

St Mary's Lanark

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th July 2024

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

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)

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

Monday 29th 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 30th 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 31st July

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

10.00am Church Cleaning

7.00pm Reception of the Mortal Remains of Betty Reilly

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

Thursday 1st August

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Betty Reilly

Friday 2nd August

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 3rd August *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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 4th August *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

11.15am Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)

12noon Holy Mass for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

12.35pm Light Bite (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Betty Reilly Ladyacre Road
Therese Kennedy; Rose Robertson (Newmains).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Sandy Abernethy; John Kerr; Charlie Lively; Denis Kennedy; Wilma Jeffrey; James McCardie; Walid Cotta.

Funeral Arrangements: Betty Reilly Reception of Body: Wednesday 31st July, 7.00pm
Requiem Mass: Thursday 1st August, 9.30am

Kennedy Family: Hugh and the family would like to thank all parishioners for their support, prayers, kind words and gestures, along with all the Mass Cards and condolences offered at the death of Therese. Hugh and the Kennedy family have taken great comfort from the many visitors and memories shared. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Bulletin Holiday: The bulletin will be having a well earned rest for two weeks. The last bulletin will be next weekend. All deaths, anniversaries and intimations handed in after next Sunday will be included in the next available bulletin, Sunday 25th August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Memorial Plaques

All ordered plaques are now erected on our Memorial Wall, and it is looking fantastic. Once again thank you very much to Jerry for all his hard work designing and installing the plaques. Order forms are available from the stall and should be returned to Fr John-Paul with payment. Our next order will be submitted in September.

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.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,145.00
Standing Orders: £ 431.50
Votives: £ 95.00
Stall: £ 65.00

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Thank you *for your*
continued generosity



St Mary's Ministry Rota

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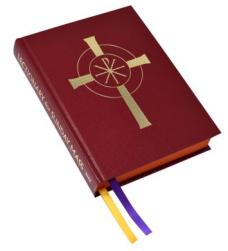
<u>27th/28th July</u>		<u>10th/11th August</u>	
5.00pm	G. Abernethy	5.00pm	C. Jackson
10.30am	E. McCabe	10.30am	R. Colpitts
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	N. Donnelly
<u>3rd/4th August</u>		<u>17th/18th August</u>	
5.00pm	A. Haetzman	5.00pm	R. Kane
10.30am	J. Russell	10.30am	M. McCusker
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>27th/28th July</u>		<u>10th/11th August</u>	
5.00pm	J. McEwan	5.00pm	A. Dempsey
	C. McClafferty		C. Scott
10.30am	J. Littlejohn	10.30am	G. Duddy
	M. Keenan		J. McAlavey
	N. Keenan		B. Farrell
<u>3rd/4th August</u>		<u>17th/18th August</u>	
5.00pm	J. McClafferty	5.00pm	P. Freel
	K. Bryce		R. Sinton
10.30am	J. Wilson	10.30am	P. Cunningham
	A. O'Neill		A. Cruikshank
	N. Keenan		J. McAlavey

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.



Donation - Thank You

Fr John-Paul would like to thank the anonymous donor of £1,000 who offered to pay for the new Lectionaries. Although the new Lectionaries have already been donated the donor has asked that the money be used in the church. As some of you may have noticed, the church electronic bell no longer chimes every 15mins, therefore, we will need to address this, and if needed this donation will help towards the cost of a new electronic system. Thank you!

St Mary's Bell Tower

Fr John-Paul would like to thank Niamh, Lianne and Margaret, who make up the Parish Grants Team, for sourcing grant funding for the works required on the bell tower. The works will cost around £25,000 and are essential to rectify the damage to the steel beams and concrete caused by the many years of water ingress. The girls have managed to find some Grants that we are in the process of applying for. These Grants are match funded, which means they cover 50% of the costs. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

As some of our more experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion come to the end of their term, Fr John-Paul has started to approach some parishioners to invite them to take on this important role within the Church. If you are asked, please consider carefully before accepting or declining. It can seem quite a daunting task, and perhaps nerve-wracking, but trust in God's grace and pray about it before responding.

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.

St Mary's Primary School Notice

After a wet and wild summer, with about 8 days of sunshine, the school holidays are over half way through. **As per previous years, P2-P7 return to school on Wednesday 14th August at 9am, and the new P1 start on Wednesday 14th August at 10am.**

Mrs Allen has missed all the children very much, and wishes all the best to those now in S1 and looks forward to welcoming the new P1 intake.

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **this 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

St Mary's Cemetery

Over the last few days the cemetery grass has been cut and the grounds tidied up. As many know, the cemetery is maintained by the Community Payback Team, and we are very grateful to them for the work they do in the cemetery. The cemetery grass will now be cut more regularly, and we thank them for all their commitment and effort.

The Bell of St Mary's

The Daughters of Charity accepted an estimate for £189.9s.4d from John Taylor, Bell Founders, of Loughborough for the casting and hanging of a 29 hundredweight bell in the new spire above the entrance to the church. Cast in bell bronze, an alloy made up of 79% copper and 21% tin, the bell sounded the note D flat, was 44 inches in diameter and weighed 30cwt and 13lbs on completion. The estimated cost had been dependent on the exact weight of the finished bell therefore the final expenditure would have been considerably more than the original figure.

In early 1910 the Sisters presented this bell to the Church with the Latin inscription:

*JOHANNES TAYLOR ME FECIT
MARIA IMMAC., ME TIBI DONO
DEDERUNT SORORES CARITATIS.
DICAUIT SUP. CONG. MISS.
APUD LANARK,
VIII KAL. APR. AD MCMX*

*I WAS MADE BY JOHN TAYLOR
O MARY IMMACULATE
THE SISTERS OF CHARITY HAVE
PRESENTED ME TO THEE AS A GIFT.
THE SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION
OF THE MISSION AT LANARK
DEDICATED ME ON 25th MARCH 1910*

In John Taylor's casting book there is a note of the old bell from Lanark, weighing 2cwt and 17lbs, being scrapped. Unfortunately it was not taken to Loughborough until after the new bell was installed and so it was not used in the casting of the new bell.

During the First World War there were some regulations on bell ringing, but they varied from place to place. It is not known if St Mary's was affected by these rules. However, there was a total ban on bell ringing throughout Britain during part of World War 2. From 1940 bells could only be rung as a warning of invasion. Ringing bells to celebrate the victory at El Alamein in 1942 and at Christmas 1942 were exceptions to this rule. The ban was finally lifted on church service ringing in June 1943.

Over the years there have been four different methods of striking St Mary's bell. Originally, the bell was hung for full circle ringing using the manufacturers standard fittings - no mean feat for that weight of bell. Then in January 1911, less than a year from the bell being finished, an 'Ellacombe' hammer was installed. This would have been much easier to operate. However, in 1914 it was changed again by Matthew O'Byrne, Bell Founders, Dublin who installed a 'Byrne's Patent Rotary Iron Mounting' to facilitate the ringing of the bell. In his time Brother Francis McDonald greatly appreciated this as it was his responsibility to 'pull the rope'. A man of slight build, he was known to enlist the help of senior altar servers from time to time. The Angelus was rung daily at noon and children in school stood to recite the prayer, and when it tolled for funerals the De Profundis was said. On Sundays and Holydays of Obligation it sounded to call parishioners to Mass.

The last mechanism served for over 40 years until Robert Kennedy, a local electrician, built and installed an electromechanical machine for ringing the bell. The bell could now be rung by operating a switch in the area above the crypt rather than pulling an a rope. The ring note, D flat, stayed constant despite the changes.

Following the bell's conversion to automatic there was a dramatic incident. Just before Christmas an engineer was in the bell tower, beside the bell, installing loud speakers to broadcast Christmas Carols when someone in the house switched on the bell. He was subjected to extreme noise and the subsequent trauma of such a situation. Fortunately his colleague was down below and , realising what had happened, was able to switch off the bell at the electric motor, much to the engineer's relief.

Half a century later, the bell mechanism is once more in need of renewal. Smith of Derby are the specialist firm contracted, not only to restore the original bell bur to full working order, but also to add an electronic system which will increase the total capacity to fifteen notes thus permitting a repertoire appropriate for a range of occasions. As with the original bell the Daughters of Charity have financed this new system with a donation of £3,800. It is planned that the installation be completed in time for the Centenary celebrations so that its peals of welcome will once more resound over Lanark.

*150+ Years of St Mary's 1849 - 2011
Sandy Abernethy 1936 - 2023*

