



**Saint Mary's Parish Lanark
&
Saint Isidore's Parish Biggar**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st October 2023**



Season of Creation - 1st Sept - 4th Oct 2023

A Message from Pope Francis

“ In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ, on our shared Synodal Journey, let us live, work and pray that our Common Home will teem with life once again”

Climate Change

Let us think about Climate Change. Our young people take it seriously. They tell us “We're afraid. Will there be, doo we have a future? Then they become angry. We are afraid.”



We find it difficult to understand when people say they believe, but do not do anything to remedy the situation. Climate change is the result of greed and misunderstanding. There needs to be more accessibility for people of the world to be able to voice their concerns over Climate change. Not everyone has a computer to hear about online petitions, which can stop a petition reaching Parliament due to low numbers. A solution needs to be found to hear everyone's voice.

Leaders of our countries should be made accountable for allowing raw sewage and raw waste being dumped into our rivers and seas. Manufacturers and Retailers should be fined for unnecessary processing practices and overuse of packaging which leads to more landfill waste.

Our young people find God in Creation. All Religions of the world need a whole new spirituality. Preserving our earth is so urgent, and is what God wants. We could look at it this way - 3 steps

1. Listen to Pope Francis and to our young people with compassion, and we will be drawn into communion.
2. Mak a judgement....What's the Truth here. What do I have to do?
3. Act...What's going on. Can I use my talents, my resources? What do I have to do?

Very soon, during this Mass, we recite the Our Father together, and the words: 'Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven,' we know what this will is, and there is a sense of urgency to do this will.

Sister Margaret Brady DC

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 1st October *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

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

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

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

1.00pm Monthly Tea / Coffee (Biggar)

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

Monday 2nd October *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (St Mary's)

Tuesday 3rd October

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am (St Mary's)

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

12noon Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony (St Mary's)

7.00pm RCIA (St Mary's Chapel House)

Wednesday 4th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

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

Thursday 5th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph (St Mary's)

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

Friday 6th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 7th October *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

9.00am Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm (St Mary's)

4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

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

Sunday 8th October *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

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

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

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

Our Parish RCIA Course will begin on Tuesday evening at 7pm. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic please come along to the Chapel House for 7pm. The meeting will last around 1 hour.

Afternoon Tea

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting an Afternoon Tea on **Sunday 12th 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 from 7th /8th October 2023.

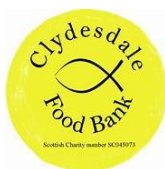
Please get your tickets early as this event is usually sold out quickly.



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 marked 'FOODBANK'.



Monthly Census

As you may know, the Diocese asks each parish to carry out an Annual Census on the first weekend of November, of those attending Mass on that particular weekend. In order to plan for the future, and to give a more accurate account of numbers attending Mass, a parish census will be taken on the first weekend of each month.

Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,060.00
Standing Orders: £ 330.50

St Marys Mission RCDM
80-17-02 00265809

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 97.00
Standing Orders: £ 25.00

Parish of St Isidore's
83-16-11 00235026

Project Wellspring

Recently, Bishop Toal rolled out Project Wellspring - an initiative to look at the number of parishes, clergy and people attending Mass in the Diocese, and how best the pastoral needs of the Diocese can be served into the future.

As part of Project Wellspring, you are asked to take a questionnaire home and fill it out, then return the completed form over the next few weekends.

Project Wellspring is a vital part of our future as a parish and it is hoped the questionnaire will give a fuller understanding of the needs of the parishioners in our parish and part of the Diocese.

Disco Night

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a Disco Night on **Saturday 21st October**.

Tickets are £5 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.



Synod on Synodality

Please find in your bulletin this weekend a copy of Bishop Toal's Pastoral Reflection on the Synod. Please continue to pray for those involved in the Synod and the Church as a whole.

St Andrew's Hospice Shop - Volunteers Needed!!!

St Andrew's Hospice endeavours to provide a high standard of specialist palliative care to the people of Lanarkshire, encompassing human dignity and compassion, and at all times respecting the value of human life. St Andrew's Hospice also offers a range of specialist support to patients families and loved ones, who also suffer at these sad times. The cost to provide such care is now in excess of £100,000 per week; so local support and fundraising are essential.



St Andrew's Hospice New Store coming soon (97 High Street Lanark).

We need volunteers for various shifts, 3hrs per shift.

Come and join our amazing team...

For more information please contact Julie Wilson 01236 766951



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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Jim White; Mrs Carson; William Young.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Andrew Sharkey Snr; Anna Clemmitt; Colin Slevin.

*May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall soft upon you field, and until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand*

St Mary's 300 Club

As the 300 Club draws to the end of another year we would like to take the opportunity to thank all members for their continued support, the money raised from the 300 Club is used towards the Insurance of our beautiful Church, which last year cost **£15,826**. This is a large cost for the Church and is greatly helped by the contributions made through the 300 Club.

On the weekend of **Saturday 30th September & Sunday 1st October 2023**, we will be available at the back of the Church at: 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass/ Sunday 10.30am Mass/5pm Sunday Mass. Please come and see us if you would like to make a payment, check where you are paid up to, take out another number, etc.

There are often spare numbers for the 300 Club so we would urge those not signed up to consider it, plus there is a cash prize of £100 up for grabs every weekend!! Please come and speak to us before or after Mass on the weekend of 30th Sept/1st Oct or email us at stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk with any enquiries.

300 Club Team

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

30th Sept/1st Oct

5.00pm R. McConnell
10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm S. Casserly

7th/8th October

5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm N. Donnelly

14th/15th October

5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm S. Casserly

21st/22nd October

5.00pm R. Kane
10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

30th Sept/1st Oct

5.00pm M. Keenan
P. Stewart
10.30am P. Cunningham
A. Cruikshank

7th/8th October

5.00pm T. Mullen
C. McClafferty
10.30am V. Hilland
J. McAlavey

14th/15th October

5.00pm J. McClafferty
M. Bond
10.30am M. Davis
C. O'Brien

21st/22nd October

5.00pm M. Keenan
P. Stewart
10.30am J. Littlejohn
M. Keenan