

Gift Aid - New Envelopes

New donation envelopes will be **available this weekend for existing members** of the gift aid scheme. **Please check your number carefully as it may be different to last year.**

Forms to join the Gift Aid scheme will be available for **new members next week**. If you are a tax payer and contribute to the parish collection, we are able to claim back an extra 25% of what you donate from the government, at no cost to you. Each year the extra we receive back from Gift Aid donations helps us greatly in maintaining our beautiful parish, and paying our significant heating bills. Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme.

Change to Weekday Holy Mass Schedule

Beginning this **Monday, 28th April, our Mass will be celebrated in the evening at 6.30pm**. At our Thursday evening Mass it is wonderful to see so many people who are working able to attend Mass during the week, this Monday Mass will be another opportunity.

During the month of May we will also have **May Devotions before Mass at 6.00pm**, with the Holy Rosary and Litany of Loreto - we are organising this so children from St Timothy's can assist at devotions, and learn more about Our Blessed Lady and Marian devotions.

Visiting Choir from Slovenia

Next week, on **Sunday 4th May at our 10.30am Sunday Mass**, I am delighted to welcome the vocal group *Cantate Domino* from Kočevje in Slovenia to sing at Holy Mass. The group are doing a small tour of parishes in Scotland, and have graciously included St James' in their busy schedule. Details of their music can be found on the poster on the noticeboard. They will also join us for breakfast in the Hall after Mass, and sing some folk songs from Slovenia - all are most welcome.

Next First Communion Workshop

Our final First Holy Communion workshop for Children receiving the Sacrament at the end of May will take place next **Saturday 3rd May at 3.00pm** in the Hall. **All children in Primary 4 making their First Holy Communion should attend**. In this final session the children will learn about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Rosaries on Sale

Special handmade Rosaries will be on sale in our Stall next weekend, and the following weekend. Joanna who makes the Rosaries, is also able to repair old Rosaries you have that are broken.

Message from Bishop Toal on the Death of Pope Francis

"The Community of the Diocese of Motherwell joins the Church and so many others in mourning the death of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. We give thanks to God for his 88 years of life, particularly his service to the Church as a Jesuit, Priest and Bishop, and ultimately as Bishop of Rome. May his faith in the Lord's Resurrection, which he celebrated with us on Easter Sunday, be fully realised and may his good soul rest in God's peace." **+Joseph**

Tempus Sede Vacante

After nine days of official mourning following the death of Pope Francis, the College of Cardinals who are eligible to vote (under 80 years of age) will begin Conclave on Monday 5th May. **Please keep all of the Cardinals in your daily prayers in these days**, and unite yourself to God the Holy Spirit in prayer and penance, that He may guide the Cardinal Electors of our next Supreme Pontiff.

New Statue of the Risen Jesus & St Thomas

On the Sanctuary you will see our new statue of the Risen Lord Jesus meeting St Thomas the Apostle, and inviting him to touch His wounds. St Thomas, as we hear in the Gospel this Sunday, responds with the strongest declaration of faith, "My Lord and my God", which you will see on the base of the statue (*Dominus Meus et Deus Meus*). The statue is beautifully carved on solid mahogany, and I'm so grateful to Damian McLaughlin for restoring the gold leaf on the halos and lettering. We will bless the statue this weekend.

Children's Liturgy

Children from **Primary 1 to Primary 4** are welcome and encouraged to attend their own Liturgy of the Word at our **10.30 Mass**.

Catechesis of The Good Shepherd

Our programme for 3-6 year olds runs fortnightly after the 10.30am Sunday Mass. **Upcoming dates are: Sun 4th May, and Sun 18th May.**

Sunday Breakfast - Restarting this Week

All are most welcome to go over to the Hall **after our 10.30am Sunday Mass** for a breakfast roll and tea/coffee. **Children eat for free.**


Dates for your Diary

- Parish BBQ - Saturday 14th June
- Forty Hours Devotions Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th June
- Corpus Christi Solemn Mass & Procession 22nd June

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Sunday 27th April - Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday 28th April	Holy Mass at 6.30pm	Monday Club at 1.00pm
Tuesday 29th April	Holy Mass at 9.45am <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor</i>	
Wednesday 30th April	Holy Mass at 9.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30-9.40am	
Thursday 1st May	Holy Mass at 7.00pm <i>Memorial of St Joseph the Worker</i> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00-6.45pm concluding with Benediction. Confessions 6.00-6.40pm.	Cantores Matris Day Schola at 7.30pm
Friday 2nd May	Holy Mass at 9.45am <i>Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor</i> Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am	
Saturday 3rd May	Traditional Latin Mass at 10.00am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 9.00-9.50am</i>	

Sunday 4th May - Third Sunday of Easter

Vigil Holy Mass 3rd May at 4.15pm Confessions 3.30-4.00pm.

Sunday Holy 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, John & Mary McDade, William Gilmour, Andrew Cane, Felix Dillon, Rosaleen Grogan, Timothy Nilsson, and Jean Reilly.

Prayers & Masses for Easter Remembrance

Patrick & Margaret Kelly, Jim Farrell, Rena Willis, Thomas & May Gribben, Mary & Joseph Mallon, Christina & Isaac Minnis, James Gallagher, John & Bridie Slavin, Duncan & Mary Burns, John & Barbara Burns, Agnes Jamieson, The Slavin Family, The Whyte Family, The Hill Family, Sadie Reilly, The Keenan Family, Fr Ivaldo Casula SX, Fr Pier Giorgio SX, Fr John McQuade SJ, The McQuade Family, The Dermody Family, Kate O'Regan, Cathie O'Connor, Mark Ross, Gordon McKenzie, Edmond McClenaghan, and Josie McSpadden.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Pope Francis, and Andrew Spence.

Month's Mind: Margaret Ferguson, Susan McGuinness, and Richie Burns.

Anniversaries: John Fulton, Kathleen Clydesdale, Anne Sheridan, Dan O'Hara, George Reilly Jnr., Frank McGuinness, Lizzie Watson, Sarah Campbell, and Margaret Martin.

Birthday Remembrance: May Gribben.

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