

**Lenten Talk:
How to Pray with Sacred Scripture
An Introduction to Prayerful Reading
(Lectio Divina)**

In Lent we are all encouraged to spend more time in prayer with the Lord. For many people the idea of opening up the Bible and praying with the text can seem a little intimidating, or we can feel we aren't doing it properly. Yet the practice of prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture enriched the lives of countless Saints as they meditated on God speaking to them in His Sacred Word.

This talk will explain how God speaks to us in Sacred Scripture, and how we can make praying with the Scriptures an easy and accessible part of our prayer life each day. Come along on **Wednesday 4th March at 7.00pm to the Hall.** Teas & Coffees will be available. All are most welcome.

Second Collection - This Sunday

There will be a second collection after Holy Communion this Sunday for the **Diocesan Sick & Retired Priests** fund. Anything you are able to donate will be gratefully received.

First Communion Catechesis - Session 4

Our next catechesis session for our children making their First Communion will take place **next Saturday, 7th March, at 3.00pm in the Hall.** **All children receiving the Sacrament should attend.**

First Confessions

Please remember in your prayers the children in Primary 3 who will receive the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation for the first time this week. The children will come on Tuesday and Wednesday to make the Sacrament quietly in the church. We wish them every blessing on this important milestone in their Catholic faith.

St Joseph's Men's Group

Our parish Men's Group will meet next Monday, 8th March, at 7.00pm in the Hall. We will continue our discussion and reflection on our Lenten reading of the *Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. All men in the parish are welcome to join us.

RCIA - Congratulations & Prayers

We congratulate Oliver, Lucy, Karis, and Mark from our parish who were officially enrolled by Bishop Toal last week for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please remember them in your prayers in these last weeks of preparation.

**St Margaret of Scotland Youth Group
Irish Night Fundraiser**

Young members of SMSYG will be hosting a fundraiser in the parish hall on **Saturday 21st March from 7pm.** This year is the 50th anniversary of the group and funds will aid young adults to travel to Lourdes as helpers.

Irish quiz, Irish dancers, Irish bingo and loads more. Tickets priced **£5** available from Eva McGuigan - contact 07935 167164, or ask at the stall.

Sunday Breakfast

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

Children's Liturgy

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

Hall Bookings

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

Parish Baptism Course

All parents wishing to have their child baptised are required to attend one of our monthly baptism courses. Sign up via the QR code or go to <https://stjamescoatbridge.co.uk/baptism-course/> The next course will **this Wednesday, 4th March, at 6.30pm in the Hall.**



Change of Mass Time

Please note that Holy Mass on **Friday 6th March will be at the slightly earlier time of 9.30am,** preceded by Stations of the Cross at 9.00am. This is **only for this coming week,** the normal time will resume the following week.

Live Art Gallery Event - Fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser at Holy Family Parish, Mossend on Saturday 14th March at 7.00pm. There will be live music, a bar and delicious food, and the opportunity to view and purchase original art work by the portrait illustrator Bill Stewart.

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Sunday 1st March - Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule

Monday 2nd March

Holy Mass at 6.30pm
Stations of the Cross 6.00pm

Groups

Monday Club at 1.00pm

Tuesday 3rd March

Holy Mass at 8.00am
Breakfast in the Hall for school children.
Holy Mass at 9.45am

Wednesday 4th March

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Baptism course & Lenten Talk

Thursday 5th March

Holy Mass at 7.00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00-6.45pm concluding the Benediction.
Confessions 6.00-6.40pm

RCIA 7.30pm in the Hall

Friday 6th March

Stations of the Cross at 9.00am
Holy Mass at 9.30am
(this change in schedule is for this week only)

Saturday 7th March

Traditional Latin Mass at 10.00am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 9.00am-9.50am.

Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

Vigil Mass 28th February 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, Barbara Lucock, Cathie Dunnachie, Thomas Martin, Peter Fleming, Eileen Wilkie, Caroline Boland, Jean Graham, Heather Flanigan, Geraldine Boyce, Janey Tominey, John & Mary McDade, Andrew Cane, Felix Dillon, Rosaleen Grogan, Timothy Nilsson, Jean Reilly, Olivia Ratcliffe, Margaret Elliott, Patricia Grace, and Jean Marie Kerr.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Month's Minds: Joe & Lizzie Costello, Thomas Costello, Joseph Costello Jnr., and Jeanie Costello.

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