

Missionary Appeal

The **Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver** will be here next weekend (2nd & 3rd May) to make their annual mission appeal and to tell us about their mission work in the world. We look forward to welcoming the sisters to St James'. **There will be a second collection at the end of Mass to support the sisters in their work.**

An Easter Journey through the Acts of the Apostles

Our **four-part Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles will begin this Monday at 7.15pm in the Hall.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to read together the great adventure story that is Acts, 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 working of St Peter and St Paul.

Most importantly, we will see how God the Holy Spirit is active now in our own lives as we journey through these joyful days of Easter, and strive to renew our baptismal calling to holiness. All are most welcome to come along, even if you cannot make all four sessions. Teas and coffees will be provided.

The other three sessions will take place on:

- **Monday 4th May**
- **Monday 11th May**
- **Monday 18th May**

First Communion Catechesis

This weekend was the last of our First Communion catechesis classes, which have been well attended by the children making the Sacrament in June. Please keep them in your prayers. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Gayle, Nicole, and Louise for leading the sessions and preparing the workshops.

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.**

Hall Bookings

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

Thursday Change of Mass Time

After some consultation, we will now permanently move the time of our Thursday evening Mass to the **earlier time of 6.30pm.** There will be **Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30-6.15pm, concluding with Benediction.** I hope this new earlier time will enable more people to attend this Mass, especially in the winter months.

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 6th 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

Please ensure you pick up your **new gift aid envelopes** at any Mass **this weekend.** Thank you to everyone who supports the parish in this way. Thanks also to new members choosing to pay by standing order or direct debit. Please ensure you set up your payment using the following details: **Name of account: St James Parish, Acc No: 10253568, Sort Code: 80-12-97.**

St Carlo Acutis Passport Confirmandi Day Trip

For the children in Primary 7 who successfully completed their St Carlo Acutis Passports earlier in the year, there is a parish day trip on Monday 4th May to St Andrews in Fife. The successful children already have their permission slips, these should be returned directly to me or to the school as soon as possible.

Thank you


I am very grateful to Fr Michael Brown, Fr Colum Martin, and Fr Edward Toner for celebrating Mass when I was in Salamanca last week.

We are blessed this year with 15 men for Scottish Dioceses in the propaedeutic programme, before they go on to formal seminary studies for the priesthood in September. Please keep them in your prayers, and keep praying for and encouraging more vocations to the Sacred Priesthood.

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Sunday 26th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Monday 27th April

Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Tuesday 28th April

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Wednesday 29th April

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Feast of St Catherine of Siena

Thursday 30th April

Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30pm, concluding with Benediction at 6.15pm.

Confessions 5.30-6.10pm.

Friday 1st May

Holy Mass at 9.45am

Memorial of St Joseph the Worker

Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am.

Saturday 2nd May

Traditional Latin Mass at 10.00am

Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00-9.50am.

Sunday 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vigil Mass 2nd May 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, Ann Marie Martin, and Margaret Beattie.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Cathy Flanigan (Requiem Mass Weds 13th May at 9.45am, Reception of Remains Tuesday 12th May at 6.00pm).

Month's Minds: William Gilmour, Susan McGuinness, Joe & Lizzie Costello, Thomas Costello, Joseph Costello Jnr., Jeanie Costello, Sadie O'Hagan, Freddie Keegan, Donnie Burns, and Richie Burns.

Anniversaries: Margaret Watson, Roger Foster, Frank McGuinness, Lizzie Wason, Sarah Campbell, Margaret Martin, Anne Sheridan, and Mary McBennett.

Birthday Remembrance: William Gilmour.

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