


Saint James the Greater Parish



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 St James' Coatbridge

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Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Monday
30th March**

**Holy Mass at 6.30pm
Stations of the Cross 6.00pm**

**Holy Tuesday
31st March**

Holy Mass at 8.00am
Breakfast in the Hall for school children.
Holy Mass at 9.45am
Confessions 6.30pm-8.00pm with Adoration (three priests available)

**Spy Wednesday
1st April**

Holy Mass at 9.45am

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday

Chrism Mass 11.00am (Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral)

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7.00PM

Watching and prayer at the Altar of Repose until 9.30pm

Compline at 9.30pm

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday

Morning Prayer (Lauds) at 10.00am

Confessions 10.30-11.00am

Stations of the Cross 12.00noon

SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AT 3.00PM

Saturday 4th April

Holy Saturday

Confessions 9.00-9.50am, Holy Rosary 9.30am

Morning Prayer (Lauds) at 10.00am

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION 8.00PM
(please arrive by 7.45pm)

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday

Low Mass 9.00am

SOLEMN MASS AT 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, Ann Marie Martin, and Margaret Beattie.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Sadie Martin (Requiem Mass Weds 8th April at 9.45am, Reception Tues 7th at 5.00pm).

Month's Mind: Richie Burns.

Anniversaries: Gary Tumilty, Michael Murphy, Rena Willis, Joe Connelly, and Isaac Fairlie.

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

The Sacred Triduum Explained

These are the holiest three days in our year, and the reason for our Lenten journey of prayer and penance. These three solemn celebrations, really mark **one celebration** over three days:

We begin with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening at 7.00pm**. This commemorates Jesus' final act of love before his arrest and betrayal, namely to **institute the Holy Mass**, the celebration of the Eucharist, and also to **institute the Sacred Priesthood**. To come to this Mass is to begin the Sacred Triduum with the Lord Jesus, on the eve of his Passion and Death, and to thank Him for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament is transferred from the sanctuary to the **Altar of Repose** on the Lady Altar, allowing some quiet moments of silent private prayer with the Lord in our little Garden of Gethsemane. During this time the **solemn stripping of the altars** takes place ahead of Good Friday. **Compline** (Night Prayer) is said at **9.30pm**.

On **Good Friday** the church lies stripped and bare, with no candles or linen, and the Blessed Sacrament absent from the tabernacle. We begin the day with **Morning Prayer at 10.00am**, and have **Stations of the Cross at 12.00noon** (the hour when the sun was eclipsed and darkness fell over the whole land, as Jesus hung on the Cross).

Our **Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place at 3.00pm** (the hour Jesus died on the Cross). At our 12.00noon Stations and 3.00pm Service there will be the opportunity to venerate the Cross individually. You are welcome to come to as many of these services on Good Friday as you like. **This is a day of fasting and abstinence** (we eat only one main meal and two collations/small snacks, and we do not eat meat) - this is a day of prayer, so try to be moderate in your use of media and entertainment (even though it is the school holidays!).

On **Holy Saturday** morning we come to mourn at the tomb of Jesus, joining ourselves with Our Blessed Lady in her sorrow as we say the **Holy Rosary at 9.30am** and **Morning Prayer at 10.00am**.

After dark on Holy Saturday evening, we celebrate our **Solemn Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 8.00pm (please arrive by 7.45pm)**. Moving from the sadness and desolation of Good Friday and Holy Saturday morning, **the Easter Vigil marks the glorious moment of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead**. We see the church beautifully transformed with the Easter flowers, and our Paschal Candle is blessed and lit from the Easter fire. If you have never been to the Easter Vigil before, you're missing out! This is the most sacred and beautiful Mass of the Church's year, so do come along. On **Easter Sunday** morning we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus which began at the Easter Vigil. There will be **Mass at 9.00am** and a **Solemn Mass at 10.30am**.

Parish News & Announcements

Confessions Evening

On **Tuesday 31st March** there will be **Confessions available from 6.30-8.00pm** with visiting priests hearing Confessions. **Everyone should receive this Sacrament before the celebration of Easter**. There will **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30-8.00pm**, you are very welcome to come for some quiet time of prayer. Confessions will also be available on Good Friday from 10.30-11.00am, and Holy Saturday 9.00-9.50am.

Good Friday Holy Places Collection

There will be a collection taken up on **Good Friday for support of the Holy Places in the Holy Land**. With the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, the Holy sites in Jerusalem and elsewhere have been greatly affected. Anything you can give in this collection to support the Franciscan Priests who have care of the Holy Places will be greatly appreciated.

Good Friday & Easter Sunday Parking

Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking at St James' for the Good Friday service at 3.00pm and Easter Sunday Mass at 10.30am. For those of you who are able, please consider parking further from the church and walking to enable those with mobility issues to park nearer the church. Please ensure you are not blocking any driveways and that traffic (including buses) can pass easily on the road.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Attendance has been wonderful at the First Holy Communion workshops. Our session this week was on the Last Supper, so it would be **lovely to see our children at the Mass of The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7.00pm**. The final workshop is on **Sat 25th April**, learning about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayers

Please remember especially in your prayers Oliver, Karis, Lucy, and Mark who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We look forward to welcoming them as our brothers and sisters in Christ!