

28th April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter - Year B



ST MARY & ST DAVID Hawick, Jedburgh and Kelso



St Philip & St James 3rd May

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DEVOTIONS	Confessions: are heard and the Rosary is prayed before all Holy Masses.	Adoration: of The Most Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Holy Masses.

Readings: The 5th Sunday of Easter - Year B.

Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

1st Reading. Acts 9:26-31 **RP.** Ps 21 **2nd Reading.** 1 Jn 3:18-24 **Gospel.** Jn 15:1-8

Holy Mass Times	Hawick	Jedburgh	Kelso	Ordo	Intentions
Sat 27th April		5.30pm Vigil Mass		5th Sunday of Easter	
Sun 28th April	11.30am	Holy Hour 4pm Mass 5pm	9.30am		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon 29th April	10am			The Feast of St Catherine of Sienna	Protection of Unborn
Tue 30th April			10am	5th week in Eastertide	Priest Intention
Wed 1st May	10am			5th week in Eastertide	Gerard Flynn RIP
Thurs 2nd May		10am		The memorial of St Athanasius	Margaret Scambler RIP
Fri 3rd May	7pm		10am	The feasts of St Philip and St James	Priest Intention
Sat 4th May	12 Noon	5.30pm Vigil Mass		6th Sunday of Easter	<i>Special Intention</i>
Sun 5th May	11.30am		9.30am		<i>Pro Populo</i>

Collections: From last week.

Hawick... £352.43

Jedburgh... £198.70

Kelso... £140.70

SCIAF –Wee Box collection amounted to £538.59.

Parish News

Friendship Club

The friendship club will have a meeting in the church hall on Wednesday 8th May, from 1.30-3.30pm

I hope to see you all there to renew our friendships and make new ones. Anyone is welcome who has a free afternoon for a cuppa and a blether.

Liz Jackson

Social Committee.

The social committee has recently become very depleted having lost members through death, injury and advancing years.

New members are needed to fulfil a valuable role in support of the church to raise funds for both for the fabric of the church and for the various charities the church supports.

Please consider offering your support by joining the committee .

Diocesan News

Pilgrimage to Salamanca

St Mary's Parish in Stirling invites people from across the Archdiocese to join them on pilgrimage to Salamanca, Spain, from 12-19 October 2024. Includes trips to Avilla and Segovia, staying at the Royal Scots College (twin rooms only).

Contact: admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk or 01786 473749.

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking *Assisted Pilgrims* to join them on the pilgrimage in July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit [Lourdes 2024 | edinburgh-lourdes](#)

Receiving Holy Communion:

In keeping with the words of Our Lord:

"the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh" (Jn 6:51),

the Blessed Sacrament contains Jesus Christ **really present** with his true body, blood, soul and divinity under the outward appearance of bread.

Practicing Catholics who have been fasting for at least one hour beforehand and who are not aware of having committed any mortal sin since their last confession, may receive holy communion.

Please let us receive Holy Communion with the utmost reverence and adoration worthy of the King of Kings.

The Feast of St Catherine of Siena

Mon 29th April

One of four female Doctors of the Church, St. Catherine of Siena, is known for her writings on mysticism and spiritual guidance and her efforts for Church unity in the fourteenth century. We celebrate the feast of St. Catherine of Siena on the anniversary of her death, April 29.

At the time of Catherine's birth in 1347, the Church was still in a state of conflict, as the Catholic papacy had moved to Avignon, France in 1309, before Catherine's birth. This period in Church history is known as the Western Schism.

Catherine experienced her first mystical vision – of Christ blessing her – at the age of 5. Two years later, she vowed to live a chaste life. About a decade after, Catherine's older sister passed away, and her parents urged her to marry her sister's widower. Yet, despite her parents' desires, Catherine refused. Instead, she entered the *Mantellate*, the female branch of the Dominicans of the Third Order, at aged 16 after her vision of St. Dominic.

Catherine became known throughout Italy for her asceticism and efforts in church reform in her twenties. At aged 28, she received the stigmata (wounds resembling Christ's from his crucifixion), similar to Padre Pio, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Faustina Kowalska, among others.

St. Catherine of Siena died of a stroke in 1380 at 33 years old – the same age as Christ on the day of His crucifixion.

The feasts of St Philip and St James

Fri 3rd May

What we know for certain about these two disciples is that they were among the Twelve Apostles. They were uniquely chosen by the Savior to continue His divine mission of evangelizing the world. They embraced their ministry heroically, establishing communities of believers, preaching the Gospel, offering the sacraments, performing miracles, and governing the early Church. Allow the apostolic zeal and the courageous martyrdom of these apostles to inspire you today with the same zeal and courage, so that God can also send you forth on mission.

Pilgrimage to Fatima.

11th–16th September 2024

If anyone is interested in joining this pilgrimage please contact Fr Joshua.

Please note we will discontinue the evening Mass on Sunday in Jedburgh

Every Blessing for the week ahead.