

# St Mary's Lanark

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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st July 2024

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

**Sunday 21st July** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Monday 22nd July** *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**Tuesday 23rd July**

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

**Wednesday 24th July**

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**7.00pm** Reception of the Mortal Remains of Therese Kennedy

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

**Thursday 25th July**

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Therese Kennedy

**Friday 26th July**

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**Saturday 27th July** *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

9.00am Confession until 9.25am

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Sunday 28th July** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

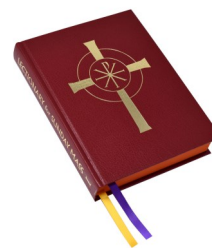
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## New Lectionaries

The response to the notice in the last bulletin regarding the new Lectionaries that we require to obtain before the First Sunday of Advent has been amazing. Two parishioners have come forward and donated money to cover all the books required for St Mary's and for use in the School. The new Lectionaries will be in memory of loved ones from each of these families and their names will be inscribed in the inside cover in remembrance. Thank you so much to these parishioners for their kindness and financial support. If any parishioner would like to donate the Lectionaries used in Holy Trinity in memory of a loved one please speak with Fr John-Paul.



## Summer Break

If you are heading away on holiday this summer please enjoy a restful and happy time away from the humdrum of ordinary everyday life. When you are away please don't forget to attend Mass. Why not get a photograph of the church you are visiting and send them through to the parish Facebook page where we can let others see the many different churches visited this summer (none as beautiful as our own two churches of course!)?

## Weddings in St Mary's

So far this year 6 couples have been married in St Mary's with another 2 couples scheduled to celebrate their Big Day within the next few weeks.

If you have booked your wedding in St Mary's anytime between Sept - Dec 2024, please contact Fr John-Paul direct to confirm your date and start the official paperwork.

*Let all that you do be done in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14*

## Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass Singing

One of our parishioners has kindly volunteered to help with the singing at the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass. Hopefully, others will feel comfortable at joining in the singing. If you are interested in helping with the singing please go to the choir loft before Mass and speak to Katie; it will be wonderful if we could have a few parishioners help enhance our liturgy and experience of Mass.

*"They who sing, prays twice."  
St Augustine*

## Visit of the Papal Nuncio to Motherwell

The Pope's Ambassador to Great Britain, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, will visit the Diocese of Motherwell from Friday 30th August until Sunday 1st September.

**On Friday 30th August at 7.00pm** there will be a special Mass of Welcome in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Bishop Toal extends an invitation to all parishioners throughout the diocese to this special Mass.

**On Saturday 31st August at 10.00am** there will be a special Mass for Project Wellspring in the Cathedral, to which all those who are involved in Project Wellspring are especially invited to attend. A presentation on Project Wellspring will take place after the Mass in St Bride's Centre.

**On Sunday 1st September at 3.00pm** the Papal Nuncio will preside at Mass at Carfin Grotto for the National Pilgrimage. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## SPUC Sponsored Walk

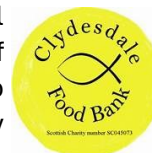
Thank you to those who agreed to sponsor Rob Collins, acting-fundraising manager for the Society and Protection of Unborn Children, in his 155 miles walk from St Alban's to Walsingham, a total of £290 was raised and has now been sent to SPUC to support their great work in the protection of the unborn.



## 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 in the collection bag with your weekly offering, clearly marked **FOODBANK**.

*Thank you for your continued generosity*



## World Day for Grandparents and The Elderly

The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life will mark this day on Sunday 28th July 2024 at Carfin Grotto with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by the commission's president Bishop John Keenan. The café will be open for refreshments. Please come along and enjoy this inter-generational day together.

## A Pilgrimage to Fatima 2nd July to 9th July 2024

Outside the catholic faith, I find not many know of the significance of Fatima: a small farming village in the Santarém Region of Portugal about 1 ½ hours drive north of Lisbon. 110 years ago, it was a rocky, olive tree covered pastureland owned by a handful of families on which they grazed their sheep and grew enough to live on.

It was important to visualise the area of old as we arrived in Fatima on a hot afternoon because we were greeted with ease and comfort at every turn of our trip. Nowadays, it is a town full of leafy avenues, wide pavements and pedestrianised areas giving priority to foot passage that can accommodate thousands of pilgrims.

But, as we know, the story of Fatima was not built on this comfort.

In 1916, three shepherd children under the age of 11 years old, received 3 visits from the Angel of Portugal. These were to prepare the children for the apparitions of Our Lady in the following year by teaching them to pray and pay penance. They accepted this with open hearts and devotedly said their Rosary every day, taking every opportunity to give up play for prayer.

Our 5 day visit to Fatima involved the parishes of St Mary's in Lanark and Our Lady of Fatima in Blackwood/Larkhall joining together for the pilgrimage. The trip over was smooth and uneventful which is a tremendous blessing after the difficulties experienced on the Lourdes Pilgrimage in July 2023.

From the moment we set foot in the Fatima Sanctuary we knew we were somewhere different. The reverence to Our Lady and the strong connection she formed with the 3 shepherd children was fundamental to understanding why this place was different to Lourdes. Here was a place where you were given the opportunity to spend quiet time in the presence of Our Lady to understand what our response would be if we were asked – 'Will you help me?' – as the children were. The oldest of the 3, Lucia's response was 'What do you want of me?' And the simple answer was: Pray the Rosary every day for world peace and offer your sufferings for the salvation of souls. The first secret given to the children briefly depicting hell, galvanised them to take this most seriously not drinking or eating during each day, putting stones in their shoes and wearing coarse rope under their clothes to cause great discomfort. Such young children understood fully what waited us if we did not put the Lord Our God first at every turn of the day.

During our trip, the rhythm of a day was soon set up for us with Mass after breakfast, a visit to a local point of interest afterwards, lunch and then the afternoon to explore and take in all that the Fatima Sanctuary had to offer. Our guide Rosario was excellent and informed us on all religious, historical, cultural and economic matters. Her favourite subject was St Anthony and that he is from Lisbon not Padua. A fact that was repeated many times!

The Sanctuary itself had 2 Basilicas either end of the complex: The Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary in the east and the modern Basilica of the Holy Trinity in the west with a huge plaza stretching between. The latter Basilica is the second largest church in the world holding an incredible 8,600 for Mass. Below this was a cool underground corridor where reconciliation and the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place with many chapels holding a continuous stream of Masses celebrated throughout the day in different languages. At 9.30pm each night we all gathered at the Apparition Chapel – the very spot where Our Lady appeared to the children - for the international Rosary and Candlelight Procession. Praying and singing in such numbers was so joyful and uplifting that this is probably the thing I miss the most about the trip. That and of course having Fr Sean and Fr John-Paul celebrate Mass every morning with us all.

The message of Fatima is as vital today as it was in 1917. A message that not only puts Fatima on the map but, more importantly, presses the reset button for the broken world we live in:

*To stop and ask 'what can I do for you, O Blessed Mother Mary and help me to do it'.*

*Rowena Colpitts*

