Parish News & Events

New Parish Bible Study - St Luke's Gospel

It would not be an exaggeration to say that our Catholic faith would look very different without St Luke's Gospel. He is the Evangelist who has preserved the historical record of the Annunciation to Our Lady, Jesus' parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, the Road to Emmaus, and the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven - to name but a few! The Hail Mary prayer has its roots in St Luke's Gospel, as well as the Magnificat, the Benedictus, and part of the Gloria.

This Bible Study will be an opportunity to read and reflect on Luke's Gospel, to plunge into its beauty, and to meet Our Lord and Blessed Lady in the sacred text.

The Bible Study **will begin this Monday 18th November at 7.00pm in the Hall**, with an introduction to the Gospel, the life of St Luke the Evangelist, and the course. Then we will meet on Monday 25th November to explore Chapter 1 and the Annunciation, and then on Monday 2nd December to look at Chapter 2: the Nativity and Childhood of Jesus.

Dates will be given for more sessions in the New Year which will bring us through the Gospel, to the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in Luke, concluding before Easter 2025.

All are most welcome, and encouraged to come along, even if you can only commit to the Advent/Christmas focussed part of the Bible Study.

Altar Rails & Hall Works

This week work will begin in the church to install the new marble altar rails. To help the stonemasons get the work completed efficiently and in time for Christmas, we will be having **morning Mass in the Hall on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday this week at the normal time.** On Wednesday and Thursday Mass will be in the church.

Works on the men's toilet in the Hall are progressing, and our new storeroom in nearly finished. We had unexpected delays in the works due to some asbestos found in the floor, which has now been dealt with and safely removed. I appreciate your patience with these works.

Men's Christmas Quiz Night

The St Joseph's Group is organising a **Men's Quiz Night** on **Friday 6th December in the Hall**. Tickets are **£3 each**, and all funds raised go to support the parish. The bar will be open for drinks.

Tickets **can be purchased after Mass next week**, all are most welcome, even those outwith the parish.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre takes place on **Sunday 1st December 2024** between **11.30am and 1.30pm**. Entry: **£3.00 for adults** (tea/coffee and mince pie included) kids go free. Any donations for the tombola stall or home baking for cake stall would be gratefully received.

Second Collection - Catholic Education Service

In this Catholic Education Week, there will be a second collection after Holy Communion for the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES).

UPDATE - Parish Pilgrimage 2025
Lake Garda, Verona, Padua & Venice

Thank you to those who have signed up for the parish pilgrimage to Italy next year. I have spoken to Anne Marie Cairns at ALBA Tours, and we are able to move ahead with things.

There will be an information meeting in the Hall in December (date to be confirmed), and the initial paperwork will be completed.

If you are interested, there is still time to sign up, here is the information: we will travel from **Weds 17th to Weds 24th September 2025**. The pilgrimage is being organised through ALBA Tours, so will include flights, transfers, coach travel, accommodation, half-board meals, and a full itinerary of visits and Masses. The approximate cost is £1,200pp, depending on our group size. Single rooms are limited and have a supplement of £115.

Assisted Suicide Bill - Postcards

Not Dead Yet UK, a network of people with disabilities who oppose legalising assisted suicide, has helped distribute postcards throughout the UK, to send to your MP and urge them to oppose the **Assisted Suicide Bill**. **Please complete these cards at Mass this weekend** and they will be mailed to Parliament, or send them to your MP ahead of the vote on the bill on **Nov 29th**.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd continues today for **children aged 3-6,** after our 10.30am Mass in the Hall. All children in this age bracket are most welcome! Catechesis won't take place on **Sunday 1st Dec** due to the Christmas Fayre in the hall.

Sunday Breakfast

Our Sunday breakfast will be on in the Hall after our 10.30am Mass, with rolls and sausage, and teas and coffees available. All are most welcome and children eat for free.

Monday Club

The Monday Club will be hosting a lunch, followed by a panto-entertainment show on **Monday 2nd December at 12noon**. The cost for non-members is £12. Details are on the notice in the porch.

Hall Bookings

For those wishing to book the Hall, please contact **Val Reid on 07938 873113**.

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Sunday 17th November - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule		Groups Schedule
Monday 18th November	**Mass at 9.45am - IN THE HALL** *Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul* *Holy Rosary 9.20am*	**Monday Club 1.00pm** **St Luke's Gospel Bible Study at 7.00pm**
Tuesday 19th November	**Mass at 9.45am - IN THE HALL**	**Adult Catechesis Group 7.00pm**
Wednesday 20th November	**Mass at 9.45am** ***Requiem Mass for Anne-Amelia Beattie***	
Thursday 21st November	**Mass at 7.00pm** **The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm, concluding with sung Benediction before Mass. Confessions 6.00-6.40pm.*	**Cantores Matris Dei Chant Class - 7.30pm**
Friday 22nd November	**Mass at 9.45am - IN THE HALL** *St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr* **No Confessions today**. *Holy Rosary 9.20am*	

Sunday 24th November - Solemnity of Christ The King

Vigil Mass 23rd November at 4.15pm *Confessions 3.30-4.00pm.*

Sunday Mass at 9.00am & 10.30am (with Children's Liturgy)

Prayers for the sick and housebound

May Rooney, Jim Kelly, Anne Thérèse Judge, Betty Cannon, Nora McCann, Rose McGhee, John Foley, Brian Judge, Tony Gallagher, Michael Nilsson, Barbara Lucock, Mary Slevin, Cathie Dunnachie, Thomas Martin, Peter Fleming, Eileen Wilkie, Caroline Boland, Jean Graham, Heather Flanigan, Geraldine Boyce, Janey Tominey, Rachel Dillon, John & Mary McDade, William Gilmour, Andrew Cane, Patricia Grace, Felix Dillon, and Rosaleen Grogan.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Anne-Amelia Beattie (Reception of Remains Tues 19th at 6.00pm, Requiem Mass Weds 20th at 9.45am), and Willie Savage.

Anniversaries: Harriet Quinn.

And for all those we remember on our November Lists

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.