



# Saint Mary's Parish Lanark

2nd Sunday of Lent  
1st March 2026



## Lumen Gentium

Lumen Gentium (translated as Light of the Nations), was promulgated by Pope Paul VI on 21st November 1964, and is one of the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council. It is the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, what it means to be Church and addresses the nature, mission and structure of the Church from both a theological and pastoral perspective.



Lumen Gentium is organised into eight chapters that delve into key themes:

**The Mystery of the Church:** The Church is presented as the universal sacrament of salvation, a mystery in which the visible community and divine grace are intertwined.

**The People of God:** It emphasised that all the baptised, not just the clergy (pope, bishops, priests and deacons), are an active part of the Church's mission.

**The Hierarchy:** It reaffirms the authority of the Pope and bishops in communion with him, highlighting episcopal collegiality.

**The Laity:** An unprecedented acknowledgment of the role of the lay faithful in evangelising and sanctifying the world.

**The Universal Call to Holiness:** All the faithful, regardless of their state of life (clergy, religious, married, single etc), are called to be holy.

**Religious Life:** It expressed the value of consecrated life (monks, nuns, religious brothers and sisters) as a prophetic testimony to the Kingdom of God.

**The Eschatological Nature of the Church:** The Church is on a journey towards fulfilment in God's Kingdom in heaven.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary:** It defined Mary's role as Mother of the Church and model for all of us of faith and charity.

For centuries, the Church was viewed as hierarchically structured with the Pope at its apex. However, this document shifted the focus to the Church as the People of God, a community in which every member plays a vital role. This approach does not diminish the importance of the hierarchy but situates it within a broader perspective: the Church is a communion in which everyone, from the Pope to the humblest person, shares the same baptismal dignity and missionary mandate and commission. We are all called to preach the Good News to the world.

Lumen Gentium invites us to delve deeper into the mystery of the Church as a community of love and service. It reminds us that by uniting in Christ, we can become true witnesses of his light in a world that longs for redemption, a light for the nations. We are called, all of us, to live our faith authentically, build communities of love, and promote a more just and reconciled world as part of the Church which Christ founded on the rock of Peter.

## Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 11.15am **Monthly Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)**
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 12.35pm **Monthly Light Bite (Holy Trinity)**
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer of the Church and Solemn Benediction (St Mary's)

**Monday 2nd 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
- 12noon Stations of the Cross
- 6.15pm Holy Mass
- 6.30pm First Confessions for the Children of St Mary's Primary School

**Tuesday 3rd March**

- 8.20am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)
- 10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am
- 11.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 12noon Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony
- 6.15pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion

**Wednesday 4th March**

- 9.10am Stations of the Cross
- 9.30am **Requiem Mass for the Repose of the soul of Jacqueline Cummings**
- 10.00am Lenten Prayer Circle (St Catherine's)
- 7.00pm **Weekly Online Zoom Scripture Session (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)**

**Thursday 5th March**

- 8.20am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)
- 9.10am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph
- 7.30pm **St Mary's Choir Weekly Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

**Friday 6th March**

- 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am
- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am
- 9.10am Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Agatha

**Saturday 7th March** *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

- 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am
- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm
- 4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 5.00pm **Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of lent (St Mary's)**

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

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer of the Church and Solemn Benediction (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 enveloped cleared marked 'FOODBANK'. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the foodbank. Over 50% of what is donated to Clydesdale Foodbank is used in Lanark.

### **Building Fund Collection**

In order to help with ongoing maintenance and the upkeep of St Mary's, Fr John-Paul proposes taking up a Building Fund Collection (one per quarter). The money donated will be reinvested into the buildings and will help with the upkeep of our beautiful church and Clubrooms.

Fr John-Paul would be encouraged to hear your thoughts or comments. Please speak to him directly.

### **Second Collections During Lent**

#### **Sick & Retired Priests Lenten Collection**

Bishop Toal has asked all parishes to take up our annual collection to support the care costs for sick and retired priests at all Masses on **Weekend 28th Feb/1st March**

#### **Annual SCIAF Collection**

Our Annual SCIAF Collection will be taken up at all Masses on **Weekend 14th/15th March.**

### **Easter Raffle/Coffee Morning**

The next Coffee Morning will take place on Sunday 5th April after 10.30 Mass. The Easter Raffle Draw will also take place at this event. Raffle tickets are now available. Donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received.



*Thank you for your continued support.*

### **Walking Pilgrimage**

The Diocese is organising a Diocesan walking pilgrimage from Motherwell Cathedral to St Andrews, walking around 10-12 miles each Tuesday, starting on 7th April and finishing on 9th June. There is no charge for the pilgrimage – the only cost will be for transport back to our starting point.

If you would like to take part, or would like more details, contact Jim McKelvie [pilgrimage@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimage@rcdom.org.uk) or call 07957 847290.

### **St Mary's Defibrillator**

After a medical emergency several weeks ago at Mass, Fr John-Paul has purchased a defibrillator for St Mary's, which will be kept in the sacristy for emergency use. The defibrillator was purchased by St Mary's Choir, and we are very grateful to them for this kind gesture.

Defibrillators are becoming more commonly used, especially if paramedics cannot be onsite quickly. They are very easy to use and come with instructions and picture directions. They are designed for safe use on unconscious, unresponsive people in suspected cardiac arrest, they will not shock a person with a beating heart, but it is understandable that people are apprehensive about using one.

The company who supplied the defibrillator (M&J Sports Injury Clinic) have also offered to hold a training day in the parish for anyone who would like to attend. The date of this training session will be advertised in the next few weeks.

### **Locking St Mary's**

We are very lucky that we have parishioners who open and lock St Mary's each day in order to allow the church to be open for private prayer. Due to personal circumstances one of the team has had to step down for a set period of time.

At present, we have enough volunteers to go on rota for one week every three weeks. It is Mon-Fri locking the church at 3pm.

Could you offer some help? Even for a short time? If so, please speak to Fr John-Paul this weekend or next weekend. If we do not receive any offers of help it may mean St Mary's will have to be closed out with Mass times.

### **Mothers Day**

Mothers Day will be observed as usual on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, 15th March. At Masses that weekend there will be a special blessing of mothers at the conclusion of Mass.

There will also be the opportunity for Mothers Day Remembrances in the bulletin that weekend. If you wish your deceased mothers name included in the remembrances please write their name on an envelope and 'Mothers Day Remembrance', with your Mass offering included.

Mass that weekend will be offered for all those names contained in the remembrances.



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**St Mary's Clubrooms Bookings:** 07300857616

**St Vincent de Paul Helpline:** 07565396878



**Please Pray For The Following**



**Recently Dead:** Jacqueline Cummings Carstairs  
Mary Hughes; Dave Hainey (Motherwell); Jackie Dolan;

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Fr Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane;  
Rosina Baird; Baby Luca Gunning; Rosemary James; Marion Renton; Eileen McLeod; Annie Clarke Gunning;  
Beverley Milliken; Margaret Scott; Eleonora De-Schuster;

**Funeral Arrangements:** Jacqueline Cummings Requiem Mass: Wednesday 4th March, 9.30am

**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 vulnerable feelings or grief and loneliness. The Beginning Experience, Scotland Team would like to help. A weekend away for a lifetime of change.

**Conforti Centre, Coatbridge 27th-29th March 2026**

For further details contact Louise: 07786687631 or [beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com)

**Parish Weekly Finances**

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,630.00  
Standing Orders: £ 133.00  
Votives: £ 180.00  
Stall: £ 130.00

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

**St Mary's Ministry Rota**

**Readers:**

<b><u>28th Feb/1st March</u></b>	<b><u>14th/15th March</u></b>
5.00pm A. Haetzman	5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am A. Servers	10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm S. Casserly	5.00pm S. Casserly
<b><u>7th/8th March</u></b>	<b><u>21st/22nd March</u></b>
5.00pm J. McBride	5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am P. Roberts	10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm N. Donnelly	5.00pm M. Davis

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

<b><u>28th Feb/1st March</u></b>	<b><u>14th/15th March</u></b>
5.00pm M. Kennan	5.00pm M. Keenan
C. Callaghan	C. Callaghan
10.30am K. Lawrence	10.30am J. Littlejohn
J. McFarlane	A. O'Neill
M. Russell	N. Keenan
<b><u>7th/8th March</u></b>	<b><u>21st/22nd March</u></b>
5.00pm R. Sinton	5.00pm C. Scott
F. McBride	S. Callaghan
10.30am G. Duddy	10.30am V. Hilland
A. Gillespie	M. Thomson
M. Keenan	B. Farrell