

St Mary's Lanark

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2nd Sunday of Lent

16th March 2025

Ite ad Joseph...Go to Joseph

In a world where we live under so much pressure, now more than ever we must "Go to Joseph." His feast day is on 19th March.

Joseph, meaning "God will add" appears about a dozen times in the Gospels, mainly in the first two chapters of Matthew's Gospel, in connection with the early life of Jesus. Since in God's plan of salvation Joseph was to legally insert Jesus into the line of King David from whom, according to the prophets, the Messiah would be born, he was probably born at Bethlehem - the City of David. He was destined to become the spouse of Mary. About him the Bible has little more to say other than he was a "just man" - an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his roles of guarding God's greatest treasures on earth: Jesus and Mary. Although descendent of King, Joseph who worked by the sweat of his brow - he was a carpenter, a manual labourer.

In the sixteenth century, devotion to Saint Joseph flourished in Spain. Saint Teresa of Avila (+1582) became his great devotee. She praised him as a helper in every need. By the 1550s she began reforming the Carmelite Order, placing this difficult project, under Joseph's protection. Twelve of the seventeen new monasteries she founded were dedicated to the Saint, and all of them were adorned with his statue.

One of her friends, the Carmelite Priest, Jeronimo Gracian, coined the phrase "Ite ad Joseph" ("God to Joseph") from the story of the Old Testament patriarch Joseph in the Book of Genesis. This quote was often inscribed on the altars and images. The Foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Saint Jeanne Jugan (+1879) made Saint Joseph patron of all its homes for the elderly. In Montreal, Canada, Saint Andre Bessette (+1937), a brother of the Holy Cross, always advised people with troubles to pray to him.

In 1870 Blessed Pope Pius IX declared him patron of the Universal Church. In 1955 Pius XII introduced the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker on 1st May. Pope Saint John XXIII inserted his name in the First Eucharistic Prayer. Pope Saint John Paul II in his Apostolic Exhortation *Redemptoris Custos* places Saint Joseph in the foreground of efforts to renew the family and the Church. Pope Francis celebrated the inaugural Mass of his Pontificate on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph and inserted his name in each of the other three Eucharistic Prayers. He has spoken too about his personal devotion to the statue called the 'Sleeping Saint Joseph' which he has on his desk. During an Apostolic Visit to the Philippines a few years ago, he said that Saint Joseph was his favourite saint: "I have great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table I have an image of Saint Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church!"



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 16th March *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

Monday 17th 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

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

12noon Stations of the Cross

12.45pm Alpha Course until 2.30pm (St Mary's Clubrooms)

Tuesday 18th March

8.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Stations of the Cross

12noon Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony

Wednesday 19th March

9.10am Stations of the Cross

9.30am Holy Mass

10.00am Prayer Group (St Catherine's)

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

Thursday 20th March

8.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)

9.10am Morning Prayer of the Church

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph

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

Friday 21st March

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am

9.00am Confessions until 9.25am

9.10am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 22nd March *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

10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am

12noon Stations of the Cross

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)**

7.30pm **Parish Disco (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

Sunday 23rd 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)



Wishaw Deanery Adoration & Stations

As we continue to celebrate this Jubilee Year, we are encouraged, as 'Pilgrims of Hope,' to visit a church outside of our own parish. To facilitate this endeavour, the Wishaw Deanery is offering opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Day	Location	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Station of the Cross
Monday	St Mary's, Lanark	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Monday	St Ignatius', Wishaw	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Tuesday	St Aidan's, Coltness	10.30am until 12noon	12noon
Tuesday	St Athanasius', Carluke	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Wednesday	St Ignatius', Wishaw	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Thursday	St Patrick's, Craigneuk	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Friday	St Mary's, Lanark	9.00am until 9.25am	-----
Saturday	St Mary's, Lanark	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Sunday	St Thomas', Wishaw	4.30pm until 5.00pm	4.00pm

Parish Disco - 22nd March

The next social event for St Mary's Parish is a Disco on Saturday 22nd March. Tickets are only £7, which includes entry and nibbles. The bar will be opened from 7.30 til late. For tickets, please contact any of the girls on the social committee.

St Mary's Grounds Help Required

After 10 years of faithful and dedicated service Siobhan Gainford is stepping down from her duties of looking after the church gardens/grounds. Siobhan has helped enhance our church so much with the beautiful flowers she has planted, especially in the circle and memorial area, and also her incredible vision and knowledge.

We thank Siobhan very much for all her efforts and all she has done to make St Mary's so welcoming and attractive to visitors. We now need someone to volunteer to take on these duties and coordinate the team of volunteers or look to pay gardeners (which is costly). If you are interested speak to Fr John-Paul.

Alpha Update

Last Monday we had 22 attendees at Alpha, some from the previous week and some new. It was a deeper conversation than the previous week, but fruitful.

Alpha will continue tomorrow, Monday 17th March, with the title 'Why and How Do I Pray?'

Why not pop along in you can, all are most welcome.



Pioneer Short Pledge for Lent

Why not think about taking the Short Term Pledge for Lent? For further information you can contact Susan McBride, National Secretary, 01698 375950.

The Short Term Pledge is abstinence from all alcohol during Lent and recitation of the following prayer twice a day.

I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating drink until Easter Sunday.

Retired & Sick Priest Collection

The Diocese of Motherwell has seventeen retired priests, some who are still active offer supply in the diocese, and others who are in care homes or other places of care. Each year the diocese asks us to help alleviate some of the costs of caring for the sick & retired priests through a second collection - **which will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection offering support to the priests who have faithfully served our diocese over many year of active ministry.



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Michael O'Malley; Donnie Steel;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: John McCulloch; Bessie McCulloch; McCulloch Family; Paul Donnachie; Jim McAvoy; James Hynds; Mary Meahan;

SCIAF WEE BOX Appeal

WEE BOXES are found at the back of St Mary's for parishioners to take home. By supporting the WEE BOX, you're helping bring real solutions and build peace in active conflict zones in Colombia, and around the world.

300 Club: January & February Winners

<i>Week 5th Jan: 98</i>	<i>Week 12th Jan: 25</i>	<i>Week 19th Jan: 53</i>	<i>Week 26th Jan: 123</i>
<i>Week 2nd Feb: 41</i>	<i>Week 9th Feb: 22</i>	<i>Week 16th Feb: 239</i>	<i>Week 23rd Feb: 23</i>

Now that the Bank of Scotland no longer has a Lanark branch we are asking for **all subscriptions** for the 300 Club to be paid by Standing Order using the details below. Many people already pay through the bank weekly/monthly/annually and they will not need to change anything! But, for those who pay cash or cheque, we ask that you set up a standing order. We thank you very much for your assistance and understanding and it is hoped that by becoming cashless we will save countless trips to Bank of Scotland Larkhall branch.

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If you would like to join the 300 Club please you can set up a standing order using the details above and email Kathleen who will then supply you with a lucky number: stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk

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 unbearable feelings or grief and loneliness.

The Beginning Experience, Scotland Team would like to help.

A weekend away for a lifetime of change to be held at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge, 4th-6th April 2025.

A time of heal by experiencing God's love through others. An opportunity to begin again. For further details phone Louise on 07926571004 or email louise398@gmail.com

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,260.00
Standing Orders:	£ 489.50
Votives:	£ 266.00
Stall:	£ 90.00

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

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

15th/16th March	29th/30th March
5.00pm F. Chung	5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am M. McCusker	10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm N. Donnelly	5.00pm M. Davis
22nd/23rd March	5th/6th April
5.00pm R. McConnell	5.00pm C. Jakson
10.30am R. Colpitts	10.30am A. Servers
5.00pm S. Casserly	5.00pm N. Donnelly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

15th/16th March	29th/30th March
5.00pm F. McBride	5.00pm C. Scott
R. Sinton	S. Callaghan
10.30am G. Duddy	10.30am V. Hilland
A. Gillespie	M. Thomson
M. Keenan	B. Farrell
22nd/23rd March	5th/6th April
5.00pm A. Dempsey	5.00pm K. Bryce
J. McBride	A. McGowan
10.30am J. Littlejohn	10.30am C. Duddy
A. O'Neill	D. McFarlane
N. Keenan	I. Maxfield