

St Mary's Lanark

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th August 2024

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

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)

Monday 5th August *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 6th August

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 7th August

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

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

Thursday 8th August

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Friday 9th August

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 10th 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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 11th August *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)





Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Betty Reilly; Therese Kennedy; Rose Robertson (Newmains); Jane Goodyear (Birmingham); Evelyn Rouse (Blantyre); Elizabeth Cross; Peter Cassidy (Belfast).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Father Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; Pat Kelly; Anna Marshall (nee Callaghan); Gerry Haetzman; MaryJane Brennan; James & Helen Donnachie; Vera Hynds.

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

Extraordinary Ministers Visiting Sick

It is important we acknowledge the dedication shown by those who take Holy Communion to the sick in their homes or care facilities. Although some of our more experienced Extraordinary Ministers are coming to the end of their term for ministry within Mass, we hope they will continue to take Holy Communion to the sick they have built up great relationships with. This is such a special ministry with many Extraordinary Ministers showing great care and attention to those they visit.

As from this weekend, if you take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound you are to come forward last for Holy Communion to the priest, receive Holy Communion yourself, and then open your pyx and indicate how many hosts you require. Once you receive Holy Communion in your pyx you are to leave the church immediately and attend to the sick. If you are a passkeeper or have other responsibilities then cover should be sought, but no one should be otherwise engaged or talking whilst in possession of the Blessed Sacrament. If you require clarity or further instruction please speak directly to Fr John-Paul.

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: £ 1,295.00
Standing Orders: £ 438.00
Votives: £ 250.00
Stall: £ 85.00

St Marys Mission RCDM
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St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<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
<u>10th/11th August</u>		<u>24th/25th August</u>	
5.00pm	C. Jackson	5.00pm	R. McConnell
10.30am	R. Colpitts	10.30am	P. Roberts
5.00pm	N. Donnelly	5.00pm	S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<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
<u>10th/11th August</u>		<u>24th/25th August</u>	
5.00pm	A. Dempsey	5.00pm	M. Keenan
	C. Scott		P. Stewart
10.30am	G. Duddy	10.30am	C. Duddy
	J. McAlavey		V. Hilland
	B. Farrell		D. McFarlane

Holyday of Obligation - Thursday 15th August

Thursday 15th August is the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven, and a Holyday of Obligation - A DAY WE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND MASS.

Mass times as follows (both in St Mary's): 9.30am & 7pm

This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God." It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

St Mary's Social Committee - Quiz Night Friday 13th September

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a Quiz Night on Friday 13th September 2024. The Clubrooms will open at 7pm with Quiz starting at 7.30pm.

If you are planning to enter a team, please can you let a member of the social committee know. Entry price is £2. per person. Maximum number in team is 6 people. Bar will be open for refreshments.

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

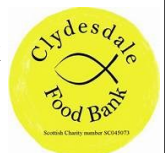
After a wet and wild summer, with about 8 days of sunshine, the school holidays are over half way through. **As per previous years, P2-P7 return to school on Wednesday 14th August at 9am, and the new P1 start on Wednesday 14th August at 10am.**

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

Sincere thank you to those who donated so kindly to our monthly foodbank collection.

Last week we received £385 and 12 bags of groceries for those in our community who are in need. Clydesdale Foodbank is very grateful to those who donate each month, from across the Clydesdale area, and help those less fortunate.



Ask Your MP to Protect Life in the New Parliament

We are likely to face threats in the new Parliament on both beginning and end-of-life fronts. Ask your local MP to protect the most vulnerable. Take action: Email your MP today by visiting righttolife.org.uk/newparliament

To Hide A Priest...and A king

Today, when we hear of Christians being persecuted for their beliefs, it is sobering to remember that there was a time when Catholicism in Britain was outlawed. Under Elizabeth I and James I it was treason for a priest to celebrate Mass, and for lay people to shelter him. For this reason, wealthy Catholic families often built concealed 'priest holes' into their houses. Many were designed by Jesuit lay brother St Nicholas Owen, who died in the Tower of London in 1606. The future Charles II sheltered in one such refuge at Moseley Hall.

On the night of 7th September 1651, things were looking bad for Charles Stewart. Four days earlier, his Royalist army had been destroyed by Oliver Cromwell's Parliamentarians at the Battle of Worcester, the final engagement of the English Civil Wars (1642-51). Together with a small group of supporters, he was now on the run. There was a price on his head. The previous day, he had only escaped capture by hiding in the branches of an oak tree (later to be celebrated as 'The Royal Oak') in the grounds of Boscobel House in Shropshire. The stakes were high - two years before, his father Charles I had been publicly beheaded in London.

For the desperate fugitives, there appeared to be one last chance of safety. The persecuted English Catholic minority had sided with the Crown in the Civil Wars, and close by in Staffordshire (dubbed 'Little Rome' for the number of its Catholic houses) lay Moseley Hall. This was owned by the Catholic Whitgreaves. Moreover, this family was clandestinely served by a priest, a Benedictine monk called Fr John Huddleston, who lived there disguised as a servant. As Charles later recalled to the diarist Samuel Pepys, they were "Roman Catholique, and I chose to trust them, because I knew they had hiding-holes for Priestes, that I thought I might make use of in case of need."

Under cover of darkness, five brothers from the Penderel family - Charles's "five faithful" - brought the prince to Moseley mounted on an old mill horse. When Charles complained about the discomfort of his mount, Humphrey Penderel allegedly replied "My liege, can you blame the horse when he has the weight of three kingdoms on its back".

The bedraggled future monarch of England, Scotland and Ireland stumbled into Moseley in the early hours of 8th September, to be received by Thomas Whitgreave, Thomas's mother Alice and Fr Huddleston. These were to be the only three members of the household privy to the mystery visitor's true identity. Even local servants were informed that the man was just another hunted royalist.

Fr Huddleston immediately conducted Charles to his own first-floor room. This had a clear view of the approach road and was accessible by a back staircase. Crucially, it had another advantage. Next to the fireplace was a wardrobe, under its floor, a trapdoor leading to one of the famous 'priest holes'. It has served Huddleston well for many years. Now it was to save the life of a king.

Charles's taking refuge at Moseley had come not a moment too soon, for Cromwell's Roundheads were hot on his heels. On only his second day at the house he heard the dreaded cry, "Soldiers are coming!" He was immediately bundled into the priest hole, where he lay low until the troops had left. Looking at it now, you can only imagine, how claustrophobic it must have been, yet as Charles later remarked tongue-in-cheek to Pepys, it was "the best place he was ever in".

Charles had evaded capture by the skin of his teeth, but he and his hosts knew their luck couldn't last. The soldiers would be back. So, the day after, they arranged for a courageous Protestant Royalist, Jane Lane, to take Charles with her to Bristol disguised as her servant, under the pretext of visiting her sister who lived in the city. It was from Bristol that Charles made it to the South Coast and, eventually, from there to France.

Nine nervous years lay ahead for those who had assisted in his escape. However, the story had a happy ending. Or rather, several happy endings. Cromwell died in 1659 and in 1660 Charles was finally restored to the throne as Charles II. The Whitgreave, Penderel and Lane families were all richly rewarded. As for John Huddleston, he was summoned to London, housed in Somerset House, granted immunity from prosecution and installed as Royal Chaplain, first to Charles's Catholic mother, Queen Henrietta Maria, and then to his Portuguese Catholic wife, Queen Catherine of Braganza - the only Englishman ever to be accorded that honour.

But the tale doesn't even end there. Inspired in no small part by the courageous examples of those Catholics who had sheltered him after Worcester, Charles long considered becoming a Catholic himself, but political considerations made it impossible. Then, on the morning of 2nd February 1685, he fell gravely ill, knowing he was dying, he quietly conferred with his Catholic brother James (later King James II). Once the Protestant clergy had been ushered out, up the back stairs came a Catholic priest, who gave Charles the Last Sacraments, and received him at last into the Catholic Church. That priest was Fr John Huddleston.