Second Collections

Thank you very much for your generous donations to the Diocesan Catholic Education collection last week, you raised £1,030. **Next weekend** we will have a visit from the Little Sisters of the Poor, who will be making a mission appeal.

Santiago Pilgrimage Meeting

For those who have signed up to the pilgrimage, or on the waiting list, there will be a meeting on **Sunday 6th December in the hall 11.30am.** Anne Marie Cairns from Alba Tours will give the costing of the trip and explain the payment details.

Month of the Holy Souls

Holy Mass will be offered each day of this month for all of our beloved dead remembered on our November Lists. **Today (Sunday 22nd Nov) at 2.00pm** we will have our annual cemetery service at Coltswood with the Holy Rosary and blessing of the graves.

Confirmation Advent Workshop

Next **Saturday 28th November** we will have our Advent Wreath making workshop with our Primary 7 Confirmation children and their parents from **3.00-4.00pm in the Hall**.
We would be very grateful for donations of greenery from your gardens for the wreaths, please leave these in bags outside the Hall by Friday morning (27th Nov). Last year we didn't have much handed in, so if you're able to help, we'd be very grateful.

St Andrew's Hospice Light Up a Life 2026

You can celebrate the life of someone special and make a difference to the lives of our patients and their loved ones this Christmas by choosing to dedicate a light in memory or in honour of a loved one. You can sponsor a light in a number of ways: Online at www.st-andrews-hospice.com, visiting one of our Hospice shops, or by telephoning our Fundraising Department, please ask for Lorna Leslie or Jenna Devine on 01236 772087. We would like to invite you to our Lighting Up ceremony at the Hospice on Sunday 6th December at 7.00pm.

Bambinelli Blessing

The Bambinelli blessing is a Catholic Advent tradition in which families bring their Baby Jesus figurines from their home Nativity sets to be blessed. The Blessing will take place on the Third Sunday of Advent, so you have time to look out your crib figures, or even make one if you don't have one already. More detail in the coming weeks.

Christmas Breakfast Parish Fundraiser

Join us on **Sunday 13th December, after 10.30am Mass**, for a lovely festive morning together. Enjoy breakfast, a little tombola, homemade treats (including Fr Paul's Christmas cake!) and a special visitor for the children. **Cost Adult £3.00 | Children £1.50.** Donations or baking and tombola prizes would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

St Joseph's Men's Group

The men's group will meet this Monday 23rd November after the 6.30pm Mass and continue our input on the Holy Mass. There will be Adoration in the church afterwards. **Thank you to all who participated and organised the quiz night,** it was great fun and raised some funds for the parish.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Looking Out for One Another This Christmas

Christmas is an important part of our Christian faith and a time of giving, kindness and looking out for one another. It's also an opportunity to remember those in our communities who may be facing difficulties or simply need a little extra support.
Do you know someone who might benefit from a friendly visit, a listening ear or a helping hand? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is here to offer friendship, companionship and practical support where possible, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. Sometimes, even the smallest act of kindness can make a big difference. Please help us spread the word so that those who may benefit from the Society's support know we're here for them. For more information, please visit our website: www.ssvpmotherwelldiocese.org.uk

Hall Bookings

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

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Sunday 22nd November - Solemnity of Christ the King

Mass Schedule		Groups
Monday 23rd November	**Holy Mass at 6.30pm**	**Monday Club at 1.00pm** **Men's Group at 7pm**
Tuesday 24th November	**Holy Mass at 9.45am** *Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs*	
Wednesday 25th November	**Holy Mass at 9.45am**	
Thursday 26th November	**Holy Mass at 6.30pm** *Adoration 5.30pm-6.15pm concluding with Benediction* *Confessions 5.30pm-6.15pm*	
Friday 27th November	**Requiem Mass for John Price RIP at 9.45am**	

Sunday 29th November - First Sunday of Advent
Vigil Mass 28th November 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, Felix McKay, Mary Bell, and Margaret McAloon.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: John Price (Requiem Mass Fri 27th Nov at 9.45am, Reception of Remains Thur 26th Nov at 5.00pm)
Month's Minds: Richie Burns, Archie, Mary & Jane McConnell, Sharon Farrell, Dorothy Chatfield, Eric Chatfield, Mamie Chatfield, Betty Hill, and Sadie O'Hagan.
Anniversaries: Danny McConnell, and Harriet Quinn.

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