

Recessional Hymn

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;

Let me not implore in vain;

All my sins, I now detest them,

Never will I sin again.

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,

On the Cross of Calvary;

To that Cross my sins have nail'd Him,

Yet He bleeds and dies for me.

By my sins I have abandoned

Right and claim to Heav'n above.

Where the Saints rejoice for ever

In a boundless sea of love.

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Second Collection - SCIAF - Thank you

Last week you raised a wonderful **£1,440** for the charity SCIAF, thank you so much for your generosity.

Parish Baptism Course

All parents wishing to have their child baptised are required to attend one of our monthly baptism courses. The next course will be on **Wednesday 1st April at 6.30pm** in the Hall committee room. Please sign up via the QR code or go to <https://stjamescoatbridge.co.uk/baptism-course/>



Holy Week and Easter

Next week you will all receive a card from the Parish with the Mass and service times for Holy Week and Easter. So you can plan ahead, the times of the Sacred Triduum will be:

Holy Thursday, 2nd April, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm.

Good Friday, 3rd April, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm.

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection, Saturday 4th April, at 8.00pm (arrive for 7.45pm).

Easter Sunday, 5th April, Solemn Mass at 10.30am.

Confessions:

Tuesday 31st March 6.30-8.00pm (with visiting priests), **Good Friday 3rd April 10.30-11.00am**, **Holy Saturday 4th April 9.00-9.50am.**

First Communion Catechesis - Session 5

Our next catechesis session for our children making their First Communion will take place on **next Saturday 28th March at 3.00pm in the Hall.** **All children receiving the Sacrament should attend.**

St Joseph's Men's Group

Our parish Men's Group will meet **next Monday, 23rd March, at 7.00pm in the Hall.** We will conclude our discussion and reflection on our Lenten reading of the *Screwtop Letters* by C.S. Lewis. All men in the parish are welcome to join us.

Sunday Breakfast

Our Sunday breakfast is on this week after our 10.30am Mass.

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. **We are looking for more volunteers to help support our Children's Liturgy, if you are willing to help please speak to me after Mass.**

RCIA Third Scrutiny

At our 10.30am Mass this week our catechumens Oliver, Karis, Lucy, and Mark will receive their third and final scrutiny in preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please remember them in your prayers.

Silent Candlelit Hour to mark the close of Glasgow 40 Days For Life Vigil

If you have not already managed to support our peaceful 40 Days for Life Lenten prayer vigil, praying and fasting for a culture of life around the world, it's not too late. Please consider joining our close of Vigil on Palm Sunday evening (29th March 2026).

The Vigil will draw to a close at 8pm. Between 7pm and 8pm there will be a final silent candlelit hour in memory of the millions of children and their parents whose lives have been aborted / damaged by abortion. If you can, please come along to the Vigil location situated outside the buffer zone at the traffic lights on SHIELDHALL ROAD where it intersects with Hardgate Rd. Please arrive at 6.30pm in order to be in place for our final Silent Candlelit Hour (7-8pm). Candles and holders will be provided by 40 Days for Life Vigil stewards on duty.


Hall Bookings

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

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Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

Mass Schedule

Monday 23rd March

Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Stations of the Cross 6.00pm

Tuesday 24th March

Holy Mass at 8.00am

Breakfast in the Hall for school children.

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Wednesday 25th March

Holy Mass at 9.45am

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Thursday 26th March

Holy Mass at 7.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm,

concluding with Benediction at 6.45pm.

Confessions 6.00-6.40pm.

Friday 27th March

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am.

Stations of the Cross after Mass.

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

Vigil Mass 28th March at 4.15pm Confessions 3.30-4.00pm.

Sunday Mass at 9.00am & 10.30am

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, 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, Jean Marie Kerr, and Ann Marie Martin.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Month's Minds: Joe & Lizzie Costello, Thomas Costello, Jeanie Costello, Arthur & Sally Mulholland, Sharon Farrell, Sadie O'Hagan, Tom Kelly Snr., Mary Kelly, and Drew McGivern.

Anniversaries: Theresa McAuley, Joseph Costello Jnr., Tom Kelly Jnr., John Joseph Denny, and Annie Docherty.

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