October Devotions
Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and in particular the devotion of the Holy Rosary. In the parish we will have **October devotions every Monday in October, starting with the Angelus at 6.00pm, followed by the Rosary**, and Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

Our Primary 7 children preparing for Confirmation in Eastertide next year will assist in these devotions as part of their sacramental preparation, and for their St Carlo Acutis *Passport to Heaven* faith journey.

We will also have a **torchlight procession on Monday 19th October at 6.00pm**, processing with Our Lady's Statue around the church grounds and reciting the Rosary together (weather permitting).

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 this 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.

Primary 1 Welcome Mass - Thank you

Thank you to all those who assisted at our Primary 1 Welcome Mass last week, and for their teachers, it was a lovely celebration.

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 meets 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.

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.

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 **this 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/

New Altar Cloth

For the month of October we have dressed our high altar with a new Marian altar cloth, decorated with the Blessed Mother's monogram and the words *Regina Pacis ora pro nobis*, "Queen of Peace, pray for us". This is an invitation to us all to pray the Holy Rosary daily in October, and ask our Blessed Lady, Queen of Peace, to intercede for peace in our hearts and peace in the world. We will bless the new cloth at the end of our 10.30am Sunday Mass.

St Joseph's Men's Group

Congratulations to the men who completed the spiritual programme of St Michael's Lent, we had a great celebration on the Feast of St Michael last week. The group will have a couple of weeks off, and we will **resume on Monday 19th October at 7.00pm** in the Hall. All men in the parish are welcome to join us.

Handmade Rosaries on Sale

This weekend handmade rosaries will be on sale at the back of the church after Mass. For more information please speak to Joanna.

Hall Bookings

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

Prayer of the Month

Many younger Catholics were never taught some of the most beautiful prayers we have in our tradition. Each month in the bulletin we will have a "prayer of the month" for you to learn, or say together as a family at home. October focuses on the Guardian Angels.

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day/night be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

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Sunday 4th October - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule		Groups
Monday 5th October	**Holy Mass at 6.30pm** ***Angelus & Holy Rosary at 6.00pm***	**Monday Club at 1.00pm**
Tuesday 6th October	**Holy Mass at 9.45am**	
Wednesday 7th October	**Holy Mass at 9.45am** *Our Lady of the Rosary*	
Thursday 8th October	**Holy Mass at 6.30pm** *Adoration 5.30pm-6.15pm concluding with Benediction* *Confessions 5.30pm-6.15pm*	**RCIA at 7.00pm**
Friday 9th October	**Holy Mass at 9.45am** *Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am*	

Sunday 11th October - Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass 10th October 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, 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: Matilda Kerr, Sadie White, and John Currie.
Month's Minds: Patrick Brady, Peter Cannon, Ann & Christopher Smith, John Loran, Hugh McHugh, Ellen McHugh, and James & Bridie McMurray.
Anniversaries: Pat Hamill, Mr & Mrs J Creaney Snr, Mr & Mrs J Creaney Jnr, Anne Mackey, Jean Price, and Mamie & Patsy McMurray.

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