

# St Mary's Lanark

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## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 22nd September 2024

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

**Sunday 22nd September** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Monday 23rd September** *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**1.00pm** Parish Pilgrimage Mass at Carfin Grotto

**Tuesday 24th September**

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 25th September**

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**10.00am** Church Cleaning

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

**Thursday 26th September**

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**7.30pm** *The Choir of St Mary's Weekly Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)*

**Friday 27th September**

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**Saturday 28th September** *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

4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Sunday 29th September** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)





## Please Pray For The Following



**Recently Dead:** Norrie Innes; Therese Martin (Carfin); Peter Green (Aylesbury); Peter McCallum; Chrissie Anderson.

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** William Young; Margaret Dempsey; James McEwan.

*Aeternam dona eis, Domine*

## Feast of St Vincent de Paul

The Feast of St Vincent de Paul, founder of the Daughters of Charity, is on Friday 27th September 2024. The Sisters would like to invite Parishioners to St Catherine's for Tea and Biscuits after morning Mass to celebrate this special Feast Day.

### The Beginning Experience

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place on 4th-6th October at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge.

For more information and bookings please contact Louise on 07926571004 or [louisep398@gmail.com](mailto:louisep398@gmail.com)

### Praying for Vocations

As part of St Mary's Parish ongoing efforts to pray for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese, we will recite the Vocations Prayer, issued by the Diocese for Vocations Awareness Week, at the end of the Holy Rosary every day.

It is important we pray for vocations in our parish, school and families, and the prayer card provides us with the perfect way to do that.

## 300 Club

As our 300 Club year draws to an end at the end of September, we take this opportunity to give everyone a gentle reminder to make sure all payments are up to date. We also ask that you let us know of any recent changes to address or telephone number as we use these to contact winners. We thank everyone for the continued support to the 300 Club as the funds from this help us cover essential costs for the parish.

**If you wish to check where you are paid up to, inform us of a change of details, wish to join or have any other questions please leave a message on 01555 662234 or email [stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk)**

## Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,141.00
Standing Orders:	£ 345.50
Votives:	£ 160.00
Stall:	£ 30.00

**St Marys Mission RCDM**  
**80-17-02 00265809**

Thank you *for your*  
*continued generosity*



## St Mary's Ministry Rota

### Readers:

<u>21st/22nd September</u>		<u>5th/6th October</u>	
5.00pm	A. Haetzman	5.00pm	J. McAlpine
10.30am	P. Roberts	10.30am	R. Colpitts
5.00pm	C. Casserly	5.00pm	M. Davis
<u>28th/29th September</u>		<u>12th/13th October</u>	
5.00pm	C. Jackson	5.00pm	G. Abernethy
10.30am	J. Russell	10.30am	E. McCabe
5.00pm	N. Donnelly	5.00pm	S. Casserly

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>21st/22nd September</u>		<u>5th/6th October</u>	
5.00pm	J. McClafferty	5.00pm	M. Keenan
	K. Bryce		P. Stewart
10.30am	J. Wilson	10.30am	P. Cunningham
	A. O'Neil		A. Cruikshank
	N. Keenan		J. McFarlane
<u>28th/29th September</u>		<u>12th/13th October</u>	
5.00pm	P. Freel	5.00pm	J. McEwan
	P. Stewart		C. McClafferty
10.30am	G. Duddy	10.30am	C. Duddy
	T. Mullen		V. Hilland
	B. Farrell		D. McFarlane

## Readers Guidelines

Through the Liturgy of the Word, God speaks to his people, and therefore, it is important that His Word is proclaimed in a dignified manner, and that people are ready to listen. Below are a few guidelines in order to allow the readings to penetrate the hearts and minds of those who are listening.

**When to move:** The Reader should start to move forward when the congregation respond "Amen" to the Opening Prayer. This will give the congregation enough time to be seated and settled for the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word.

**Announcing the Readings:** We do not need to say "The First Reading" or "The Second Reading" we simply proclaim, "A reading from..." and continue the reading; reading slowly and clearly in order for people to listen to God speak through you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Again we do not need to say phrases such as, "The Responsorial Psalm" or "The Response is", simply read the Response at the beginning and look up for the congregation to repeat. At the end of each verse again simply look up to indicate to the congregation to respond.

**Gospel Acclamation:** The Gospel Acclamation will be sung by the choir/priest or omitted, therefore, after the Psalm or the Second Reading, please return to your place.

**If you have any questions please speak to Fr John-Paul**

## New Security Fencing

For many years St Mary's piazza has become a social gathering for young people, especially at lunch time, and then again in the evening. Over the last few months we have experienced antisocial behaviour and damage to the property. After erecting a fence at the side of the church we are now entering the next phase of our security measures and erecting a gate at the Clubrooms gas meter and railings along the wall. The work will cost around £3,000 and will be completed next month. This is an expense we should not have to make, but unfortunately in today's world it is required to keep our church safe and prevent damage.

## Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **next 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 enveloped cleared clearly marked 'FOODBANK'.



## St Mary's Social Committee

St Mary's Social Committee would like to thank everyone who came along to the Quiz night. The night was a great success, filled with fun and laughter raising £325. It was wonderful to see the hall filled with a mix of all age groups. The scores were very close - the *Fractures Club* and *Harmony Not* picked up the Trophies. The Smythe family won the Roll the bottle competition. Thanks to all the teams who entered into the spirit of the night, so good to see our regular quizzers and delighted to welcome new quizzers.

Thank you to Rowena and Alison, our bar volunteers. Thank you for your continued support.

## Parish Disco - Saturday 19th October

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a disco on Saturday 19th October. Tickets are £7, which includes entry and nibbles. The bar will be opened from 7.30pm til late.



**For tickets, please contact any of the girls on the social committee.**

## Monday Club 23rd Sept 1pm

The Monday Club meets on the 23rd of September at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Clubrooms; welcoming the *Jolly Bees*.

Please come along and bring a friend.

## St Mary's Gardening Fund

We are always looking for more people to join our Gardening Team, to help with watering, planting and maintaining the circle and pots. We are also open to families "adopting" a pot or planter and taking care of it. For more information please contact Siobhan Gainford: [siobhan.gainford@gmail.com](mailto:siobhan.gainford@gmail.com)

**To help support the wonderful work of the gardeners a retiral collection will be taken up in St Mary's on 21st/22nd September.**

## St Andrew's Hospice

St Andrew's Hospice Shop Manager, Scott Wilson, would like to record his appreciation and thanks to all who attended the Coffee Morning last Sunday; raising £812.11.

In times like these, what with the cost-of-living crisis, these funds mean everything to the Hospice as it allows them to provide essential care for patients and their families within Lanarkshire.

## Saint Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology. He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.



St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director. From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

This was at a time when there were not many priests in France and what priests there were, were neither well-formed nor faithful to their way of life. Vincent helped reform the clergy and the manner in which they were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our modern day seminaries. At one point his community was directing 53 upper level seminaries. His retreats, open to priests and laymen, were so well attended that it is said he infused a "Christian spirit among more than 20,000 persons in his last 23 years."

The Vincentians are very active in our world today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to his order of Vincentian priests, St. Vincent cofounded the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise de Marillac. There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor".

His incorrupt heart can be found in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint located at the Church of the Lazarist Mission. Both sites are located in Paris, France. Two miracles have been attributed to St Vincent - a nun cured of ulcers and a laywoman cured of paralysis.

It has been reported that St. Vincent wrote more than 30,000 letters in his lifetime and that nearly 7,000 had been collected in the 18th century. There are at least five collections of his letters in existence today.

***“Open my eyes that I may see the deepest needs of men, women and children. Move my hands that they may feed the hungry; touch my heart that it may bring warmth to the despairing; teach me the generosity that welcomes strangers; let me share my possessions with people in need; give me the care that strengthens the sick; help me share in the quest to set prisoners free; in sharing our anxieties and our love, our poverty and our prosperity; we partake of your divine presence. Amen.”***