

New Mother’s Prayer Group
We have decided to move our Mother’s Prayer Group to a **Thursday evening at 7.00pm in the Hall Committee Room**, as it may be easier for mothers who are working to attend. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 8th October**. All mothers in the parish with young children (Primary school and younger) are welcome to join us for the chance to grow in the faith, pray together, and socialise. Mothers are very welcome to bring their babies and young children along to the group.

Opportunities for Singing and Learning about Sacred Music

Cantores Matris Dei Schola
Cantores Matris Dei Schola will meet **this Thursday at 7.00pm** after the evening Mass this week. The Schola offers free classes in Gregorian Chant to anyone who would like to learn about our beautiful Catholic music. No previous experience is required. A few of our parishioners are already enjoying the classes, and new participants are most welcome.

Pueri Cantores - Children’s Singing Group
Continues next **Thursday, 1st October**, after our Thursday evening Mass for children aged P3 to S2. 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.

First Confession Sacramental Meeting
Parents who have children in **Primary 3** hoping to make their First Confession next year **must** attend a meeting at **7.00pm on Monday 5th October** in the Hall. **Please note the time change to 7.00pm**. You are very welcome to come to Mass beforehand at 6.30pm.

Children’s Liturgy
Our children’s liturgy takes place at our 10.30am Mass. Children from Primary 1 to Primary 4 are most welcome to join.

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
Our welcome meeting for those wishing to become Catholics at Easter next year will take place **this Thursday at 7.00pm in the Hall Committee Room**. Some people have already made contact with me, but if you or anyone you know is interested, please come to the meeting on Thursday, even just to find out about the course. You can also email me at the parish (stjames@rcdom.org.uk).

Primary 1 Welcome Mass
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.

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. This is our last St Michael’s Lent meeting before the celebration of his Feast Day next week, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church.

Afternoon Tea Parish Fundraiser
There will be a **special afternoon tea on Sunday 25th October** to bring our parish community together and help raise some funds for the parish. If you would like to come, tickets are on sale or able to be reserved after Mass this weekend for £10pp. Please see the ladies in the porch after Mass.

Parish Running Group
Our parish running group has been continuing on after the summer, even through the wind and rain! We meet at **8.30am on Saturdays** at the small carpark for Drumpellier Lochs off Blair Road. All are welcome to join us, and some parishioners come to walk the route rather than run. If you are interested in joining, let me know, and you can be added to the WhatsApp Group.



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Sunday 20th September - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass Schedule	Groups	
Mon 21 st Sept	Holy Mass at 6.30pm <i>Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	Monday Club at 1.00pm Men’s Group 7.00pm
Tuesday 22 nd Sept	Holy Mass at 9.45am	
Wed 23 rd Sept	Requiem Mass for Jean Brown RIP at 9.45am	
Thursday 24 th Sept	Holy Mass at 6.30pm <i>Adoration 5.30pm-6.15pm concluding with Benediction</i> <i>Confessions 5.30pm-6.15pm</i>	Cantores Matris Dei at 7.00pm & RCIA at 7.00pm
Friday 25 th Sept	Holy Mass at 9.45am <i>Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am</i>	
Sunday 27th September - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Vigil Mass 26th 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, Elizabeth Reilly, Robert Boyle, and Felix McKay.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Jean Brown (Requiem Mass Weds 24th Sept at 9.45am, Reception of Remains Tues 23rd at 5.30pm).

Month’s Minds: William Gilmour, Donnie Burns, Sadie O’Hagan, Mary & Robert Grant, Marlynne Nicol, Dorothy Chatfield, Eric Chatfield, Mamie Chatfield, Betty Hill, Edward, James & Alice Keegan, and Sharon Farrell.

Anniversaries: Patrick Hughes, Bill Foster, and Freddie Keegan.

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