, from after school until 4.30p.m. Prayer Group in St. James', Kinross, from 7.30p.m. - meeting in the church hall.

Tuesday 19th November - *Mass for the Dead* (B) - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in Our Lady's, Perth, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Tea/Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass (all are welcome). Confessions only after morning Mass. Deacon Des to lead Holy Hour in Our Lady's from 6.00-7.00p.m.

Wednesday 20th November - *Mass for the Dead* (B) - 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 (all are welcome). Adoration and confessions in St James', Kinross, from 6.00 – 7.00p.m.

Thursday 21st November - *Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (W) - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in Our Lady's, Perth, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Friday 22nd November - *Memorial of St Cecilia* (R) - Divine Office for the Dead at 9.30a.m. in St. James', Kinross, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

Confessions are always available after every weekday Mass and upon request, please also see weekend times for Confession.

Saturday 23rd November - *Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Christ the King, Year B* (W) - Confessions in Our Lady's from 4.00-4.45p.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 24th November - *Mass of the Solemnity of Christ the King, Year B* (W) - Holy Mass in St. James', Kinross, at 9.00a.m. Holy Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, at 11.00a.m.

Mariola's Handmade Cards

Beautiful handmade cards will be on sale after Mass in Kinross 16th/17th Nov., and 23rd/24th Nov., and in Our Lady of Lourdes on 30th Nov./1st Dec., and 7th/8th Dec.

- Mr Patrick "Paddy" Houston R.I.P. – Reception of Remains at Our Lady's on Wednesday 27th November at 5.00p.m. Requiem Mass on Thursday 28th November at 10.00a.m. Please keep Paddy's wife Annie and their family in your prayers.
- Advent Holy Hour & Confessions with visiting confessors in St James' on Wednesday 4th December from 6.00 – 7.00p.m. (Fr Ninian & Fr Gerard from St Patrick's, Edinburgh).
- As in previous years, we would like to appeal to your generosity ... we are looking for donations of toys that can be passed on to Our Lady's Primary School, for Christmas. Donations should be handed in no later than Sunday 1st December. Toys should be left unwrapped, though donations of wrapping paper would also be appreciated. Many thanks in advance.
- Please complete the census form if you have not already done so. If you haven't yet collected a form, spare copies are available at the back of the church.

Readings for the 33rd Sunday of the Year - B. 17/11/24

A reading from the Book of Daniel 12:1-3

Some will wake to everlasting life, some to shame and disgrace

Psalm 15(16):5,8-11

Response: Preserve me God, I take refuge in you.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 10:11-14,18

When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Please note:

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th November there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Education Services.

