

Some dates for your diaries - Social Events in Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

All parishioners are most welcome to attend, from both Our Lady's and St. James'

Friday 25th March - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - Holy Mass at 7.00p.m. & Tea/Coffee and "Lent-friendly" sandwiches in the parish hall afterwards.

Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday - Holy Mass at 11.00a.m. and Tea/Coffee and cake in the parish hall afterwards.

Friday 24th June - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Holy Mass at 7.00p.m. (n.b. at St. John's) - cheese and wine in the parish hall afterwards. *I have been invited to be the guest homilist.*

Thursday 4th August - Feast of St. John Vianney - Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. - Tea/Coffee and biscuits in the parish hall afterwards.

Thursday 8th September - Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. - Tea/Coffee and biscuits in the parish hall after Mass.

Friday 7th October - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - Holy Mass at 7.00p.m. - Cheese and wine in the parish hall afterwards.

Wednesday 30th November - Feast of St. Andrew - Holy Mass at 7.00p.m. followed by Scottish Night in the parish hall.

Thursday 8th December - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. - Tea/Coffee and sandwiches in the parish hall afterwards.

Inter-Parish Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto with High Tea - Update...

I recently mentioned the possibility of having an inter-parish pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto. It looks as if this will now take place sometime in Eastertide, provisionally Monday 9th May. This is yet another opportunity for us to journey together as pilgrims and to grow in fellowship as this time of "synodality" encourages us to walk together. We are, at the moment, trying to iron-out the finer details but hoping, if possible, to have Holy Mass at the shrine, to have the Rosary, to visit the recently enhanced shrine and relic chapel, and to end with High Tea. If this would interest you please let me know by signing up on a sheet at the back of the church (without any commitment as yet). As we get more definite information I will share this with you, along with the estimated cost per person. We will hire a bus (or buses) and intend to take parishioners from both Perth and Kinross. God bless, Fr. Martin

Joint Lenten Penitential Service

On Thursday 7th April at 6.30p.m. we will be holding a joint Penitential Service (with individual Confessions) for the parishes of Perth and Kinross. This Service will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, with several invited priests. Please join us in making the best spiritual preparation for the great Feast of Easter and rejoicing in the merciful love of the Lord.

Children's Holiday Club - Help needed!

Letham Together are running a Holiday Club in the Easter Break (4th April -15th April) for Our Lady's RCPS, Letham PS and Goodlyburn PS. The Club will run Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday each week from 11.30am to 2pm. In order for this to go ahead they are looking for volunteers to help with food preparation for lunches, supporting families and children with arts and crafts, games, etc. If you are able to help out on any of these days please contact Lynne Mendes at Our Lady's on 01738 477570 or ourladys@pkc.gov.uk by 10am on Monday 7th March. Further information will then following regarding signing up.

Thank you, Mrs. Lynne Mendes

St. James' Prayer Group - Helping us have a God-centred Lent

Time : 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

When : Monday 7th March – Monday 4th April 2022 (5 weeks)

Where : St. James' Church

Theme : Lenten Journey Together

Reflections for each week:

- Fasting
- Penance & Repentance & Conversion
- Prayer
- Almsgiving
- Healing

All parishioners are also welcome to join the Prayer Group which now meets in the church itself - please speak to Maria Bartlett or one of the members of the Prayer Group for further details.

Maria can be contacted on: 07711863871

The Prayer Group meetings consist of the holy Rosary, praise and worship, intercession, silent prayer and reflection in the up-lifting presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



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



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For the weekend of March 5th/6th, 2022

First Sunday of Lent - Year C



Churches open for prayer???

I want to encourage parishioners both in St. James' and Our Lady's to assist in keeping our churches open at times when Holy Mass is not being celebrated, perhaps even for an extra hour one day a week we could have several volunteers coming along to keep the church open so that others can come and pray during the day. It might also be good if at these times during the season of Lent parishioners would be willing to lead the Stations of the Cross. If you can help please let me know. God bless, Fr. Martin

A gentle reminder regarding the reception of Holy Communion in these times...

This past week a few people have asked me about the situation regarding the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue in these times when many are still concerned about Covid and their own vulnerability health-wise. I would like to reiterate that the advice of our own bishop, who decides such matters for his diocese, respects the universal Canon Law that Communion on the tongue is the norm whilst encouraging, for the time being, the practice of receiving Holy Communion reverently on the hand. The advice given by the diocese has been that those receiving on the tongue should come forward after those receiving on the hand - to avoid causing any unnecessary anxiety to those who may have health concerns. We should consider this as a charitable approach to those who may have good cause to be seriously concerned for their health. Those who choose to receive the Lord on the hand are asked to make a 'throne' for the Lord by laying one hand flat on top of the other. Please do not 'cup' your hands as this makes it difficult for the priest to distribute Holy Communion and also much more likely that he will touch your hands, which is something that also should be avoided. God bless, Fr. Martin

Please pray the Holy Rosary daily for peace in the world and especially in the Ukraine



A Daily Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Times of Holy Mass & Confessions etc.

Monday 7th March

No Public Mass

Tuesday 8th March

1st Week of Lent

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

9.15a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.00a.m. Holy Mass

Confessions after Mass

St. James' Parish:

5.45-6.45p.m. *Holy Hour

7.00p.m. Holy Mass

Confessions after Mass

Wednesday 9th March

1st Week of Lent

St. James' Parish:

9.15a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.00a.m. Holy Mass

Confessions after Holy Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

5.45 - 6.45p.m. *Holy Hour

(Confessions available)

7.00p.m. Holy Mass

Thursday 10th March

Feast of St. John Ogilvie

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

9.15a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.00a.m. Holy Mass

Confessions after Mass

7.00p.m. - Stations of the Cross led by parishioners of Our Lady's

Friday 11th March

1st Week of Lent

St. James' Parish:

9.15a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.00a.m. Holy Mass

Confessions after Mass

Saturday 12th March

2nd Sunday of Lent - C. (Vigil Mass)

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

4.15 - 4.45p.m. Confessions

5.00p.m. Vigil Mass

St. James' Parish:

7.00p.m. Vigil Mass

Confessions after Mass

Sunday 13th March

2nd Sunday of Lent - C.

St. James' Parish:

9.00a.m. Holy Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:

11.00a.m. Holy Mass

Kilgraston School, Bridge of Earn:

Exeat Weekend

(not yet a public Mass)

The Holy Hour will consist of the recitation of the Holy Rosary, Litany of Loreto, silent prayer, and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Once the Holy Rosary has been prayed Fr. Martin will be available to hear Confessions.

This Sunday's readings from the Sacred Scriptures: - 1st Sunday of Lent - Yr. C.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The creed of the Chosen People.

Psalm 90(91)

Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 10:8-13

The creed of the Christian.

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

Man does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:1-13

The temptation in the wilderness.

Journeying together along the Synodal Pathway



On Saturday 26th March, from 9.00a.m. to 11.00a.m., we will be holding a joint parish synodal-pathway listening session facilitated by Mrs. Pauline Porter, Miss Suzie Smyth and Deacon Kris who have recently participated in the diocesan training day for synodal facilitators. Parishioners from all of the Perth parishes and St. James', Kinross, are invited to share in this morning of journeying together which will take place at St. John the Baptist's, Melville Street, Perth. Our synodal time will consist of Eucharistic Adoration to enjoy the silence of listening to the Lord, tea/coffee and fellowship time to help build bonds of communion, small sharing/listening/prayer groups where our own life experience will meet with the word of God in Sacred Scripture and where we open ourselves to discerning the voice and movement of the Holy Spirit as He speaks to us as missionary disciples. Opportunity will be given to all who attend to share their discernment and to contribute to this prayerful listening exercise. The fruits of our discernment will feed into the wider diocesan, national, and international reflection presented to our Holy Father, Pope Francis. God bless, Fr. Martin

Sacramental Celebrations for the children of the parishes:

I'd like to thank parents, catechists, and teachers in the two parishes for the hard work they do in helping to prepare the children for the celebration of the Sacraments. I have spoken to Mrs. Mary Burrows in St. James', and also Mrs. Lynne Mendes and Mrs. Lisa Brown in Our Lady's Primary School to make arrangements for this year's sacramental celebrations, the dates of which follow:

Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

Confirmations at 11.00a.m. on Sunday 3rd April - Bishop Robson will be celebrating the Sacrament for the children. First Holy Communions at 11.00a.m. on Saturday 11th June.

Referrals for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you know of anyone struggling materially who could benefit from the confidential support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, either in Our Lady's or St. James', please speak to one of the members of the Society or to Fr. Martin, and if they can help they will be more than happy to. Thank you to the sisters and brothers for their commitment, remember they are always looking to recruit new members too!