



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



**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd June 2024**

Liturgical Ministry: What is Liturgy?

Liturgy is the public worship of the Church. It is first and foremost a participation in Christ's worship of the Father, and it is in this worship that the Church is most evidently herself.

Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of his minister, "the same now offering, through the ministry of priests, who formerly offered himself on the cross", but especially under the eucharistic species. By his power he is present in the sacraments, so that when a man baptises it is really Christ himself baptising. He is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. He is presently, lastly, when the Church prays and sings, for he promised: "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (*Mt 18:20*).

Christ indeed always associates the Church with himself in this great work wherein God is perfectly glorified and men are sanctified. The Church is his beloved Bride who calls to her Lord, and through him offers worship to the Eternal Father.

Rightly, then, the liturgy is considered as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. In the liturgy the sanctification of the man is signified by signs perceptible to the senses, and is effected in a way which corresponds with each of these signs: in the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by he Head and his members.

From this it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of his Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others: no other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree.

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed: at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows. For the aim and object of apostolic works is that all who are made sons of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of his Church, to take part in the sacrifice, and to eat the Lord's supper. *Sacrosanctum Concilium 7, 10*

Liturgy is always something more than just what we happen to do in this place, here and now. It is always a work of the whole Church. It is most fundamentally the participation of the whole Church, the Body of Christ, in the worship offered to God the Father by God the Son, Jesus Christ. It is a work that is visible here on earth but which is, invisible to us, shared in also by the saints and angels.

Liturgy always has the broader ecclesial dimension, and always it is a participation in the prayer of Christ. For this reason the Church takes the greatest care of how the Liturgy is celebrated. The liturgical books themselves witness to the care taken with regard to the proper ordering of the rites. There is a clear instruction about what is to be done. The roles of ministers and congregation as a whole are described for the celebration of Mass. The approved readings and prayers are provided. There is guidance about the way symbols are used and how the church building is to be arranged. Nothing is left to chance!



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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)

Monday 24th 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)

Tuesday 25th 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 26th June

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

7.00pm *Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)*

Thursday 27th June

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

12noon **Wedding of Stephanie & Mark (St Mary's)**

Friday 28th June

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

1.00pm **Wedding of Jemma & Martin (St Mary's)**

Saturday 29th 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 Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul (St Mary's)**

Sunday 30th June *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am **Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul (St Mary's)**

12noon **Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul (Holy Trinity)**

5.00pm **Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul (St Mary's)**

Summary of Decree of Amalgamation of St Isidore's, Biggar Into the Parish of St Mary's, Lanark - effective 1st July 2024

As proclaimed at all Masses of obligation on weekend 8th/9th June, Bishop Toal Decrees the following:

1. Effective from Midnight 1st July 2024, the Parish of St Isidore's, Biggar, will cease as a separate juridic person in the Church and will be joined with the juridic person which is the neighbouring parish of St Mary's, Lanark: The boundaries of St Mary's, Lanark, will change accordingly to incorporate those of St Isidore's, Biggar.
2. Fr John-Paul McShane will continue as Parish Priest of St Mary's, Lanark, and all existing parochial registers from St Isidore's, Biggar will be retained at St Mary's.
3. In accordance with the norm of c.121, all of the goods and patrimonial rights and property of St Isidore's, and any obligations with which it be burdened, together with all its existing assets and liabilities shall become the property, rights, obligations, assets and liabilities of St Mary's, Lanark. Furthermore, possession and ownership of all ecclesiastical goods and all objects of artistic or historical value belonging to St Isidore's shall be transferred to St Mary's, Lanark, and shall be administered in accordance of the prescriptions of Canon Law with due regard for the intention of benefactors.

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **next weekend**. Bags of groceries or essentials can be handed to a Passkeeper or into the sacristy. Any monetary donations can be handed into the sacristy or placed into the collection bag with your weekly offering, clearly marked **FOODBANK**.



Thank you for your continued generosity

Choir of St Mary's Summer Concert

The Choir of St Mary's would like to thank parishioners and friends in the wider Lanark community who supported their summer concert. It provided a 'wonderfully joyous' (to quote one audience member) afternoon raising the magnificent sum of £1,078.00 for Cancer Care Drivers.

Thank you one and all
for your support and generosity.

Second Collection Next Weekend - Peter's Pence

At all Masses next weekend there will be a Second Collection after Holy Communion to support the work of Peter's Pence, the traditional collection to support the charity of the Bishop of Rome towards those most in need and his service to the Churches of the world through the Roman Curia.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

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

theclubrooms@outlook.com



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.



Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass Choir

One of the main responses in our Parish and Deanery Wellspring Questionnaires focused on Music Ministry at all Masses, and the wonderful Choir of St Mary's and Children's Choir.

In order to improve our "experience" of Saturday 5pm Mass, it would be nice to have some people (informal choir) singing in the choir loft with the organ.

We are so blessed that Katie volunteers to play at the Vigil Mass, and at times, the singing can be fragmented and at a various speeds. If we had some people singing with the organ it would improve our liturgy and encourage all parishioners to participate in the singing.

If you would be interested in helping with the singing, either, speak to Fr John-Paul, or wander up to the choir loft and introduce yourself to Katie. All experience and none welcome!!



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.





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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Maureen McCulloch Long Row, Lanark
Rosemarie Casey (Wishaw).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Geraldine Murphy; Mark Cloonan; James M. Donoghue; Jim Brennan; Arthur Kane; William, Elizabeth, William, Jim, James & Brian McCardie.

Funeral Arrangements: Maureen McCulloch Funeral Service: Monday 1st July 2024, 2.15pm, Brown's Parlour

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

Prayers for the Dead: The Church has always urged the faithful to pray for those who have died, particularly by having Holy Mass offered for the repose of their soul. Pope Francis describes this as, 'the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly the most abandoned ones.' If you would like Mass offered for the repose of the soul of a loved one please write their name on an envelope with the Mass offering enclosed and give it to Fr John-Paul or hand it into the sacristy or post it through the chapel house letterbox.

Parish Finances

St Mary's
Offertory Collection: £ 1,200.00

St Isidore's
Offertory Collection: £ 69.00

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

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

22nd/23rd June

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

29th/30th June

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

6th/7th July

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

13th/14th July

5.00pm R. Kane
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

22nd/23rd June

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

29th/30th June

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

6th/7th July

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

13th/14th July

5.00pm P. Freel
R. Sinton
10.30am C. Duddy
V. Hilland
D. McFarlane