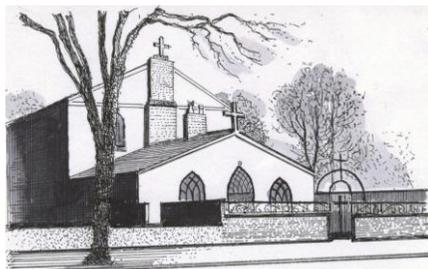


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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8th APRIL 2018

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Nicola Cameron Rew
Sunday	9.00am	Les Johnstone
	10.30am	John Houghton & Maureen Turner
Monday	7.30pm	Esther & Jack Edmundson
Tuesday	9.00am	Thanksgiving (AD)
Wednesday	8.30am	Sean & Alice Kelly
Thursday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
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MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Tony Lyons
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Claire & Ged Greenall & Nora Faulkner

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	No confessions until further notice
Meditation	Monday after Mass & Saturday 10.15am

Counters team next Sunday - Team A

Sue & John Murray Paul Toole Martin Kernick

THANKS

Another wonderful Easter in Portico. When I think it cannot get better the God of Surprises surprises me yet again and I am so grateful for such blessings. I'm grateful too to all who took part so prayerfully and for all who helped in any way. I'm particularly thankful to the ladies who transformed the altar and especially for the Easter Garden. Absolutely stunning! Thanks too for all your good wishes and encouragement and of course your generosity to me personally. The liquid painkiller has once more been replenished. May God bless and reward you for it. God, I know, is never outdone in generosity.

GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDER FORMS

I am informed by the finance team that all the new Gift Aid forms have been processed and that all completed standing order (SO) forms returned to the parish up to last weekend have been forwarded to the applicable banks. Please check your bank statement to make sure both that your instruction has been activated and that you have not paid twice (unless you want to!). The 2018/19 boxes and envelopes had already been printed before this campaign started so even if you submitted a standing order form you will have been issued with a new set of offertory envelopes. Please keep the box (*but don't use the envelopes*) until you are sure your bank has activated your SO instruction. Once you are sure, you may dispose of the envelopes. For parishioners who have opted not to set up a SO, arrangements for making weekly offerings by envelope or cash in the plate remain exactly as before.

PORTICO BIBLE STUDY GROUP

After our break for Lent and the start of the Easter Season we will meet again on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30 pm in the church house [unless access to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel becomes available before then]. If there is a Tuesday evening Mass, our meeting will start after it. New people are always welcome. There are often profound moments shared as well as laughter. You do not need to be a scholar or an academic but just have a thirst to break God's Word and share it with others. If you require any further details phone Ken on 01744820654.

50 PLUS GROUP

The next meeting of the 50 Plus Group will take place on Wednesday 11th April at 2:00pm in St James' Church Hall. Any outstanding monies due for the outing to Rivington Barn should be paid in.

THANKS

I wish to thank the parishioners who helped with the car park work. Also, grateful thanks to Paul Beesley of Beesley & Fildes for his advice, and then generously donating the edging stones and pebbles. Thanks also to the Managers of Linacre Tool Hire and B & Q for advice and financial assistance.