

St Mary's Lanark

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1st Sunday of Lent

9th March 2025

SCIAF Wee Box - 60 Years of Change

For 60 years, Scotland's Catholic community has walked with the poorest and most vulnerable people on earth. Please support our Lenten Appeal this year and help us create a peaceful world for our sisters and brothers in need. A better world is possible!

In Colombia, violence lurks around every corner, displacing families, forcing children into crime, and leaving communities dominated by armed gangs. People living in the poorest region, Choco, are particularly at risk. Yet, despite their immense suffering, their pain remains unseen by the world. They feel forgotten. SCIAF stands with all those affected by conflict and violence, building peace and offering support. This Lent, by supporting the WEE BOX, you can insure no one is left behind - in Colombia and beyond.

In Colombia, decades of conflict have caused untold heartache for vulnerable people caught in the crossfire. 3 million young people have been victims of the conflict in Colombia. 6.9 million people have been displaced in Colombia, the second highest in the world after Syria.

Towns are taken over by illegal paramilitary groups who control large parts of Choco through fear and violence. "When you are displaced you have to move out quickly, or you are killed. You have to leave everything: possessions, livelihoods, homes." Enrique told SCIAF.

Thanks to the support, and bravery of our local partners, SCIAF helped Enrique's family return to their home and kept them safe during the process. Alongside this type of work, SCIAF also support the poorest and most vulnerable in Choco by: Tackling illegal activity, reducing poverty and helping people earn a living. Providing counselling and safe places for children to play. Working with communities to campaign for justice and peace.

Your kind donations are helping bring real solutions to people in need and restoring hope where it is starting to fade. Pray with us and learn more about our Lenten Appeal, including the hope found in the mutilated Christ of Bojaya relic: www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox Fill up your WEE BOX and return it to the parish before Easter Sunday. Please also consider supporting our national collection at Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It's time for debt justice! Help poor countries like Colombia tackle unjust and unsustainable debts by taking action at: www.sciaf.org.uk/debt



SCiAF
Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 9th March *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

Monday 10th March *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am
- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am
- 12noon Stations of the Cross
- 12.45pm Alpha Course until 2.30pm (St Mary's Clubrooms)
- 6.30pm First Confession for children from St Mary's Primary School

Tuesday 11th March

- 8.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)
- 10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am
- 11.40am Stations of the Cross
- 12noon Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony

Wednesday 12th March

- 9.10am Stations of the Cross
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 10.00am Prayer Group (St Catherine's)
- 10.00am Church Cleaning
- 7.00pm** **Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)**

Thursday 13th March

- 8.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)
- 9.10am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph
- 7.30pm** **The Choir of St Mary's Weekly Rehearsal (Clubrooms)**

Friday 14th March

- 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am
- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am
- 9.10am Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 15th March *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am
- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12noon
- 12noon Stations of the Cross
- 4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm
- 4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 5.00pm** **Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)**



Sunday 16th March *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **this weekend**. Bags of groceries can be handed in to the sacristy or to a Passkeeper, and any monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope cleared clearly marked 'FOODBANK'.

Wishaw Deanery Adoration & Stations

As we continue to celebrate this Jubilee Year, we are encouraged, as 'Pilgrims of Hope,' to visit a church outside of our own parish. To facilitate this endeavour, the Wishaw Deanery is offering opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Day	Location	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Station of the Cross
Monday	St Mary's, Lanark	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Monday	St Ignatius', Wishaw	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Tuesday	St Aidan's, Coltness	10.30am until 12noon	12noon
Tuesday	St Athanasius', Carluke	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Wednesday	St Ignatius', Wishaw	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Thursday	St Patrick's, Craigneuk	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Friday	St Mary's, Lanark	9.00am until 9.25am	-----
Saturday	St Mary's, Lanark	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Sunday	St Thomas', Wishaw	4.30pm until 5.00pm	4.00pm

Second Collections March & April

Sick & Retired Priests 15th/16th March

SCIAF 29th/30th March

Holy Places 18th April (Good Friday)

Parish Disco - 22nd March

The next social event for St Mary's Parish is a Disco on Saturday 22nd March. Tickets are only £7, which includes entry and nibbles. The bar will be opened from 7.30 til late. For tickets, please contact any of the girls on the social committee.

Alpha

Last Monday, 3rd March, our parish started Alpha. 20 participants gathered in the Clubrooms for a relaxed time of prayer, friendship and discussion. The first session was entitled 'Is There More to Life Than This?' The participants discussed their journey of faith, they chatted about the video they watched, and they spent some time in prayer.

Alpha will continue tomorrow, Monday 10th March, with the title 'How Can I Have Faith?'. It will follow the same structure of prayer, introduction, video, group sharing and then wider sharing, and will finish with prayer. This session will explore what it means to be a Christian today, and how we can have faith in Jesus.

All welcome.

St Mary's Grounds Help Required

After 10 years of faithful and dedicated service Siobhan Gainford is stepping down from her duties of looking after the church gardens/grounds. Siobhan has helped enhance our church so much with the beautiful flowers she has planted, especially in the circle and memorial area, and also her incredible vision and knowledge.

We thank Siobhan very much for all her efforts and all she has done to make St Mary's so welcoming and attractive to visitors. We now need someone to volunteer to take on these duties and coordinate the team of volunteers or look to pay gardeners (which is costly). If you are interested speak to Fr John-Paul.

St Catherine's Job Opportunity

St Catherine's Residential Home is offering the opportunity for a Maintenance Person to join their team.

Working roughly 15 hours per week at £12.42 per hour. Candidates should offer some experience in general building maintenance and gardening.

Start date to be confirmed . For more information contact 01555 661671 or email office@stcol.co.uk

Pioneer Short Pledge for Lent

Why not think about taking the Short Term Pledge for Lent? For further information you can contact Susan McBride, National Secretary, 01698 375950.

The Short Term Pledge is abstinence from all alcohol during Lent and recitation of the following prayer twice a day.

I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating drink until Easter Sunday.



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Pat Kane (Carluke); Jimmy Campbell; Margaret King; Diane Chillingworth;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Rosemary MacIntyre; Bill Dowds; Marion Renton; Stuart Gordon; Edward Hanlon; Archie Lindsay; Joseph Doolan; Helena Lambert; Margaret Fisher (Shotts);

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.*

300 Club: January & February Winners

Week 5th Jan: 98	Week 12th Jan: 25	Week 19th Jan: 53	Week 26th Jan: 123
Week 2nd Feb: 41	Week 9th Feb: 22	Week 16th Feb: 239	Week 23rd Feb: 23

Now that the Bank of Scotland no longer has a Lanark branch we are asking for **all subscriptions** for the 300 Club to be paid by Standing Order using the details below. Many people already pay through the bank weekly/monthly/annually and they will not need to change anything! But, for those who pay cash or cheque, we ask that you set up a standing order. We thank you very much for your assistance and understanding and it is hoped that by becoming cashless we will save countless trips to Bank of Scotland Larkhall branch.

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If you would like to join the 300 Club please you can set up a standing order using the details above and email Kathleen who will then supply you with a lucky number: stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk

Beginning Experience

The loss of a loved one through Separation, Divorce or Death, is one of Life's most traumatic experience. It Can result in unbearable feelings or grief and loneliness.

The Beginning Experience, Scotland Team would like to help.

A weekend away for a lifetime of change to be held at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge, 4th-6th April 2025.

A time of heal by experiencing God's love through others. An opportunity to begin again. For further details phone Louise on 07926571004 or email louise398@gmail.com

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,506.00
Standing Orders:	£ 348.50
Votives:	£ 180.00
Stall:	£ 200.00

St Marys Mission RCDM
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Thank you *for your*
continued generosity

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>8th/9th March</u>		<u>22nd/23rd March</u>	
5.00pm	C. Jackson	5.00pm	R. McConnell
10.30am	P. Roberts	10.30am	R. Colpitts
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	S. Casserly
<u>15th/16th March</u>			
5.00pm	F. Chung		
10.30am	M. McCusker		
5.00pm	N. Donnelly		

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>8th/9th March</u>		<u>22nd/23rd March</u>	
5.00pm	M. Keenan	5.00pm	A. Dempsey
	C. Callaghan		J. McBride
10.30am	K. Lawrence	10.30am	J. Littlejohn
	J. McFarlane		A. O'Neill
	M. Russell		N. Keenan
<u>15th/16th March</u>			
5.00pm	F. McBride		
	R. Sinton		
10.30am	G. Duddy		
	A. Gillespie		
	M. Keenan		