

St Mary's Lanark

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th September 2024

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

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)

Monday 30th 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

Tuesday 1st October

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 2nd October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

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

Thursday 3rd October

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 4th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 5th October *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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 6th October *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

11.15am *Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)*

12noon Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

12.35pm *Light Bite (Holy Trinity)*

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)





Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Monsignor Henry Docherty (Retired Priest of the Diocese of Motherwell); Peter McCallum; John Carr; Iliano Ungaretti; Chang Joo Lee (South Korea); Ann Baxter (Blantyre).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Therese Kennedy; Colin Slevin.

Aeternam dona eis, Domine

St Mary's Gardening Fund

Thank you for your generosity to the Retiral Collection last weekend for the Gardening Fund, it realised a total of £450. All monies raised goes directly to maintaining and developing the church grounds. If you would like more information, or you would like to join our dedicated Gardening Team please contact Siobhan: siobhan.gainford@gmail.com

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

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.

Next weekend at all Masses representatives from the 300 Club will be available for people to check/pay membership, take out membership, ask questions, or change contact details.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,440.00
Standing Orders: £ 425.50
Votives: £ 185.00
Stall: £ 75.00

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



St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>28th/29th September</u>		<u>12th/13th October</u>	
5.00pm	C. Jackson	5.00pm	G. Abernethy
10.30am	R. Kane	10.30am	E. McCabe
5.00pm	N. Donnelly	5.00pm	S. Casserly
<u>5th/6th October</u>		<u>19th/20th October</u>	
5.00pm	J. McAlpine	5.00pm	R. McConnell
10.30am	R. Colpitts	10.30am	M. McCusker
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<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
<u>5th/6th October</u>		<u>19th/20th October</u>	
5.00pm	M. Keenan	5.00pm	J. McClafferty
	P. Stewart		K. Bryce
10.30am	P. Cunningham	10.30am	J. McAlavey
	A. Cruikshank		M. Davis
	J. McFarlane		C. O'Brien

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 enveloped cleared clearly marked 'FOODBANK'.



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.

St Mary's Afternoon Tea

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting an Afternoon Tea on **Sunday 10th November** at 1.30pm for 2pm in the Clubrooms. Tickets are priced £10 and this includes afternoon tea with Prosecco.

Tickets will be on sale at Masses on 5th and 6th October or alternatively please see any of the girls on social committee if you want to a ticket.



Parish Coffee Mornings & Light Bite

As well as developing the spiritual aspect of the parish it is so important to continue to encourage parishioners to celebrate the social aspect too. An easy way to do this is to attend the Monthly Coffee Mornings or Light Bite after Sunday Mass. It is good to come together and meet new people or spend time with people we already know. A massive thank you to all those who do an incredible job each month organising and catering for all those who attend.

As winter is approaching homemade soup will be on offer at the Coffee Morning next week.

Mass Census Figures

For the last 12 months we have been carrying out the census on the first Sunday of every month in both churches. The census confirms that the attendance has increased post-covid, however, as part of Project Wellspring it is our mission to continue to grow and encourage others back to Mass. The average per Mass is as follows: Sat 5pm: 100, Sun 10.30am: 213, Sun 12noon: 20, Sun 5pm: 44. This gives us an average of 377 people attending Mass, with a Catholic population of approx 1200. What can be done to improve this number? How do we get people back? Let us know!

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 todays world it is required to keep our church safe and prevent damage.

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

St Augustine's Sermon On Pastors

Do what they say, not what they do

“Well then, shepherds, hear the word of the Lord!” What must you shepherds hear? *Thus says the Lord God: behold, I am above the shepherds and I will call them to account for the sheep in their hands.*



Listen, sheep of God, listen and learn: God will call the bad shepherds to account for his sheep and for their deaths. As he says elsewhere in Ezekiel: *Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man, “Wicked wretch, you are to die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin but you yourself will have saved your life.*

You see, brethren? Do you see how dangerous it is to keep quiet? If you remain silent, you die; and rightly. You die for your impiety and sin – it is your negligence that kills you. He who has said, *As I live*, says the Lord might have found a living shepherd – but since the shepherd was negligent, not warning those he had been given authority over, those whose sentry he was, he will die justly and the sentry will be justly condemned. But if – the Lord continues – you say “you are to die” to one I have threatened with the sword, and he does not avoid the sword and it comes and kills him, he will die in his sin but you will have set your soul free. That is why we must not keep silent – and you, even if we did keep silent, must listen to the words of the true Shepherd in holy Scripture.

Since I raised the question, let us see if he takes the sheep from the dead shepherds and gives them to good ones. I certainly see him taking the sheep from the bad shepherds: *I am above the shepherds, and I shall take my flock back from them and I shall not allow them to feed my flock. In this way the shepherds will stop feeding themselves. For when I say to them, “Feed my sheep,” they feed themselves and not my sheep. I shall not allow them to feed my flock.*

How does he stop them from looking after his sheep? Do whatever they say, but do not do what they do. It is as if he were saying, “Their words are my words but their actions are their own.” When you avoid what the bad shepherds do, they are not in charge of you any more: when you follow what they say, it is my words you are following and it is I who am tending you.

Responsory

R. Who is the trusty and reliable man whom his master will appoint as his steward? * *Happy that servant who is found at his task when the master comes!*

V. Stewards are expected to show themselves trustworthy. * *Happy that servant who is found at his task when the master comes!*