



Saint Mary's Parish Lanark

2nd Sunday of Easter
12th April 2026



Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, the Church invites us to gaze more deeply into the heart of our risen Lord, a heart overflowing with mercy, compassion, and unfailing love. In a world often marked by division, anxiety, and woundedness, this feast reminds us that God's mercy is not an abstract idea, but a living reality—offered freely to each one of us.

When the risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, He spoke words that still echo in our hearts: "Peace be with you." He did not come with condemnation for their fear or failures, but with mercy. He showed them His wounds—signs not of defeat, but of love poured out completely. In the same way, Christ meets us in our own weakness, our sins, and our doubts, not to turn us away, but to restore and heal us. His mercy reaches into the darkest corners of our lives and brings light where we thought none could enter.



Divine Mercy is both a gift we receive and a mission we live. We are called not only to trust in God's mercy, but to become instruments of that mercy in the lives of others. This means choosing forgiveness over resentment, compassion over indifference, and hope over despair. It is in these daily acts of mercy—often small and unseen—that the light of Christ shines most clearly. A kind word, a listening ear, a willingness to reconcile—these are powerful signs of God's presence at work through us.

Let us not be afraid to approach the Lord with confidence. No sin is too great, no burden too heavy, for His mercy. As we open our hearts to Him, especially through prayer and the sacraments, we are renewed and strengthened to begin again. The sacrament of reconciliation, in particular, is a profound encounter with Divine Mercy, where we experience the joy of being forgiven and made new.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, be encouraged to reflect on the ways God has shown you His mercy, and to ask for the grace to extend that same mercy to others. May we also grow in trust, remembering that even when we falter, God's love remains steadfast. He never tires of forgiving us; rather, it is we who sometimes tire of seeking His mercy.

May our homes, our communities, and our hearts become places where God's mercy is known, lived, and shared. Trusting in the promise of the Lord, let us say with faith:

Jesus, I trust in You.

Holy Week Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 12th April

10.30am Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (Holy Trinity)

Monday 13th April *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Tuesday 14th April

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 15th April

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon **Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Sr Anna McBride DC**

Thursday 16th April

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Friday 17th April

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 18th April

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary

5.00pm **Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)**

Sunday 19th April

10.30am **Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)**

12noon **Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)**

5.00pm **Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Marys)**

Bishop Toal's Easter Message

I wish everyone a very Happy Easter, and hope you have benefitted from your participation in the liturgical celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery through Holy Week and at Easter.

I trust the Easter Vigil will be a particularly joyful event for all who have been baptised, confirmed, and have received the Eucharist at the Vigils in parishes across the Diocese. I offer my own congratulations and blessing to you all, and hope that the grace of the sacraments will enlighten and sustain you throughout your lives. I thank all who have organised and participated in the Parish RCIA sessions, recognising your generous commitment in sharing your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith with our catechumens and candidates.

It is always special for the Bishop to concelebrate the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday with his priests, in the presence of the deacons, religious, and lay faithful, and this year again we were again united as the Body of Christ here in Motherwell Diocese, acknowledging the gift of the sacraments and praying for the priests, ordained to celebrate and administer them.

I thank you all for your generous response to the Lenten Appeals, particularly for your support for SCIAF through the Collection and the Wee Boxes. The Good Friday Collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land is also vitally important and your contributions are much appreciated. The Universal Prayers at the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday strongly remind us of the Church's responsibility for praying for the whole world and people of all faiths and none. Fulfilling this mission, we must continue to pray for peace and an end to all war. Pope Leo has spoken strongly in recent times calling for an end to war in the Middle East:

On behalf of the Christians of the Middle East and of all women and men of good will, I appeal to those responsible for this conflict: cease fire! May paths of dialogue be reopened! Violence can never lead to the justice, stability and peace for which the peoples are waiting.

May the peace of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and in our troubled world.

+ Joseph Toal



No Sunday Evening Mass

Easter Sunday or Divine Mercy Sunday

Due to Easter Holidays there will be **NO** Sunday 5pm Mass on Sunday 5th or Sunday 12th April.

Sunday 5pm Evening Mass will resume on Sunday 19th April.

Building Fund Collection

As agreed, we will take up four building fund collections per year to help finance future repairs and ongoing maintenance within St Mary's campus.

The first Building Fund Collection will be taken up 18th/19th April.

Easter Coffee Morning & Raffle

The Easter Coffee Morning and Raffle was a tremendous success. Yet again, it was wonderful to see the Clubrooms filled to capacity - what a great atmosphere! The Social Committee would like to say a special thank you to all helpers who assisted with flowers, baking and Easter event. Thank you to everyone who donated all the wonderful prizes. The raffle raised a magnificent £1870! In addition, coffee morning donations added a further £630 which means a total of **£2,500** will go towards purchasing a defibrillator for the Clubrooms and a donation will go to SPRED (Special Religious Development) in Motherwell which is a Catholic pastoral programme that provides religious education and spiritual growth for children and adults with learning disabilities. It uses small group settings to help participants feel God's presence and supports them to be integrated into their local parish.

We are blessed to have amazing parishioners who support our wonderful parish. Thank you!

From Fr John-Paul

Fr John-Paul would like to thank all those parishioners who sent cards, gifts and chocolate eggs for him, Saul and Petra. Your kindness, yet again, has been humbling!

He found it very powerful to read the many messages of support and appreciation in cards, and found it a lovely opportunity to reflect on his ministry in our parish, and how extremely lucky he is to be our Parish Priest. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Easter Collection

Unlike the majority of other parishes in the diocese, we do not have a separate Easter Collection—parishioners are simply invited to put their Easter offering in the collection basket with their weekly offering, clearly marked **EASTER OFFERING**. This can be done at any point over the next few weeks.

It was lovely to see our churches filled to capacity on Easter Sunday and welcome so many visitors and young families. A sign that faith is still alive and active in our area.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 2,142.00
Standing Orders: £ 433.50
Votives: £ 120.00
Stall: £ 30.00
Easter Collection Envelopes: £ 985.00

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Thank you *for your*
continued generosity.

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>11th/12th April</u>	<u>25th/26th April</u>
5.00pm F. Chung	5.00pm T. Coia
10.30am P. Roberts	10.30am R. Colpitts
	5.00pm N. Donnelly
<u>18th/19th April</u>	<u>2nd/3rd May</u>
5.00pm R. McConnell	5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am E. McCabe	10.30am A. Servers
5.00pm S. Casserly	5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>11th/12th April</u>	<u>25th/26th April</u>
5.00pm A. Dempsey	5.00pm K. Bryce
	A. McGowan
10.30am J. McBride	10.30am V. Hilland
	M. Thompson
10.30am G. Duddy	10.30am B. Farrell
<u>18th/19th April</u>	<u>2nd/3rd May</u>
5.00pm C. Scott	5.00pm C. Callaghan
	M. Keenan
10.30am S. Callaghan	10.30am C. Duddy
	I. Maxfield
10.30am J. Littlejohn	10.30am J. Russell
10.30am A. O'Neill	
10.30am N. Keenan	



Holy Trinity Chapel

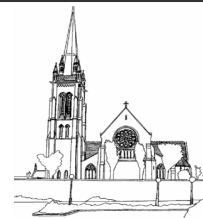
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Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Sr Anna McBride DC St Catherine's **Requiem Mass: Wednesday 15th April 12noon**
Professor Judith Champ (Birmingham);

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Robert Kennedy; John Reilly Jnr; James Tait;

Easter Remembrances

Bishop Frank Thomson; Bishop Joseph Devine; Father Joseph Brannigan; Father Paddy Hughes; All Deceased Members of The Vincentian Fathers; All Deceased Members of The Daughter's of Charity; Canon Willie Dunnachie; Father Damien Gilhooley; Fr John Breslin; Canon Giles Goward; Father David Mellor; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; Charlie McShane; John McShane; Frank McMahan; Annie & Arthur Lenagh; Hughie & Mary McShane; McShane Family; McGuire Family; Lenagh Family; McMahan Family; Kate & William Campbell; Bernie & Jim McEwan; Campbell Family; McCafferty Family; McEwan Family; James E. Reid; Gerry Wyllie; Wyllie Family; Deerin Family; Mary McFarlane; Therese Martin; John Skeffington; Joe & Betty McLeish; Peter Brannan; Edgar Family; Peter Skelly; Grace McGregor; Thomas & Helen Lamb; Thomas Lamb Jnr; Lamb Family; McGuigan Family; William & Sarah Dunnachie; Dunnachie Family; Michael Pavilonis; Cathy Gallagher; Tony Murphy; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Brian Mays; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; Agnes Foley (McKendrick); John (Johnny) Foley; Joseph foley; Agnes Foley (McGuinness); Emilio & Cesarina Coia; Coia Family; Ungaretti Family; Giuseppe Molinaro; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; John & Marion Renton; Betty & Joe Woods; James, Clare & Evelyn O'Leary; Jimmy & Saddy Littlejohn; Frances, Monica & Anthony Cassidy; Lisa Geddes; Vera & Johnny Livingstone; Peter & Eleonore De-Schuster; Marion & Dan O'Donnell; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty, Wullie & John Thomson; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Teresa & Bill McArdle; Matt & Betty Reilly; Marjory Reilly; Jim Anderson; Bill & Annie Gebbie; Martha & Tam Smith; Sarah & Jimmy McEwan; Paisley Family; John, Mary & James Donnelly; Mary & Tommy Cavanagh; James & Rose Kelly; Pat & Joe McGarrigle; Gerry McGarrigle; McGarrigle Family; Dean Family; Margaret, John & Bobby Dykes; Ron Meldrum; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; May Quinn; David Tinto; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Jean & Jimmy Meldrum; McConville Family (Shotts); Deceased members of the Choir of St Mary's; Mary, Jim & Michael McLaughan; Mary, Bill & Stephen Murray; Anne & John Boyle; Lizanne Inglis; Edward Hanlon; Kate Hanlon; Anne Lindsay; Archie Lindsay; Mary Sheely; Michael Sheely; Kate Nevin & Brothers; Rodger McConnell; Bernard & Rose Scott; Beverley & Alan Milliken; John, Annie, Liam & Janes McConnell; Noone Family; Dowds Family; Farrell Family; David Tinto; Rosemary McManus; Francis & Grace McManus; Francis McManus Jnr; Willie Connor; Iain Connor; Mark Stewart; Thomas Cloonan; Cecilia Cloonan; Mark Cloonan; Cloonan Family; Rotherham Family; Jim Callaghan; Anna Marshall; Agnes and Alice Bamford; Callaghan Family (Sligo); Karen Reilly; John Reilly Jnr; Betty Hutchison; Thomas McNulty; Christina McNulty; Nora Byers; John Byers; Rosina Baird; Babay Luca Gunning; James Tait; Mary Tait; Eileen McLeod; Nicholas Lambert; Rose Lambert; Bridget Lambert; Sandy McLean; Mary McLean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Frank Mackie; Susan Mackie; Graham Munro; Leah Welsh; Albert Welsh; Morton Family; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Joe McAllister; Bridget Donnelly; Fox Family; Harvey Family; Thomas, Molly & James McKeown; Paul Halloran; Halloran Family; Helen, Robert, Dennis, May & Veronica Quinn; Mr & Mrs Brady; John & Bridget Callaghan; John Doolan; Henry Doolan; Jane Doolan; Oliver Family; Small Family; Liz Rae; Eleanor Douglas; James McCardie; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; Rina & Jimmy Travers; Mary & John Christie; Evelyn Grant Quinn; Lilly Grant; Blanche McCabe;

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory!