



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

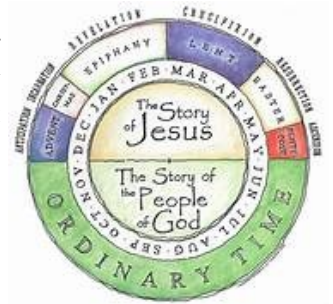
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th January 2024



Ordinary Time

Because the term ordinary in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.



It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent. The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday of Advent when the liturgical year begins again.

In most years, the Sunday after January 6 is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In countries such as the United States, however, where the celebration of Epiphany is transferred to Sunday if that Sunday is January 7 or 8, Epiphany is celebrated instead. As feasts of our Lord, both the Baptism of the Lord and Epiphany displace a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Thus the first Sunday in the period of Ordinary Time is the Sunday that falls after the first week of Ordinary Time, which makes it the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time is a feature of the current (post-Vatican II) liturgical calendar. In the traditional Catholic calendar used before 1970 and still used in the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass, as well as in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches, the Sundays of Ordinary Time are referred to as the Sundays After Epiphany and the Sundays After Pentecost. In any given year, there are either 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because Easter is a moveable feast, and thus the Lent and Easter seasons "float" from year to year, the number of Sundays in each period of Ordinary Time vary from the other period as well as from year to year.

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 14th January *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

NO EVENING MASS THIS WEEKEND

Monday 15th January *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 4pm*

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

9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)

Tuesday 16th January

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

12noon Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)

Wednesday 17th January

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

10.00am Church Cleaning (St Mary's)

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

Thursday 18th January

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

9.30am Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Frances Neil (St Mary's)

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

Friday 19th January

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 20th January *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

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

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 21st January *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

13th/14th January

5.00pm R. Kane

10.30am M. McCusker

27th/28th January

5.00pm G. Abernethy

10.30am P. Roberts

5.00pm S. Casserly

20th/21st January

5.00pm A. Haetzman

10.30am R. Colpitts

5.00pm M. Davis

3rd/4th February

5.00pm R. McConnell

10.30am E. McCabe

5.00pm N. Donnelly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

13th/14th January

5.00pm A. Dempsey

C. Scott

10.30am J. Wilson

A. O'Neil

N. Kennan

20th/21st January

5.00pm M. Keenan

P. Stewart

10.30am P. Cunningham

A. Cruikshank

J. McFarlane

27th/28th January

5.00pm J. McEwan

C. McClafferty

10.30am G. Duddy

T. Mullen

B. Farrell

3rd/4th February

5.00pm J. McClafferty

K. Bryce

10.30am C. O'Brien

M. Davis

J. McAlavey

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Toal announces the following clergy appointments:

- ♦ Fr Kenneth Campbell, at present Parish Priest of St Barbara's, Muirhead, will succeed Bishop-Elect Frank Dougan as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride, on the weekend of 10th/11th February 2024.
- ♦ Fr Kenneth O'Brien, Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Stepps, will also become Parish Priest of St Barbara's, Muirhead, from 10th February. He will be assisted by Frs Danny Rooney and Fr Charles Coyle at weekends. Fr O'Brien will continue as Chaplain to St Ambrose's High School but will cease to be Assistant Chaplain to Monklands Hospital. He will also continue Canon Law work with the Diocese and the Interdiocesan Tribunal.
- ♦ In the same area of the Diocese Fr Micheal Briody, Parish Priest of St Michael's, Moodiesburn, has announced his intention to step down as Parish Priest at Pentecost, May 18th. The appointment of his successor will be made at a later date. Fr Briody will take a break from public duties, with a view to returning after a time of rest.
- ♦ Fr Stephen Rooney, at present Parish Priest of St Ignatius, Wishaw, and St Brigid's, Newmains, will become Parish Priest of St Athanasius, Carlisle, on the weekend of 10th/11th February 2024. Fr Rooney will continue as Parish Priest of St Brigid's, Newmains, also, where Fr Eamonn Sweeney will continue to assist him. Fr Rooney is replacing Fr Tom Magill as Parish Priest of St Athanasius. Fr Magill is retiring as Parish Priest but will continue to serve the Diocese in other areas of priestly ministry.
- ♦ Fr Krzysztof Garwolinski, Parish Priest of St Patrick's, Craigneuk, and St Thomas', Wishaw, will be Administrator in St Ignatius', Wishaw, on a temporary basis from 10th February until a new Parish Priest is appointed at Pentecost. Mgr Michael Conway will continue to assist in St Ignatius' along with Deacon Stuart Dick.

Fr Joseph Brannigan Anniversary Mass

The 2nd of January 2024 marked the 10th anniversary of Fr Joe's death. As a parish, it is important we mark this anniversary in a special way, remembering the great work Fr Joe carried out in our beautiful church and the legacy he has left us. A special anniversary Mass will be celebrated on **Monday 29th January at 7pm**. Bishop Toal will celebrate the Mass and we hope some priests from the Diocese will also join us. After the Mass everyone is welcome to join us in the Clubrooms for tea/coffee/sandwiches. Monday 29th January would also have been Fr Joe's 70th birthday. Please make a special effort to come along to the Mass and pray for Fr Joe.



St Mary's Primary School Enrolment Mass

Next Sunday, 21st January, we will welcome the children and their families from St Mary's Primary School who will be enrolling for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion. Please pray for these children and their parents that they will continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

St Mary's Memorial Plaques

Memorial Plaque forms are now available from the stall. We are aiming to send all completed forms to the engraver at the end of February. If you would like a plaque for a loved one please fill in a form and return it to Fr John-Paul. This is perhaps the last bulk order of plaques that we will be able to make, and depending of space and availability of materials, more plaques will be ordered on an individual basis.

St Isidore's Coffee Morning

The collection from our Coffee Morning last week came to £100, which has been forwarded to **Medecins sans Frontieres**. Thank you for your generosity! More information about the great work of MSF can be found on their website: www.msf.org.uk



Holy Trinity Chapel

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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Frances Neil St Nicholas Rd
Paul Reilly Glebe Court
Diane Curran Beechgrove Care Home

Margaret Toner (East Kilbride); Mary Somerville; Jeanette Lennox; Isobel Lochiel Gourock; Jean Reilly.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Karen Reilly; James O'Leary; Jimmy Littlejohn; Marion O'Donnell; Matthew Reilly; May Oliver; Kirstin Small.

Funeral Arrangements: Frances Neil Requiem Mass: Thursday 18th January 9.30am, St Mary's
Paul Reilly Requiem Mass: Wednesday 24th January 9.30am, St Mary's
Diane Curran TBC

Justice & Peace Special Collection

Thank you to those who donated to last weekends Justice and Peace special collection. A total of £420 was raised.



Crib Collection

Thank you to those who generously donated to the Crib Collection this year, a total of £345 was raised to help St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society.



Bulletin - Front Cover

Thank you to all those who have composed, or selected articles for inclusion on the front cover of the weekly bulletin. Many parishioners have enjoyed reading them. If you have a topic you would like to see on the front cover of the bulletin, or indeed if you would like to write your own article (500 words), please email Fr John-Paul.

Financial Returns

Fr John-Paul has now completed the Annual Financial Returns due to the Diocese, for year ending 31st December 2023.

A Financial Report will be made available to each parish in due course. It is important that you are aware of parish finances and the running costs of each parish.

Weddings in St Mary's 2024

If you have booked a wedding in St Mary's for 2024, or you would like to book a wedding, please email Fr John-Paul to arrange a meeting, and to start the official paperwork.

It is important you make contact to confirm dates and times in order to secure your pre-booked date.

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St Mary's Primary School Enrolment

Parents/carers of children who are five years of age between 1 March 2024 and the end of February 2025 are required to register their child for school. From Monday 8 January 2024, parents should use the catchment area checker on SLC website to select their preferred catchment school and enrol their child online. Your catchment school will then be in touch to discuss your application from 15 January 2024.