

Parish Pilgrimage to Santiago, Spain 2027
General Information Meeting

There will be a meeting this **Thursday 27th August at 7.00pm after Mass (6.30pm) in the Hall** for those who are interested our pilgrimage. Though we cannot confirm exact costs, the meeting will be the opportunity to find out about both the Camino and Salamanca parts of the pilgrimage, and ask any questions you might have. At the end of the meeting there will be a sign up sheet for those who definitely want to come, and a secondary sheet for those still to decide.

Our own parishioners will have priority for the limited places, after which I am happy to open it up to those from other parishes.

Sunday Breakfast - Resumes today
Our Sunday Breakfast begins again this Sunday after our 10.30am Mass in the Hall. Breakfast rolls and teas & coffees will be served, and children eat for free. All are most welcome to join us. Thank you to the ladies who prepare the breakfast for us!

BBQ Thank You
I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all of those who helped prepare and organise the parish BBQ last week. It was a wonderful evening and great to see so many people and families joining us. It would not have been possible without the help and time of so many volunteers, so thank you so much to you all. The funds raised will help with the upkeep and maintenance of the parish - thank you!

First Communion Date 2027
I can confirm that we will celebrate our First Holy Communion for our Primary 4 children on **Saturday 8th May 2027**. There will be two Masses, one at 11.00am and another at 1.00pm. The school will allocate which Mass the children will receive their First Holy Communion. (The Solemnity of Corpus Christi falls on the May holiday weekend (30th May), but our Blessed Sacrament Procession will still take place and our Communion children are invited to take part in the procession).

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 2nd September at 6.30pm in the Hall committee room**. Please sign up via the QR code or go to <https://stjamescoatbridge.co.uk/baptism-course/>



RCIA - Interested in becoming a Catholic?
If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, we will be starting our preparation and catechesis lessons in the coming weeks. **Please speak to me after Mass or email stjames@rcdom.org.uk if you would be interested or would like to find out more about the upcoming course** (mid-September).

Men's Group - St Michael's Lent
Our Men's Group will meet **this Monday at 7.00pm** in the Hall as we continue St Michael's Lent together. We will conclude with 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration in the church.

Carfin National Pilgrimage
Bus from parish
The National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto, celebrated by the Bishops of Scotland, will take place on Sunday 6th September at 3.00pm. There will be a return bus from the Parish leaving St James' at 2.00pm and returning around 5.00pm. The cost is £5. **Please sign up on the list in the porch if you would like a place on the bus.**

Shorter Bulletin 5th/6th September
There will be a shorter bulletin in two weeks' time with the hymns and readings only. If there are any Month's Mind or Anniversary remembrances that weekend, they can be printed either next weekend or the weekend of 12th/13th Sept. Please hand them in accordingly to the chapel house.

Children's Liturgy
This week our children's liturgy takes place during our 10.30am Mass. Children from Primary 1 to Primary 4 are most welcome to go to their own Liturgy of the Word.



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Sunday 23rd August - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass Schedule		Groups
Monday 24 th Aug	Holy Mass at 6.30pm <i>Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	Monday Club at 1.00pm Men's Group 7.00pm
Tuesday 25 th Aug	Holy Mass at 9.45am	
Wednesday 26 th Aug	Holy Mass at 9.45am	
Thursday 27 th Aug	Holy Mass at 6.30pm <i>Memorial of St Monica</i> <i>Adoration 5.30pm-6.15pm concluding with Benediction</i> <i>Confessions 5.30pm-6.15pm</i>	Santiago Pilgrimage meeting at 7.00pm in the Hall
Friday 28 th Aug	Holy Mass at 9.45am <i>Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor</i> <i>Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am</i>	
Sunday 30th August - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Vigil Mass 29th August at 4.15pm <i>Confessions 3.30-4.00pm.</i>		
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, Geraldine Boyce, Janey Tominey, John & Mary McDade, Andrew Cane, Felix Dillon, Rosaleen Grogan, Timothy Nilsson, Jean Reilly, Olivia Ratcliffe, Jean Marie Kerr, Ann Marie Martin, Robert Boyle, and Felix McKay

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Cathy Dolan.

Month's Minds: Sadie O'Hagan, Jim Caddle, Catherine McPhee, Agnes Hughes, Sharon Farrell, Elizabeth & Lawrence Murphy, and Anne & Desmond Millar.

Anniversaries: John Murphy, Marie McFarlane, Annie & Thomas McArdle, and Mary Slevin.

Birthday Remembrance: Lizzie Sneddon.

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

Entrance Hymn
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King,

O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world

have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

First Reading **Isaiah 22:15, 19-23**
Thus says the Lord God of hosts, ‘Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: “I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father’s house.” ’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 6, 8bc.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.
I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple. ***R/***

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. ***R/***

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. ***R/***

Second Reading **Romans 11:33-36**
Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?’ ‘Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?’ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

Gospel **Matthew 16:13-20**
At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Offertory Hymn
Lord, accept the gifts we offer at this Eucharistic feast,
bread and wine to be transformed now,
through the action of Thy priest.
Take us too, Lord, and transform us,
may Thy grace in us increase.

May our souls be pure and spotless, as the host of
wheat so fine,
may all stain of sin be crushed out
like the grape that forms the wine,
as we too become partakers
in this Sacrifice of divine.

Take our gifts, Almighty Father, Living God, eternal
true,
which we give through Christ, our Saviour,
pleading here for us anew;
grant salvation to us present
and our faith and love renew.

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt caeli et terra, gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna, in excelsis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:miserere nobis(2).
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:dona nobis pacem.*

Communion Hymns
This is My Body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for Me.

This is My Blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for Me.

Back to My Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget Me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to Me.

Filled with My Spirit, how you will grow!
You are My branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in Me.

Love one another - I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for Me

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Godhead here in hiding whom I do adore
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more.
See, Lord, at Thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God Thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in Thee deceived;
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth Himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

On the cross Thy godhead made no sign to men;
Here Thy very manhood steals from human ken:
Both are my confession, both are my belief,
And I pray the prayer made by the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But I plainly call Thee Lord and God as he:
This faith each day deeper be my holding of,
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

O Thou, our reminder of the Crucified,
Living Bread, the life of us for whom He died,
Lend this life to me, then; feed and feast my mind,
There be Thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican,
Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what Thy bosom ran–
Blood that but one drop of has the pow'r to win
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.

Jesus Whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech Thee, send me what I long for so,
Some day to gaze on Thee face to face in light
And be blest forever with Thy glory's sight.

*O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine.
All praise and all thanksgiving, be ev'ry moment Thine.*

Recessional Hymn
Full in the panting heart of Rome
Beneath the apostle’s crowning dome.
From pilgrim’s lips that kiss the ground,
Breathes in all tongues one only sound:
*God bless our Pope, the great the good;
God bless our Pope, the great the good.*

The golden roof, the marble walls,
The Vatican’s majestic halls,
The note redoubles, till it fills
With echoes sweet the seven hills:
*God bless our Pope, the great the good;
God bless our Pope, the great the good.*