

## Thank You!

Thank you so much for all the lovely Easter cards and gifts, it was extremely kind of you and I greatly appreciate it. I might be eating chocolate eggs until Pentecost!

## Teaching Week in Salamanca

This week I will be teaching a short scripture course to the propaedeutic students at the Royal Scots College in Salamanca, Spain. This year there are around 15 men in this programme, hopefully going on to seminary after the summer. Please remember them in your prayers and continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood. I will be away from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, and I am grateful to Fr Michael Brown, Fr Colum Martin, and Fr Edward Toner who will be celebrating Mass in the parish.

## An Easter Journey through the Acts of the Apostles

As Catholics we are generally good at Lent: we know what we are meant to be doing in the 40 days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, but what about Easter? How do we spend these 50 days of joy and what does the Church invite us to carry forward from Lent and do in these Easter days?

To help with this I will be giving a **four-part Bible study** on the New Testament book, **the Acts of the Apostles**. This book is a great adventure story, telling of the earliest years in the Church after the Ascension of Jesus and the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and especially the preaching and works of St Peter and St Paul. However, Acts is more than just historical facts about the beginnings of the Church, rather it is an invitation to us all to see the part God is calling us to play in our own life and time. Acts of the Apostles could be coined the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit", as it is God the Holy Spirit who drives the story and fills the apostles with His life, enabling them to witness to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

This short bible study will enable you to live these days of Easter well, to be living witnesses to the Risen Lord Jesus, and to renew your baptismal calling to holiness. The four sessions will take place in **the Hall from 7.15-8.15pm** on:

- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

## Hall Bookings

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

## New Artwork

You will have seen the beautiful new cross hanging from the choir loft at the back of the church. It is entitled *The One Whom We Have Pierced* and was painted by one of our parishioners, Philip Bell. It will be blessed during our 10.30am Mass on Good Shepherd Sunday, and in next week's bulletin a fuller description of the symbolism in this icon will be given. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Philip for painting this beautiful icon, and also to Gerry Minnis for making its frame and hanging it, and Damian McLaughlin for his gold leaf work.

## First Communion Catechesis - Session 6

Our final catechesis session for our children making their First Communion will take place on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm in the Hall. All children receiving the Sacrament should attend.**

## Sunday Breakfast - Restarting next week

Our Sunday breakfast will start back **next Sunday** after our 10.30am Mass, not this week as previously advertised.

## Children's Liturgy

Will start back after the Easter holidays. **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.**

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in the Hall committee room. Please sign up via the QR code or go to <https://stjamescoatbridge.co.uk/baptism-course/>




## Gift Aid & Donation Envelopes

**This week and the following two weeks**, forms are available for those who wish to join the gift aid scheme. If you pay tax on your earnings, and already give to the parish, we could claim back 25% of your donations from HMRC with no extra cost to you. Last year, the parish was able to claim back approximately £12k. Please consider completing a form and donating online, or by envelope. If you have any questions, our gift aid coordinator will be available at all Masses the **weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> April**. New envelopes will also be distributed to existing members of the scheme on 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>.

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## Sunday 12th April - Second Sunday of Easter

### Mass Schedule

**Monday 13th April**

**Holy Mass at 6.30pm**

### Groups

**Monday Club at 1.00pm**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Holy Mass at 9.45am**  
**Requiem Mass for Thomas Lindsay RIP**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**Holy Mass at 9.45am**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Holy Mass at 9.45am**  
*Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am.*

## Sunday 19th April - Third Sunday of Easter

**Vigil Mass 18th April 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, Ann Marie Martin, and Margaret Beattie.

## Prayers for the Faithful Departed

**Recently Deceased:** Thomas Lindsay (Requiem Mass Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9.45am, Reception before Mass), and Bobby Gallagher.

**Month's Minds:** John Quinn.

**Anniversaries:** Fr Damien Gilhooley.

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