



**Saint Mary's Parish Lanark  
&  
Saint Isidore's Parish Biggar**



**10th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9th June 2024**

**Voting in a Civilised Society**

Sunday 25th May, there was a programme on the radio on the concept of cultural ideas between four speakers each presenting their own perspective on identity and 'left' versus 'right' views in politics. The conversation was fairly generalised with each presenting societal values as they perceived them for example standards in education, health, housing and income.

The conversation became a little more heated when for one of the contributors, views on abortion coloured his own concept of 'civilised' socialism. Whether he intended to make an issue of this particularly sensitive subject was unclear but the other three speakers and chairman avoided the politically charged comment. However I noticed the gap widen between the first speaker and his counterpart thereafter no matter what other subject was being debated.



At first my heart sank but then the other speaker deftly broadened the conversation so as not to labour on this one contentious issue. Then I mulled over the impending General Election called for 4th July and recalled one reporter two years ago quizzing an MP on his abortion views where yet again there was a difference of opinion.

Although voting on sensitive matters has been traditionally down to an MP's personal matter of conscience, it turns out that some political parties have tried to pressure their members into making pro-abortion a matter of policy but I am still under the impression each MP can decide how to vote in their own right. Doctors and nurses have been in a similar position in certain hospital units.

For our own country to be called truly civilised, we should reject the sort of amendment attempted by Diane Johnston and Stella Creasy MPs to the Criminal Justice Bill where it was proposed to extend abortion to birth and be decriminalised. With the UK going to the country to vote that attempt has now failed. This would have dragged back-street abortion into more scandalous and criminal shame. No wonder there was an attempt to decriminalise just in case the amendment was passed.

The assisted suicide debate being introduced by the Scottish Lib Democrats is another attempt to foist a highly dangerous proposal onto the people of Scotland without caring for the most vulnerable the terminally ill. Were it introduced into law it would inextricably broaden to include other conditions - the disabled the elderly and chronic sick- i.e. the thin edge of the wedge expanding criteria which has happened in Canada and Belgium.

A civilised society is one which cares for the whole community where people cannot speak for themselves and where opportunities to live in safety and lead healthy lives should be encouraged and not suppressed.

It will be interesting to see if Candidates feel free to respond to these questions in the short time leading up to 4th July and give us a chance to decide where best to place our vote.

*Dr Janina Harvey*

# Weekly Parish Schedule

*Daily Mass & Devotions from St Mary's are broadcast on the parish YouTube Channel.*

**Sunday 9th June** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Monday 10th June** *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Maxfield (St Mary's)

**Tuesday 11th June**

- 10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am (St Mary's)
- 11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 12noon Angelus & Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 2.00pm Rite of Committal for William Smith (St Mary's Cemetery)

**Wednesday 12th June**

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Corrine Walkinshaw (St Mary's)
- 7.00pm *Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)*

**Thursday 13th June**

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Marion Wright (St Mary's)

**Friday 14th June**

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

**Saturday 15th June** *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

- 9.00am Confession until 9.25am (St Mary's)
- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm (St Mary's)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Sunday 16th June** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)
- 3.00pm **Choir of St Mary's Summer Concert - Ticketed Event (St Mary's Clubrooms)**
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

## Liturgical Calendar

**Tuesday 11th June, St Barnabas, Apostle** - It is not known when he died, but according to Eastern and Western tradition his remains were discovered on this day sometime in the fifth century. A Jew from Cyprus and one of the first converts in Jerusalem, a leading member of the Church there, though not one of the twelve. He introduced Saint Paul to the twelve and worked with him in Antioch and on missionary work in the Mediterranean world. Championed the Gentiles at the Council of Jerusalem. Honoured as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" (Acts 11:21).

**Thursday 13th June, St Anthony of Padua** - Priest, Doctor of the Church. Born in Lisbon (Portugal) in 1195; died at Padua (Italy) on this day in 1231. At first an Augustinian priest and scholar, then became a Franciscan to do missionary work in north Africa but this was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon

The final meeting for the pilgrims heading to Fatima and Lisbon, on 2nd July, will take place in Our Lady & St John's, Blackwood (ML11 9RZ), starting with **Mass at 7pm, followed by a meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th June**. All pilgrims are invited to this Mass and meeting which will be a finalising of the itinerary, the handing out of the necessary documents and the Mass booklet. Anne Marie and Jim Cairns, from Alba Tours, will be at the meeting to answer any questions or queries you may have.



## Ukraine Baby Clothes Appeal

St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Conference, in conjunction with the Cargill Club, are appealing for baby clothes and baby toiletries, for those in Ukraine. Any donations of clothing or toiletries, for newly born babies up to 10 years of age, would be appreciated and gratefully received. There will be a box in the porch of St Mary's until Sunday 30th June for any donations. We kindly ask that only new born to 10 years old clothing and toiletries are donated.



## Father's Day Remembrance

Next Sunday is Father's Day. 10.30am Mass will be offered for all those who wish to have their father or grandfather remembered (alive or dead). If you would like your father, or grandfather, listed in the Father's Day Remembrances, please hand their name into the sacristy or post through the door before Thursday 13th June - clearly make the envelope as FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE. If your father or grandfather is still alive, please mark as LIVING.

## Choir Concert

The Choir of St Mary's are hosting an afternoon concert ***Here Comes Summer*** on Sunday 16th June at 3pm in St Mary's Clubrooms.

Tickets cost £7 and all proceeds go to Cancer Care Trust.

Tickets are available from choir members. The bar will be open and a raffle held.

## Gift Aid Scheme

A huge thank you to those who support the parishes through the Gift Aid Scheme. For the Tax Year 2023/24 we have been awarded £18,490.17 (St Mary's) and £2,613.50 (St Isidore's) from HMRC. The Gift Aid Scheme is open to all parishioners who pay tax on their earnings or pension and does not cost you a penny or invade your privacy. If you pay tax and are not part of the Scheme please collect a form from St Mary's Stall.

## Wellspring Deanery Questionnaire

Thank you to those who completed a Wellspring Deanery Questionnaire, we received around 40 completed forms. It would be great if more people would give us some feedback, so to make it easier, please scan the QR Code and answer the questions. It will take less than 5 mins, and is important.



## St Mary's Clubrooms Bookings

If you would like to book the Clubrooms for a function or are interested in using it on a regular basis, please contact Heather for more details:

**07300857616**

or **[theclubrooms@outlook.com](mailto:theclubrooms@outlook.com)**

## Lanark St Vincent de Paul

If you are requiring some assistance, please contact our SSVP on their new dedicated number: **07565396878**. The aim of the SSVP is to offer help and support to any families who are struggling within the geographical remit of our conference.



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## Please Pray For The Following:



**Recently Dead:** Margaret Maxfield      Biggar  
William Smith                                  Rhyber Avenue  
Corrine Walkinshaw                          Braxfield Terrace  
Marion Wright                                  Wallace Court

Michael Dowd.

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Walter McEwan; Alistair Brown.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Margaret Maxfield      Requiem Mass: Monday 10th June, 9.30am, St Mary's  
William Smith    Rite of Committal: Tuesday 11th June, 2pm, St Mary's Cemetery  
Corrine Walkinshaw      Requiem Mass: Wednesday 12th June, 9.30am, St Mary's  
Marion Wright    Requiem Mass: Thursday 13th June, 9.30am, St Mary's

*Saints of God come to their aid,  
hasten to meet them, angels of the Lord.*

## Parish Finances

**St Mary's**  
Offertory Collection:                          £ 1,305.00

**St Isidore's**  
Offertory Collection:                          £ ----

**St Marys Mission RCDM**  
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*Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish*

## St Mary's Ministry Rota

### Readers:

<b><u>8th/9th June</u></b>	<b><u>22nd/23rd June</u></b>
5.00pm R. Kane	5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am M. McCusker	10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm S. Casserly	5.00pm M. Davis
<b><u>15th/16th June</u></b>	<b><u>29th/30th June</u></b>
5.00pm J. McBride	5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am R. Colpitts	10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm N. Donnelly	5.00pm S. Casserly

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<b><u>8th/9th June</u></b>	<b><u>22nd/23rd June</u></b>
5.00pm P. Freel	5.00pm J. McEwan
R. Sinton	C. McClafferty
10.30am J. McAlavey	10.30am J. Wilson
M. Davis	A. O'Neil
C. O'Brien	N. Keenan
<b><u>15th/16th June</u></b>	<b><u>29th/30th June</u></b>
5.00pm M. Keenan	5.00pm J. McClafferty
P. Stewart	K. Bryce
10.30am J. McAlavey	10.30am J. McAlavey
J. Littlejohn	T. Mullen
M. Keenan	B. Farrell