Parish Christmas Card

Please take home a copy of our Parish Christmas Card with all of the Mass times for the Christmas and New Year period. **Feel free to take as many cards as you wish for family and neighbours.**

Advent Rorate Masses (by Candlelight)

Our **final Rorate Mass will take place this Thursday at 7.00pm** (preceded by Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00-6.45pm). It has been wonderful to see so many people attending these special Masses. **After our final Mass this week there will be mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall, all are most welcome to join us!**

Additional Confessions before Christmas

We will be having an extended time for the Sacrament of Confession on **Wednesday 17th Dec from 6.30-8.00pm,** with the church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout. There will be two visiting priests to assist with Confessions. Do make sure you receive this Sacrament before Christmas.

If you cannot make it to St James' for Confessions, these are the additional times for other local parishes this week:

St Patrick's Monday 15th Dec 6.30-8.00pm
St Mary's Tuesday 16th Dec 6.30-8.00pm
St Augustine's Thursday 18th 6.30-8.00pm
St Barbara's, Murihead Saturday 20th Dec 10.00am to 5.00pm
St Monica's Monday 22nd Dec 6.30-8.00pm

Christmas Mass Remembrances

Many of you like to have Holy Mass offered for your loved ones, living or dead, at Christmas. These Christmas Masses will be offered from 24th December through the Christmas Octave (to 1st January 2026). Please have the names of these remembrances to the parish **no later than Monday 22nd December**, and **please write all names clearly** so they can be printed in the bulletin.

Venite Adoremus - Advent Adoration

To help you find some moments of stillness and silent prayer with the Lord Jesus this Advent, we will be having additional opportunities of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sundays 8.00am-9.00am
Mondays 5.30-6.30pm
Thursdays 6.00-6.45pm

We know how busy these weeks before Christmas can be, but to make time for ourselves to come to the Lord Jesus, to slow down and open our hearts to His Heart in the Blessed Sacrament, will be a great blessing to us and our families this Christmas. Come to Him who waits for you!

Advent Food Bank Appeal

Thank you to those who have generously donated to our annual appeal for our local Foodbank.
If you can, please donate non-perishable food to the box in the porch. Please speak to Kate McCarron if you need more information. The collection will be taken up on Sunday 14th and 21st December.

Christmas Toy Appeal - Thank you!

I would like to offer a huge thank you to all of those who generously gave toys, sweets and cash donations to our Christmas Toy Appeal, the response was wonderful. May the Lord bless you for your kindness, and bless all those struggling this Christmas.

Sunday Breakfast

Our Sunday breakfast will take place in the Hall after our 10.30am Mass, all are most welcome and children eat for free.
This will be the last breakfast until the New Year, and I am so grateful to all the ladies who organise this each week for their hard work and dedication - thank you so much!

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy takes place during our 10.30am Mass, and children from Primary 1 to Primary 4 are very welcome to go to their own Liturgy of the Word.

Hall Bookings

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

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Sunday 14th December - Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

Holy Mass Schedule		Groups
Monday 15th December	**Holy Mass at 6.30pm** *Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor* *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5.30-6.30pm*	
Tuesday 16th December	**Holy Mass at 9.45am**	
Wednesday 17th December	**Requiem Mass for Margaret McNeilly RIP at 9.30am** **Advent Confessions 6.30-8.00pm**	
Thursday 18th December	**Candlelit Rorate Mass at 7.00pm** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm, concluding with sung Benediction before Mass. Confessions 6.00-6.40pm.*	**Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the Hall after Mass**
Friday 19th December	**Requiem Mass for Mary Grant RIP at 9.00am**	

Sunday 21st December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass Sat 20th December 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

Jim Kelly, Anne Thérèse Judge, Betty Cannon, Nora McCann, Rose McGhee, John Foley, Brian Judge, Tony Gallagher, Michael Nilsson, Barbara Lucock, 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, Olivia Ratcliffe, Ralf Laird, Margaret Elliott, and Patricia Grace.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Margaret McNeilly (Requiem Mass Weds 17th Dec at 9.30am, Reception of Remains before Mass), Mary Grant (Requiem Mass Fri 19th Dec at 9.00am, Reception of Remains Thurs 18th Dec at 5.00pm), and James O'Neill.
Month's Mind: Paul McMullan, Donnie Burns, John Quinn, Rosaleen Grogan, Kathleen McIlhatton, and Alex Wilson.
Anniversaries: Michael McDonald.

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