



St Mary's, Lanark

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Sunday the 30th August 2020 – Twenty Second Sunday of Year A

Feast Days: Wednesday – St Gregory the Great

Saturday – Saint Theresa of Calcutta

Mass Times

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass : 5.00pm

Sunday Morning Mass : 10.30am

Monday/Wednesday/Friday Weekday Mass: 9.30am

Mass will also be available live at 10.30am on Sunday morning, and available to watch anytime after that on our Facebook page.

- To book for next weekends Masses please call **01555 662234** or **07936306344** between the following times:

Booking Times: Thursdays : 9am–12pm

Fridays: 9am –12pm

(For more details on booking Mass, please see the Updates & News Section of the website.)

- There is no need to book for weekday mass, however we will require contact details on arrival and still require to maintain the current guidelines. We are still under the Government's protocol of only 50 Parishioners at each Mass.

- Morning prayer sessions have been suspended with the resumption of Mass.

Clerical Changes: There have been several changes of personnel throughout the diocese and some retirements:

Fr. Hugh Kelly who so very generously celebrated mass in St Mary Magdalene's, Forth is retiring. We sincerely thank Fr. Kelly for his generous care and ministry in St Mary Magdalene's and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Fr. Thomas Doyle has been appointed Parish Priest of the Most Blessed Trinity (Holy Trinity and All Saints Coatdyke and St Stephen's Sikeside) from 29th September.

Fr. John Paul McShane has been appointed Parish Priest of St Mary's Lanark and St Isidore's Biggar (including St Mary Magdalene's Forth) from 29th September.

Please Remember: The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended. Those who are shielding should not come to mass until advised it is safe to do so by the Scottish Government. Those in other health categories should follow the Government's advice in coming to their decision to attend mass or not. If you have symptoms of coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has please stay at home.

For those in the above categories and anyone who cannot currently make it to Mass, please be assured we always remember you in our prayers.

Anniversaries & Recent Deaths

Please pray for the Recently Deceased: Patrick Tansey and John Cosgrove

And for the Anniversaries of: Josephine Freil, Anne Smith, Anne, Daniel & Catherine Stewart, and Agnes Jack.

Sunday Reflection *Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.*

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12), and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7).

What Jeremiah learns, Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship—to give our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This too is our natural temptation—to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet, our souls will be satisfied.

Saint Gregory the Great: Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta whom we know better as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950, as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers and an order of priests.

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death.

During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin.

It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.



Liturgical Guidelines for Holy Mass

Recognising that the virus is predominantly contagious through the breathing in of air droplets, these guidelines are based on the need to reduce the length of time when parishioners are together. These are tentative steps for returning to Mass and may be reviewed at any time:

- Singing of Mass parts and hymns may be omitted.
- Both the Gloria and the Creed may be omitted.
- At Sunday Mass the second reading may be omitted.
- The sermon should be brief.
- In place of the words "Body of Christ" for each communicant, before the Celebrant receives Holy Communion, he may say the words ***May the Body and Blood of Christ keep us all safe to eternal life***, to which the congregation responds ***Amen***.
- In accordance with the national protocol on Infection Control, it is recommended that Holy Communion be received in the hand for the duration of the pandemic.
- The communicant should extend his/her hands to receive the host and then step two paces to the side in order to place the host on the tongue.
- Holy Communion may be distributed after the Final Prayer. Parishioners may be directed to leave the Church immediately after receiving Holy Communion.

In keeping with the current government advice we remind you of the current guidelines:

- Wear a **face covering** in the Church.
- Observe **social distancing**.
- **Sanitise your hands** at sanitizing units in Church
- **Enter and exit the Church using the door you have been given** on the telephone when booking for Mass.

Please be assured we have done everything we can to create a safe environment for you, when you arrive a pass-keeper will meet you and guide you to a your seat and will be on hand to look after you during your visit. These guidelines have been set by the Scottish Government and are for your wellbeing as well as that of your brothers and sisters in the parish.

St Catherine's

Kitchen/House Assistant (2 posts available)

The above post has become available within
St Catherine's Care Home.

Main duties to prep light meals and
answer phone/front door

7 shifts over 14 days

Week One – Monday, Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday 4pm
to 7pm

Week Two – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 4pm to
7pm

£8.72 per hour

Contact Manager for further information
01555 661671

St Catherine's

Housekeeper (2 posts available)

The above post has become available within
St Catherine's Care Home.

4 shifts over 14 days

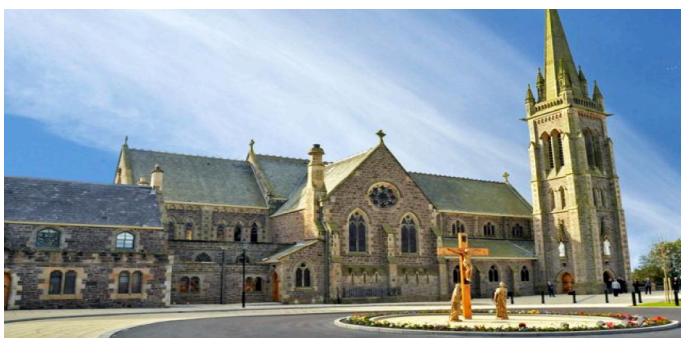
Week One – Saturday and Sunday 10am to 2pm

Week Two – 2 days during the week

Opportunity for Additional Hours
To cover sick/annual leave

£8.72 per hour

Contact Manager for further information
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Foodbank

Many thanks to all our generous
parishioners who support their
brothers and sisters in need through
donations to the foodbank.

St Mary's Parish is one of the major
donors to the foodbank, given the
present circumstances most of our
usual donations have stopped and the
need has never been greater.

Please, if you are able to restart your
contribution to the foodbank could
you give donations to a passkeeper
before Mass or hand in to the Church
House.

Once again, may God Bless you for
your generosity & kindness.



PLEASE NOTE: *Could any items for the
Bulletin please be sent to us no later than
Thursday 5pm, anything received after this
will go in the following weeks Bulletin. You
can email, phone or put a note through the
Parish House door.
Many thanks*

Keeping In Touch

If you or anyone you know, requires
help or information, or you would
like to offer help within our Parish,
please get in touch on 01555 662234
or email us at

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To keep up to date with any Parish
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