



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



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th June 2024

Scotland's Synodal Journey: New Directions for the Church in Scotland

Saturday 8th June saw a gathering of around 100 sisters and brothers from the laity, clergy and religious life, from across Scotland and further afield at the Archdiocesan offices in Glasgow. The day offered the chance to reflect on Pope Francis's focus on synodality in the church. The word 'synod' comes from two Greek words syn meaning "together" and hodos meaning "road" or "way", and so means a "coming together".

The event itself was organised by Open House Scotland and open to all. Bishop Brian McGee opened the day in prayer and we then listened to Dr Mary Cullen, Rev Dr Tom Magill, Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ and Prof Werner Jeanrond speak in turn, with plenty of time between each speaker for lively group discussion but also, importantly, time for silent reflection too.

From Dr Mary Cullen we learned about the way our faith community in Scotland has been shaped over the last two centuries by history, by the Irish famine and often by the culture and politics of the day. Fr Tom Magill offered a thought-provoking review (not always comfortable listening!) of the synod to date. A certain apathy has crept into the process and much work still needs to be done to make synodality alive and active in our Church in Scotland. Dr Gemma Simmonds offered us a challenge of a different kind, asking us to think about the meaning of the word 'discernment' and how this can help us grow personally and in relation with others in the Church. Then Prof Werner Jeanrond helped us look back over all the contributions offered over the day, and to focus on the key questions and issues, as we now look ahead.

The format of the day followed a process used in the Synod meeting last year in Rome, called 'Conversation in the Spirit', which allows time and space for everyone to pray, to contribute, to listen respectfully and with gratitude.

The Vatican's Synod website has lots more information and is constantly being updated.

What is the aim of the Synod?

The aim of the Synod overall, is 'to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term'

What does Pope Francis want us all to do and think about?

'We recall that the purpose of the Synod is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands'

If you would like to hear more about what is happening locally, please feel free to speak to Gillean McCluskey or Frances Spence. We would be delighted to chat more!

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Frances & Gillean, Parish Synod Coordinators



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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)

Monday 17th 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 Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 1.30pm **Primary 7 Leavers Mass (St Mary's Primary School)**

Tuesday 18th 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)

Wednesday 19th June

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 10.00am **Church Cleaning (St Mary's)**
- 7.00pm **Holy Mass and Fatima Meeting (Our Lady & St John's Blackwood ML11 9RZ)**
- 7.00pm *Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)*

Thursday 20th June

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

Friday 21st June

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

Saturday 22nd 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 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)**

Sunday 23rd June *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

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

Liturgical Calendar

Saturday 21st June, Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs - John Fisher: Born at Beverley (England) in 1469; died at London on this day in 1535. Chancellor at Cambridge and then Bishop at Rochester, combining diligent pastoral ministry with the defence of Catholic doctrine.

Thomas More: Born in London 1478; died there for the faith on 6 July 1535. An Oxford scholar, a noted humanist and apologist, an incorruptible judge and Lord Chancellor, a devoted husband and loving father.

Drawn into conflict with Henry VIII, both were imprisoned and beheaded for treason. Noted for their wide learning, for their devotion to the Church, and for their uncompromising integrity and courage. An opportunity to celebrate all the English martyrs, Catholic and Protestant, of the Reformation era. Coming from every walk of life, people rich and poor, married and single, women and men died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith.

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.



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.

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.

St Mary's Annual BBQ - Sunday 18th August 2024

You are invited to our Annual BBQ on Sunday 18th August 2024 after 10.30 Mass. Children's entertainer, fire engine, balloon modelling, face-painting and lots more activities. Stalls include Children's Tombola, Bottle Tombola and Make and Bake stall. The Raffle will be drawn at the BBQ. Tea and Coffee will be served. Bar will also be open for refreshments.

Any donations for raffle and tombola stalls will be gratefully received.



Sponsored Walk to Walsingham

There is a prolife sponsor form at the stall for those who wish to support Rob Collins, acting-fundraising manager for the Society and Protection of Unborn Children, in his 155 miles walk from St Alban's to Walsingham.



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**

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: Maureen McCulloch Long Row, Lanark
Margaret Maxfield; William Smith; Corrine Walkinshaw; Marion Wright; Tam Williamson (Blackwood);
Hannah McNally (Alloa); Michael Cleary; John Sweeney.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: James E. Reid; Charlotte & May Kelly; Peter & Eleonora De-Schuster;
Grace Donaldson; Margaret McAllister; Jim Collins; Joseph & Sarah Quinn.

Father's Day Remembrance: Jim McShane; John McShane; William Campbell; Gerry Wyllie; Jim White;
Sandy McLean; Jim Beveridge; Ken Highton; Tom Wallace; John Donnelly; Matt Reilly; John Renton; Jim
Brennan; John Kennedy; Lawrence Hynds; James Graham; Thomas Cloonan; Jim Callaghan; Mark Cloonan;
James Mullen; William Traynor; John McVey; Joseph Quinn; John Christie; Arthur Christie; Robert Scott;
Henry McKenzie; John Kerr; Ron Meldrum; Daniel Stewart; Jimmy Meldrum; Jim McLaughlan; Bill Murray;
John Boyle; John Brown; Francie McManus.

*Blessed are those who have died in the Lord,
Let them rest from their labours,
And their good deeds go with them.*

Parish Finances

St Mary's
Offertory Collection: £ 1,136.00

St Isidore's
Offertory Collection: £ 105.00

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Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

15th/16th June

5.00pm J. McBride
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm N. Donnelly

29th/30th June

5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm S. Casserly

22nd/23rd June

5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm M. Davis

6th/7th July

5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

15th/16th June

5.00pm M. Keenan
P. Stewart
10.30am J. McAlavey
J. Littlejohn
M. Keenan

29th/30th June

5.00pm J. McClafferty
K. Bryce
10.30am J. McAlavey
T. Mullen
B. Farrell

22nd/23rd June

5.00pm J. McEwan
C. McClafferty
10.30am J. Wilson
A. O'Neil
N. Keenan

6th/7th July

5.00pm A. Dempsey
C. Scott
10.30am P. Cunningham
A. Cruikshank
J. McAlavey