

Gift Aid - New Envelopes

& Opportunity to Join the Scheme

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. To join, please speak to Gayle Campbell **after any Mass this weekend** for instructions on how to sign up to either pay using donation envelopes, or to set up a standing order.

Monday Evening Holy Mass, May Devotions & Procession

It was great to see around 50 people at our Monday evening Mass last week, **this Mass will continue to be celebrated at 6.30pm each Monday.**

In this beautiful month of May, dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, we will pray **the Rosary each Monday at 6.00pm**, followed by the Litany of Loreto. I am delighted that some children from our parish will assist with the Rosary. All parishioners, and especially our young families are very welcome to this Monday Rosary in May and Mass.

The last Monday in May (26th), weather permitting, we will have a Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes around our grounds, and pray the Rosary at the Lourdes Grotto in our garden. It would be great if a good number of parishioners could join us, especially our young families and children - please put the date in your diary.

Visiting Choir from Slovenia

This **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.

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.

Hall Bookings

For Hall enquiries and bookings, please contact **Val Reid on 07938 873113.**

Sacrament of Confirmation

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Toal to the Parish this **Wednesday 7th May** to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our Primary 7 children. **Holy Mass is at 7.00pm, and everyone is most welcome to attend**, as this is very much a parish event when our young people will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament.

The boys and girls have been working well to prepare for the Sacrament, and last week all received the Sacrament of Confession for this new phase in their lives as Catholics; truly witnessing to their faith in the world and its practice. Please keep all of the boys and girls in your prayers in these final days of preparation.

Please note there will be no morning Mass on Wednesday 7th May.

Tempus Sede Vacante

After the 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 this Wednesday 7th 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.

Baptism Preparation Course

All parents of children being Baptised in May and June, if they haven't already done so, should attend the **next Baptism Course on Wednesday 7th May at 6.30pm in the Hall.**

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

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 4th May - Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday 5th May **Holy Mass at 6.30pm** **Monday Club at 1.00pm**
Holy Rosary & Litany of Loreto at 6.00pm

Tuesday 6th May **Holy Mass at 9.45am**

Wednesday 7th May **Holy Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation 7.00pm**
All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass.

Thursday 8th May **Holy Mass at 7.00pm** **Cantores Matris Day Schola at 7.30pm**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00-6.45pm concluding with Benediction. Confessions 6.00-6.40pm.

Friday 9th May **Holy Mass at 9.45am**
Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am

Sunday 11th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Vigil Holy Mass 10th 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, Jean Reilly, and Olivia Ratcliffe.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Sister Paul Andrew, and Hughie Connelly.

Month's Mind: Tom Kelly Snr., Drew McGivern, Tom Kelly Jnr., and Alex Wilson.

Anniversaries: Neil McDade, Julia Ann McLaughlin, Joy O'Brien, Mary Kelly, Harry Price, and Philip McCabe.

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