Advent Devotions

This weekend we begin the holy Season of Advent, to prepare our hearts and souls for Christ's coming in glory, and to celebrate His first coming at Christmas. These are busy and hectic days for most of us, so to help us all slow down and spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer there will be additional devotions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the following days:

Sundays 8.00-8.50am
Mondays 5.30-6.30pm
Wednesdays 8.30-9.40am (outwith funerals)
Thursdays 5.30-6.20pm
Saturdays 3.00-4.00pm

Rorate Masses

A Rorate Mass is a traditional Advent devotion when we celebrate Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, during which the church is lit **only by candlelight**, highlighting the interplay of light and darkness, and the meaning of Advent: the coming of the Light of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, soon to be born at Christmas. **These will take place on Thursday 3rd, 10th, and 17th December at 6.30pm**, and we are delighted to have the Cantores Matris Dei Schola singing at these Masses. I warmly invite as many of you as possible to come along. (After the third Rorate Mass on 17th December, all are invited to the hall for mulled wine and festive snacks in the Hall).

Visit from the Little Sisters of the Poor

We are delighted to welcome to the parish the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Care Home in Robroyston, Glasgow will make an appeal at all Masses this weekend. The Little Sisters have been serving and caring for the elderly poor of modest means of Glasgow and the surrounding areas since 1862, and their mission continues today thanks to your generosity. A special collection will be taken up to support their work. Donations can also be made online:www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donations/glasgow-scotland/ Please keep the Little Sisters and the residents in your prayers.

Santiago Pilgrimage Meeting

For those who have signed up to the pilgrimage, or on the waiting list, there will be a meeting **next Sunday 6th December in the hall 11.30am** (you are welcome to have a breakfast roll and we will start the meeting once people have had a quick bite to eat). Anne Marie Cairns from Alba Tours will give the costing of the trip and explain the payment details.

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. Also, we are delighted to have the artist Bill Stewart, who has offered to do caricature portraits for donations to the parish funds.

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 note there will be no course in January for the holidays, the next will be Weds 3rd Feb.** Please sign up via the QR code or go to https://stjamescoatbridge.co.uk/baptism-course/

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 Toy Appeal

We will be teaming up with St Timothy's Primary School to help them in their annual toy appeal to support families who may be struggling at this time of year. **To make the appeal more targeted, there are gift tags in the stall with the age and gender of a child so a gift can be donated for them. Please only take one of these tags if you can definitely commit to providing a gift.** Other donations of toys or selection boxes can also be handed in and would be greatly appreciated.
All donations should be handed in to the Hall and not gift wrapped.

Hall Bookings

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

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Sunday 29th November - First Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule		Groups
Monday 30th November	**Solemn Holy Mass at 6.30pm** ***Solemnity of St Andrew, Apostle*** *followed by individual blessings with the First Class Relic of St Andrew*	
Tuesday 1st December	**Requiem Mass for Betty Higgins RIP at 9.45am**	
Wednesday 2nd December	**Holy Mass at 9.45am** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30-9.40am*	
Thursday 3rd December	**Candlelit Rorate Mass at 6.30pm** *Adoration 5.30pm-6.15pm concluding with Benediction* *Confessions 5.30pm-6.10pm*	**Baptism Course at 6.30pm**
Friday 4th December	**Requiem Mass for Margaret McAloon RIP at 9.45am**	
Saturday 5th December	**Traditional Latin Mass at 10.00am** *Adoration & Confessions from 9.00am-9.50am*	

Sunday 6th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass 5th December 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 Hugh McVae.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Betty Higgins (Requiem Mass Tues 1st Dec at 9.45am, Reception of Remains before Mass), and Margaret McAloon (Requiem Mass Fri 4th Dec at 9.45am, Reception of Remains Thur 3rd Dec at 5.00pm).
Month's Minds: Joe & Lizzie Costello, Joseph Costello Jnr., Jeanie Costello, Arthur & Sally Mulholland, and Patrick Brady.
Anniversaries: Penney Pine, and Patrick Kelly.
Birthday Remembrance: Rena Cairns.

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