

Novena to the Holy Spirit

The greatest and first of all Novena prayers is that we pray to God the Holy Spirit between the Ascension and Pentecost (Fri 15th to Sat 23rd May). **Even if you missed the start date, do take a copy this weekend and pray the Novena for 9 days, asking for the special graces of God the Holy Spirit.**

An Easter Journey through the Acts

Our final Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles takes place **this Monday at 7.15pm in the Hall.** The numbers have been fantastic, so thank you to all who have come along. A special thank you to Val and Sharon for setting up the hall each week and arranging the teas.

SVDP Parish Visit - Thank you

I am grateful to Bridget Ann, Dominic, and Scott for speaking at our Masses last weekend about the great work of the SVDP Society. Thank you to the number of parishioners who have expressed an interest in finding out more and joining the Society in the parish. **We will arrange an information meeting about this in the coming weeks.**

Sacrament of Confirmation

This Thursday 21st May at 7.00pm Bishop Toal will come to the parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Primary 7 children. This is a great moment for the children and their families, but it is also a great moment in our parish, and **all parishioners are most welcome to attend** this Mass and welcome Bishop Toal to St James'. Please remember the children in your prayers in these final days before their Confirmation.

Handmade Rosaries For Sale

There will be handmade Rosaries on sale after Masses this weekend. Joanna can also repair broken Rosary beads for you.

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.**

Pentecost & Corpus Christi Flowers

We will be ordering some beautiful fresh flowers for the Solemnity of Pentecost, and some more for Corpus Christi. If anyone is willing to sponsor some of the flowers, I would be most grateful.

Second Collection - Communications

There will be the annual diocesan collection for Communications after Holy Communion this week, and a letter from Bishop Frank Dougan about Communications Sunday.

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 3rd June at 6.30pm** in the Hall committee room. Please sign up via the QR code or go to <https://stjamescoatbridge.co.uk/baptism-course/>



Upcoming Corpus Christi Celebrations

We will be having a week of celebrations in preparation for the great Solemnity of Corpus Christi in the parish.

Beginning on **Monday 1st June** we will have our Forty Hours Devotion of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with the opening Mass at 6.30pm and a silent Holy Hour from 7.00pm, concluding with Benediction at 8.00pm.

On **Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd June** there will be silent Adoration from 7.00am-7.00pm, and a guided Holy Hour meditation from visiting priests from 7.00pm-8.00pm, concluding with Benediction.

On **Thursday 4th June** there will be silent Adoration from 8.00am until 6.15pm, concluding with Benediction and our closing Solemn Mass at 6.30pm, with a guest priest preaching.

Sign up sheets to be guardians of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the porch next week.

On **Friday 5th June** we will have a special Latin Mass in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 6.30pm. On **Saturday 5th June** we will celebrate our First Holy Communions at 11.00am and 1.00pm. Finally, on **Sunday 7th June** we will have our Corpus Christi Procession on the streets after our 10.30am Mass. The children who have made their First Communion are invited to take part in the Procession, as well as our Confirmation children, and there will be a reception in the Hall afterwards. It will be a great week!


Hall Bookings

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

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Sunday 17th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Monday 18th May Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Tuesday 19th May Holy Mass at 9.45am

Wednesday 20th May Holy Mass at 9.45am

Thursday 21st May **Confirmation Mass at 7.00pm**
Bishop Toal will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Primary 7 children. This is a great parish event, so all parishioners are welcome to attend.

Friday 22nd 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

Sunday 24th May - SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Vigil Mass 16th 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, Jean Marie Kerr, Ann Marie Martin, and Margaret Beattie.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Month's Minds: Archie, Mary & Danny McConnell, John Quinn, and Donnie Burns.

Anniversaries: Jane McConnell, and Molly Shiels.

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