

Lenten Opportunities For Prayer

The most sacred opportunity for prayer is the Holy Mass, so try to plan on **coming to some weekday Masses during Lent**. For those of you who are working during the day, we have evening Masses every **Monday at 6.30pm** and **Thursday at 7.00pm**. We will also have an **additional Mass on Tuesday mornings in Lent at 8.00am**. This Mass is an **excellent opportunity for children to attend Mass before school**, in a particular way children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confession, First Communion, and Confirmation in the coming months. After this Mass there will be toast and juice for the children in the Hall before going to school. Coming to weekday Mass also affords the opportunity to spend some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, before and after Mass, so consider coming a bit earlier for Mass if you can.

St Augustine's Parish have an early morning **Mass at 7.00am Monday to Friday** in Lent.

There will also be **Stations of the Cross every Monday at 6.00pm** and on **Fridays after morning Mass**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Thursday from 6.00-6.40pm, and also **every Sunday in Lent from 8.00am-8.55am**.

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.

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 be on **4th March at 6.30pm in the Hall**.



RCIA - Rite of Election

This Sunday four of our parishioners, Oliver Caruth, Karis Douglas, Lucy Kinloch, and Mark Sanderson, will be enrolled as catechumens (those to be Baptised) at the Cathedral. Please remember them all in your prayers in these final weeks of preparation before receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Second Collection - Next Sunday

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

Sacrament of Confirmation & Journey to Confirmation Journals

All Primary 7 children have received a special daily journal from the Parish, to help guide them in their prayer and reflection in preparation for Confirmation, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Pentecost Sunday. I ask parents to encourage their children to use these journals, and to help them see their progress over the coming weeks and months in their prayer and good works.

Sunday Breakfast - Cancelled this week

Please note our Sunday Breakfast will not be on this week, but will return next Sunday 1st March after our 10.30am Mass.

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.

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Sunday 22nd February - First Sunday in Lent

Mass Schedule

Monday 23rd February

Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Stations of the Cross 6.00pm

Groups

Monday Club at 1.00pm

Tuesday 24th February

Holy Mass at 8.00am

Breakfast in the Hall for school children.

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Wednesday 25th February

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Thursday 26th February

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 27th February

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am

Stations of the Cross after Mass

Sunday 1st March - Second Sunday in 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 Flanagan, 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

Recently Deceased: Ralf Laird.

Anniversaries: Janie Mulholland.

Month's Minds: Sadie O'Hagan, Sharon Farrell, Richie Burns, Mary Smith, Ann & Christopher Smith, and Susan Corrigan.

Birthday Remembrance: Sharon Farrell.

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