

Parish Pilgrimage to Santiago, Spain 2027
Those who attended the meeting and gave their details should have received an email asking about room preference for the pilgrimage. **If you haven't done so, please reply as soon as possible so we can pass the details on to Alba Tours.**

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 this 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 on **Wednesday 7th October 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? Course Beginning on Thursday 24th Sept
If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, our RCIA course will be beginning on Thursday 24th Sept at 7.00pm in the Hall Committee Room. If you haven't done so already, please email the parish or speak to me after Mass about your interest in the course (stjames@rcdom.org.uk).

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. After meeting in the Hall briefly we will have **Stations of the Cross** for the Feast Day in the church, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Thank you!
I would like to express my thanks to Fr Kevin Dow and Monsignor Monaghan for celebrating Holy Mass while I was on retreat and on holiday. I know they both thoroughly enjoyed their time in the parish, and the warm welcome they received.

Assisted Dying Legislation
It is good news that the Bill was rejected in the UK Parliament this last week, however the margin of votes was very close, which is extremely sad.
I was grateful to receive a letter from our own MP, Rt Hon Frank McNally, acknowledging the letters of concern he had received from our parishioners about this, and also stating his own strong advocacy against the Bill. I have put the letter on the noticeboard for you to read at your convenience.



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Sunday 13 th September - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass Schedule		Groups
Mon 14 th Sept	Requiem Mass for Patrick Brady RIP <u>12noon</u>	Monday Club at 1.00pm Men's Group 7.00pm
	Holy Mass at 6.30pm <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	
Tuesday 15 th Sept	Holy Mass at 9.45am <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	
Wed 16 th Sept	Holy Mass at 9.45am <i>Feast of St Ninian, Bishop</i>	
Thursday 17 th Sept	Holy Mass at 6.30pm <i>Adoration 5.30pm-6.15pm concluding with Benediction</i> <i>Confessions 5.30pm-6.15pm</i>	Children's singing group at 7.00pm
Friday 18 th Sept	Holy Mass at 9.45am <i>Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am</i>	Mother's Prayer Group 10.30am
Sunday 20th September - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Vigil Mass 21st 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: Patrick Brady (Requiem Mass Monday 14th Sept at 12noon, Reception before Mass).
Month's Minds: Kathleen Donnelly, Catherine McPhee, John Loran, Hugh McHugh, Ellen McHugh, and Grace Davidson.
Anniversaries: Annie O'Neill, Paul McMullen, James & Margaret O'Rourke, Robert & Christine O'Rourke, The Clarke Family, The Cannon Family, The Hegan Family, and Dan Davidson.

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