

**WELCOME TO
ST NINIAN RC CHURCH
&
ST JOSEPH RC CHURCH**



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Sunday Newsletter

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Our Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass: 5.00pm in St Ninian's RC Church

Sunday Mass:

9.30am in St. Ninian's RC Church

11.00am in St. Joseph's RC Church

Daily Masses

St Ninian's RC Church:

Tuesday; 6pm

Wednesday; 10am

Friday; 10am.

St Joseph's RC Church:

Wednesday; 6pm

Thursday; 10am

Saturday; 10am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Mass: 5.00pm in St Ninian's RC Church

Day Masses:

Morning: As announced.

EXPOSITION;

Saturday; 10.30am to 11am in St Joseph's Church

Friday; 10.30am to 11am in St. Ninian's Church

Birthdays Celebrations; 3rd Sunday of the month

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

St. Ninian; Saturday 4.15pm—4.45pm

St. Joseph; Saturday 10.30am

It was all Joy— The African mass

The African Mass held on 12th April at 3:30pm was a truly uplifting and memorable celebration of faith and culture. With over 50 people in attendance, the atmosphere was filled with vibrant energy, joyful praises, rhythmic dances, and deep expressions of happiness. The liturgy beautifully reflected the richness of African spirituality and communal worship.

We were honoured by the presence of three priests, including the Vicar General of the Diocese, Canon Kevin Golden, whose support added great significance to the occasion. The gathering also welcomed some Africans from England and Glasgow, many friends and lovers of Africa, creating a warm and inclusive community spirit. After the liturgy, there was a light refreshment, giving everyone the opportunity to share fellowship, build new friendships, and strengthen existing bonds.

This celebration was not just an event, but a moment of unity and shared joy, reminding us of the beauty of diversity in worship. We hope to continue this African Mass once every month and warmly invite everyone to come, participate, and worship with us. It will only get better next time.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

3rd Sunday of Easter •

Liturgical Colour: White. Year: A(II).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

'It was not possible for him to be held by death.'

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. R1

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

or: Alleluia.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord.'

O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;

you yourself who secure my lot.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

or: Alleluia.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the LORD before me always;

with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

or: Alleluia.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

or: Alleluia.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

or: Alleluia.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

'You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.'

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;

make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Bidding Prayers

Priest: Trusting in the risen Lord who feeds and strengthens His people, we present our prayers:

1. **For the Church**, that she may faithfully proclaim the Resurrection and guide all people to Christ's love and mercy.

Lord, hear us.

2. **For world leaders**, that they may promote justice, peace, and respect for human dignity in all nations.

Lord, hear us.

3. **For those who struggle in faith**, like Peter, that they may experience the Lord's forgiveness and find strength to begin again.

Lord, hear us

4. **For the sick, the lonely, and the suffering**, that the healing presence of the risen Christ may bring them comfort and hope.

Lord, hear us.

5. **For our community**, that we may recognise Christ in our daily lives and serve one another with love and generosity.

Lord, hear us.

6. **For the care of nature:** For a renewed sense of wonder and responsibility, that we may listen to the cry of the earth and the poor, making choices that restore balance, reduce waste, and honour God's gift of creation.

Lord, hear us.

7. **For the faithful departed**, that they may share in the joy of the Resurrection.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: Loving Father, you nourish us with your Word and Sacrament. Hear our prayers and grant them according to your will, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

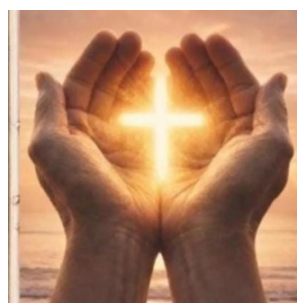
Prayer for the Sick

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital especially those of our Parishes – Pamela Herron, James Ashwood, Irene Blaney, Margaret Mackie, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, Gordon Sangster, Bill Martin, Mary Clark, Bella Shaw, Angela Keith, Cecilia McCarten, Alan Newell, Albert Soave, Bethany Williamson, Irene McKay, Saul Sangster, Gillian Donnelly, Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Behl, Andrew Fyffe, Lyn Fyffe, Lisa Gillespie, Gerard Halliday and Margaret McDonagh.
May they feel the healing power of Christ, in body and in spirit.

Prayer for the Dead

Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith - for the soul of His Holiness Pope Francis, Alex McMillan, Joseph McFadyen, John Lander, Ian MacPherson, Anna Macbeth and Anna McWilliam, Jane Kinnear, Fred Reid, whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May God grant them, and the souls of all the faithful departed, eternal rest.**

Know Your Faith



When is the best time to pray?

The best time to pray is anytime, but certain moments help deepen the encounter.

Early morning sets the tone for the day, placing everything in God's hands.

Midday prayer renews strength and refocuses the heart amid daily tasks.

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Evening prayer offers gratitude and reflection, entrusting all to God's care. Beyond fixed times, the best time is whenever your heart is open; whether in joy, need or silence. God is always present, waiting to listen.

A consistent rhythm helps, but sincerity matters most. Pray often, pray simply, and let prayer become a natural part of your daily life.

Announcements



1. Today we pray and celebrate with our brothers and sisters born in the month of April. Happy birthday and may God bless you all Amen.

2. Confirmation

Bishop Andrew Mckenzie will celebrate mass for us at St Ninians during which he will confirm our children in the faith. Date is Tuesday the 21st of April at 6pm. Please come and pray with us celebrate our children who will be confirmed.

ST JOSEPH'S -

CHURCH CLEANING: The church cleaning requires more cleaning volunteers. We humbly appeal for more helpers to join. God bless you as you do so.

ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SUNDAY 12 APRIL

Loose Plate £160 Gift Aid Envelopes £143 Standing Orders £356 Additional Offertories £111 Maintenance Fund £150 TOTAL OFFERTORIES £920

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please try to give a little more each week to help St Jo's.

ST JOSEPH'S – ALL MASSES NOW IN THE MAIN CHURCH

From today we are back in the main church for all Masses – Wednesday 6.00pm, Thursday 10.00am, Saturday 10.00am and Sunday 11.00am.

ST NINIAN

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm. Names of the council members and all other parish ministries will then be displayed on the church notice board.

CC JUNIORS

The next CC Juniors will take place on **Thursday 23rd April at 3:15**. We would love to see lots of the children take part. Please confirm attendance to Louise on 07977537230.

AFTERNOON TEAS

We are pleased to say that our monthly afternoon teas in CC's, our church hall, will begin again on Thursday 30th April at 12.30. If you'd like to join us for tasty treats, an exciting raffle and good company, text Margret on 07917 461640

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Volunteers from the **Westgate Malawi Twinning Project** will be travelling to Malawi this September, and we'd love to send handmade items for babies and toddlers with them.

Every contribution, big or small, will be greatly appreciated. Please bring donations to the parish by August -so plenty of time! Thank you for your support! plenty of time! Thank you for your support!

DIOCESAN EVENT ON OUR JOURNEYING TOGETHER PROGRAMME

Saturday 9th 2026 at The Pastoral Centre St Mary's Forebank Hall 10.00-1.45 pm.

Please come and listen to the well-known writer, papal biographer, and Tablet correspondent **Austen Ivereigh**, as he presents live online the topic:

"Missionary disciples in a synodal Church: the future of faith in these Islands".

How does the Church thrive in an age where it is no longer supported by culture?

Stay Connected: Join Our Parish WhatsApp Groups

We are pleased to invite all parishioners to join our parish WhatsApp communities—simple, friendly ways to stay connected, informed, and spiritually nourished throughout the week.

Parish Community Group

Our general parish WhatsApp group is designed to share news, updates, and information about parish life—events, services, and opportunities to get involved. It's a helpful way to stay in touch with what's happening in our community. To sign up, please text Margret 07917461640

Daily Reflections Group

This group offers a short daily reflection to help you pause, pray, and reflect. It's a gentle way to bring a moment of faith into each day, wherever you are. To sign up, please text Maureen 07766 886080

You are warmly invited to join either or both groups, depending on your interest. We look forward to staying connected with you.



Diocesan Announcements

DIVINE RENOVATION OPEN DAY REMINDER

St John the Baptist Church in Uddingston is hosting a Divine Renovation Open Day on 25 April.

Father James Mallon, the author of 'Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission' and the founder of Divine Renovation, is travelling from Canada for the event.

Divine Renovation is a model of parish renewal, not a one-size-fits-all programme.

They have seen missionary renewal flourish in parishes worldwide — regardless of size, location, or culture — when these three keys are embraced.

The event, which runs from 9:30pm to 5pm at St John the Baptist, Uddingston, will include a Mass celebrated by Bishop Toal. All are welcome, and you can register at <https://divinerenovation.org/calendar/open-house-scotland/>