

## Last Parish Baptism Course before Summer

All parents wishing to have their child baptised are required to attend one of our monthly baptism courses. The last course before the summer break will be **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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/> The next course will be in September and continue monthly on the first Wednesday of each month.



### Thank you!

I would like to thank all of those who helped in so many ways to prepare our celebrations for Corpus Christi last Sunday. It was a beautiful celebration of Holy Mass, and the Procession was a great success and a beautiful witness to our Catholic faith. Thank you also to the ladies who prepared the wonderful buffet in the Hall. May the Lord bless everyone who so generously gave of their time for our celebrations.

### St Joseph's Men's Group

Our Parish Men's Group will meet on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.00pm** in the Hall to talk about the life of St Peter the Apostle. We will also be having a social at the Conforti Centre on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. Please speak to Gerry McKeown for more details of the social if you would like to join us.

### Parish Summer Running Group

For those feeling fit (or wanting to feel a bit fitter!) we will be organising a running group for parishioners on Saturday mornings during the summer months. Our first meet will be **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00am at Drumpellier Country Park**. We will gather in the main carpark.

For the first run, we will do a gentle 5k around the loch. For those who feel this is too much, you can do a shorter distance. If you are interested in joining us, or want to find out more, speak to me after Mass or email the parish: [stjames@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:stjames@rcdom.org.uk).

### Sunday Breakfast

All are welcome to the Hall after our 10.30am Mass for a breakfast roll and cup of tea/coffee. Children eat for free.

### Hall Bookings

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

## Pope Leo XIV's Homily for Corpus Christi in Madrid

### On Importance of Corpus Christi Processions

"We are gathered around the Eucharist, the gift of Christ's living Presence among us. He who wished to offer us his life so that we might enter into communion with the Father and become his children, is here as the living Bread come down from heaven, to nourish us with the very life of God, with a love stronger than death.

This awareness of the Lord's Presence in the Eucharistic Bread is deeply rooted in the faith and the history of your people. Here in Madrid, as in many other parts of Spain, Corpus Christi is more than just another celebration on the liturgical calendar. It is a way of returning to the heart of the faith to renew our love and fidelity to God. The solemn processions held on this day have for centuries shaped the piety, art, music, architecture and life of the Spanish people. Even today, they still express and manifest the spiritual sentiments of this country through the beauty and elegance of the floral carpets, the altars erected in the streets, the carefully crafted monstrances and stands, the hymns and the liturgical vestments. This is not an exhibition, a remnant of folklore or a simple display of beauty. It is a profession of faith in the Presence of the Risen Lord, who is alive and continues to walk among us, who becomes Bread to satiate our hunger for life, and visits the recesses of our hearts and history, even those shrouded in darkness.


Just as Christ gives himself as food in the Eucharistic celebration, the procession shows that he is not confined to the church, but comes out to meet us. Jesus travels the streets, crosses the squares and visits our neighbourhoods, dwelling in the settings of our daily lives. He is a God who is close to us, who walks with his people, the Lord of history. He is comfort to the weak, light for families, hope for the sick and peace for those who suffer. The Christ who processes through the streets in the monstrance is the same one who identifies with the poor, the downtrodden, those who are alone and forsaken.

It is not merely a matter of bringing out the monstrance, but of allowing ourselves to be brought out of our selfishness and indifference, of a comfortable, private faith, so as to respond to his invitation to conversion, to change our perspective, and to welcome his Presence which transforms us and makes us builders of a new world. For this reason, the historical memory of the Corpus Christi processions is not confined to wistful nostalgia. Instead, it stands as an invitation in the present moment, in our daily lives, in our relationships, in society, and in the building of the future."

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## Sunday 14th June - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule

**Monday 15th June** Holy Mass at 6.30pm

**Tuesday 16th June** Holy Mass at 9.45am  
*Feast of All Saints of Scotland*

**Wednesday 17th June** Requiem Mass for Margaret Dornan RIP at 12.45am  
Reception of Remains before Mass.

**Thursday 18th June** Holy Mass at 6.30pm  
*Adoration 5.30pm-6.15pm concluding with Benediction*  
*Confessions 5.30pm-6.15pm*

**Friday 19th June** Requiem Mass for Kevin Kennedy RIP at 9.45am

## Sunday 21st June - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Vigil Mass 20th 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

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Dornan (Requiem Mass Weds 17<sup>th</sup> June at 12.45pm, Reception of Remains before Mass), and Kevin Kennedy (Requiem Mass Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9.45am, Reception of Remains Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm).

**Month's Minds:** Paul McMullen, John Quinn, Kathleen Donnelly, and Donnie Burns.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Reilly, Isaac Minnis, George & Susan Donnachie, Frank & William Campbell Jnr., Susan Murning, and Jackie & Sarah Nicholl.

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