

### Missionary Appeal

The **Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver** will be here this weekend (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 continues this Monday at 7.15pm in the Hall.**

It was wonderful to see over 90 people at the first session, but it's not too late if you missed last week would like to join us this week.

The session this week will be looking in detail at what happened at Pentecost and why this is a moment that changed the world for ever. It is fundamentally important for Catholics to understand what Pentecost is all about, and its effects in our own lives here and now. We will also speak about the initial chapters of Acts and see what life was like for believers in the early Church. All are most welcome (Read Chapters 1-2 in advance if you can).

The third and final sessions are on

- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

### SVDP Parish Visit

Next weekend we will have a visit from Diocesan members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP). They will speak briefly at the end of Mass to promote the important and valuable work of the Society, and explain who they are, the work they do and how you might be able to help with our own SVDP Society here in St James.

### 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.

### 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

There are a few sets of envelopes still to be collected. Please check the name on the box and collect from the table at the back of the church. Thanks also to new members choosing to pay by standing order or direct debit. Please ensure you return your form, and set up your payment using the following details: **Name of account: St James Parish, Acc No: 10253568, Sort Code: 80-12-97.**

### Upcoming Events in the Parish

#### Holy Day of Obligation Ascension Thursday

Next Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, is Ascension Thursday and a Holy Day of Obligation where all Catholics must attend Mass. Our Mass times will be: **7.00am, 9.45am** (with children from St Timothy's), and **6.30pm**. The early morning Mass will finish around 7.30am for those going to work afterwards. Both the 9.45am and 6.30pm Masses will be Solemn Masses with music.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm Bishop Toal will come to the parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Primary 7 children. Please remember them in these final weeks of preparation for this beautiful Sacrament and their being sealed by the Holy Spirit.

#### Corpus Christi Celebrations


Though still a few weeks away, I wanted to let you know we will be having a week of celebrations and opportunities for prayer and Holy Mass in the lead up to Corpus Christi (7<sup>th</sup> June).

From **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** we will have our **Forty Hours Devotions** of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Details will be provided next week. On **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** we will have a special Latin Mass in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 6.30pm, and on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** we will have our Corpus Christi Procession on the streets after our 10.30am Mass. Just so you can plan your spiritual diary for early June!

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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### Mass Schedule

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**Holy Mass at 6.30pm**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Holy Mass at 9.45am**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Holy Mass at 9.45am**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Holy Mass at 9.45am**

*Confessions 9.10-9.40am,*

*Holy Rosary 9.20am.*

#### Groups

**Monday Club at 1.00pm**

**Bible Study at 7.15pm**

**RCIA (Mystagogy) 7.00pm in the hall.**

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Vigil Mass 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> May at 9.45am, Reception of Remains Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm).

**Month's Minds:** Kathleen Donnelly, Drew McGivern, Tom Kelly Snr., Tom Kelly Jnr., John Loran, Hugh McHugh, and Ellen McHugh.

**Anniversaries:** George Reilly Jnr., Mary Kelly, Harry Price, Philip McCabe, John Fulton, Dan O'Hara, and Joy O'Brien.

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