

Parish Pilgrimage to Santiago, Spain 2027
Thank you for all who attended the meeting last week and have expressed their interest in the pilgrimage. As expected, there was a very large number of people wanting to come on the trip. We are now in touch with Alba Tours to confirm costs and, for those who signed up, we will be in touch over the coming weeks. For those outside of the parish who wish to come, we will put you on a waiting list.

New Mother’s Prayer Group
We are planning to start a new group in the parish for our mothers with young children (Primary school and younger). The group will be the chance to get together, socialise and have some time to pray as a group. To begin with, the group will meet on Friday’s at 10.30am in the Hall, **beginning on Friday 18th September**. Mothers are very welcome to bring their babies and young children along to the group. If you would like to find out more, please email the parish.

Pueri Cantores - Children’s Singing Group
We will be starting a choir group for children in our parish (aged P4 to S2) on **Thursday 17th September at 7.00pm** in the Church. No previous experience is needed, the singing classes are led by a professional musician, and are completely free. It is a great opportunity for our young people to use their talents and learn more about sacred music.

Sunday Breakfast
Sunday breakfast 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.

Sacramental Meetings/Preparation
Parents who have children in **Primary 3** making their First Confession next year are required to attend a meeting at **6.00pm on Monday 5th October** in the Hall. There will also be a meeting in October for Primary 4 First Communion parents, and the date will be announced soon. Parents with children in **Primary 1** are invited to a special welcome Mass on **Thursday 1st October at 6.30pm**, where the children will receive a special blessing and holy gift from the parish.

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 **this 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 on **Monday at 7.00pm** in the Hall as we continue St Michael’s Lent.

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.**

Retreat
I will be away on retreat from this Sunday, and then spending a few days on holiday until 11th September. I am delighted to welcome to the parish Fr Kevin Dow, a priest of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh and currently a military chaplain, who will celebrate Mass in the parish while I’m away. Monsignor Monaghan will also come to celebrate Mass from Mon 7th to Fri 11th Sept. Please note that any month’s mind or anniversary remembrances will be printed in the bulletin of 12th/13th Sept.

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 30th August - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass Schedule	Groups	
Mon 31 st Aug	Holy Mass at 6.30pm	Monday Club at 1.00pm Men’s Group 7.00pm
Tuesday 1 st Sept	Holy Mass at 9.45am	
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	Holy Mass at 9.45am	
Thursday 3 rd Sept	Holy Mass at 6.30pm <i>St Gregory, Pope, Doctor</i> <i>Adoration 5.30pm-6.15pm concluding with Benediction</i> <i>Confessions 5.30pm-6.15pm</i>	
Friday 4 th Sept	Holy Mass at 9.45am <i>Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am</i>	
Saturday 5 th Sept	Traditional Latin Mass at 10.00am <i>Adoration & Confessions from 9am-9.50am</i>	
Sunday 6 th September - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Vigil Mass 5th September 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: Alistair Doyle.

Month’s Minds: Willie Reilly, Colette Kelly, Patrick, Mary & Fr John McMurray, and Richie Burns.

Anniversaries: Jack Hynds, Brian Mooney, William Mulholland, Phil Duffy, Michael McMurray, and Margaret Reilly.

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