

Second Collection - Thank You

Thank you so much to those who were able to donate to our second collection last week to the **Diocesan Sick & Retired Priests** fund, you raised a wonderful **£1150**.

Second Collection - SCIAF

Next Sunday we will have our annual Diocesan collection for the charity SCIAF after Holy Communion.

St Joseph's Men's Group

Our parish Men's Group will meet **this Monday, 8th March, at 7.00pm in the Hall**. We will continue 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.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to our Primary 3 children who received the Sacrament of Confession for the first time on Tuesday and Wednesday last week. I am very grateful to their teachers for their hard work and all of the preparation that enabled the children to make a good and holy Confession.

Young Adults' Cathedral Night

The next young adults Cathedral Night will be this Sunday 8th March at 7.30pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. All 16-30 yr olds are most welcome for an evening of Talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Live Music & Social. For more info, email frreilly@rcdom.org.uk

RCIA First Scrutiny

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

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/>



Mini Bibles on Sale

There are some small pocket-sized editions of the New Testament and Psalms (English Standard Version translation - the same as the readings at Mass) available for purchase in the Stall for **£7 each**. Please note the print is very small, so check you can read it comfortably before you buy!

Sunday Breakfast - Off this week

Our Sunday breakfast is off this week, but will resume again next Sunday 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

Hall Bookings

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


Life of St John Ogilvie (Feast Day 10th March)

John Ogilvie was born in 1579 near Keith in Banffshire, Scotland, into a respected Calvinist family during a time when Catholicism had been outlawed in the country. As a young man he was sent to study in continental Europe, first in Germany and later in France and Italy. During his years of study abroad he encountered the Catholic faith and, after careful reflection, was received into the Church. Eventually he entered the Society of Jesus and was ordained a priest. Moved by a desire to serve the persecuted Catholics of his homeland, Fr. Ogilvie secretly returned to Scotland around 1613. There he ministered quietly among the faithful, celebrating Holy Mass in secret and strengthening Catholics who lived under severe legal penalties for practicing their faith. In 1614 he was betrayed, arrested, and imprisoned. During months of harsh interrogation he was pressured to acknowledge the king's authority in spiritual matters, something he could not in conscience do. Refusing to renounce his Catholic faith, he was put on trial for treason. On March 10, 1615, Fr. Ogilvie was led to execution at Glasgow Cross. As he stood before the crowd, he declared: "If there be any Catholics here, I will accept their prayers, but I will not accept the prayers of heretics." When the moment came, he threw his rosary beads into the crowd as he was cast from the gallows. Tradition holds that the man who caught them was deeply moved and later became a devout and lifelong Catholic. St. John Ogilvie remains a powerful witness to courage, conscience, and fidelity to Christ in the face of persecution.

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Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule

Monday 9th March

Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Stations of the Cross 6.00pm

Tuesday 10th March

Feast of St John Ogilvie

Holy Mass at 8.00am

Breakfast in the Hall for school children.

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Wednesday 11th March

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Thursday 12th March

Holy Mass at 7.00pm

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00-6.45pm
concluding the Benediction.*

Confessions 6.00-6.40pm

Friday 13th March

Stations of the Cross at 9.15am

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Groups

**Monday Club
at 1.00pm
Men's Group
7.00pm**

**RCIA
7.30pm in the
Hall**

Sunday 15th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Vigil Mass 14th March 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, 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

Recently Deceased: Grace Fleming (Requiem Mass Tues 17th March at 9.45am, Reception of Remains Mon 16th March at 5.00pm), and Craig McFarlane.

Month's Minds: Fr Damien Gilhooley, Alex Wilson, Mary Grant, Joseph McMullan, and Kathleen Donnelly.

Anniversaries: Frankie Corrigan, Patrick Murty, and Joe Hassell.

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