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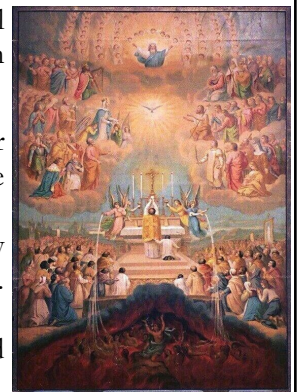
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Why we offer Mass for the dead

As Catholics, we believe the Church is a living, breathing, visible reality. Besides its spiritual attributes, it can be identified and seen. Traditionally, the Church has been understood in three parts: "the Church Militant," "the Church Triumphant" and "the Church Suffering."

- We who are alive today belong to the Church Militant — involved in living out our Catholic faith in Jesus Christ, and making and forming disciples by passing on the faith. Fundamentally, we "fight the good fight" of the Christian life.
- The Church Triumphant is the saints in heaven — all the people, whether formally canonized or not, who are with the Lord Jesus and who pray for us here on earth. Triumphant, they cheer us on by their prayers and example.
- Finally, we have the Church Suffering. They are the souls of the dead, who are saved and being prepared for heaven in purgatory. They are greatly helped by our prayers.



As we can see, the Church is bigger than just here and now. It transcends time and space. With this preamble, what is the purpose of Mass intentions for the dead? Mass intentions can be applied to living persons, but why pray for the dead? What is the spiritual purpose?

As Catholics, we believe the Mass is the highest act of worship — the greatest form of prayer. Every Mass is a participation in the one, infinite sacrifice of Jesus Christ to save us from our sins. Each Mass also continues the Last Supper where Jesus feeds us with his Body and Blood.

Fundamentally, at Mass we worship God and offer our prayers along with the priest to God the Father, through the saving action of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. We know the practice of Masses for souls of the dead dates to the early church. But if the souls of those who have died are in heaven, they don't need our prayers. Correct! And if the souls of those who have died are in hell, our prayers will do no good since their souls are lost for eternity. Sadly true.

However, if those who have died are being purified in purgatory and on their way to heaven, our prayers can be enormously helpful. Praying for the dead is a great act of mercy. We pray that their time of purification might be quick and complete and that, through God's grace, they might enjoy the glories of heaven. What better way to pray for those who have died than to apply the most powerful prayer of the Mass?

Hence, we see the origin and rationale of Mass intentions for the dead. Incidentally, references to this practice can be found in the 12th chapter of the Second Book of Maccabees as well as various places in the New Testament. Praying for the dead and the reality of purgatory remains a dogmatic teaching of our Catholic faith.

Remember that what we do here on earth has spiritual ramifications. Praying for the dead, lighting a candle which symbolizes this prayer and offering a Mass for these souls is a beautiful and powerful way to live our faith. We are all united in this one Church — militant, triumphant and suffering. And we care for each other by our prayers.

Clydesdale Foodbank

This weekend will be our Monthly Foodbank Collection to help support Clydesdale Foodbank. Bags of shopping can be handed to any pass-keeper, or left in the sacristy. Monetary donations can be placed in the basket with your weekly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Foodbank.



St Mary's Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will restart today, Sunday 31st October, at 10:30am Mass, and all children aged 3 and older are most welcome. The focus during Children's Liturgy is how we can live our lives following the example of Jesus – we learn this through the Gospel readings.



Liturgical Calendar

Monday 1st November All Saints - This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the commandment of love.

Tuesday 2nd November All Souls - This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially the souls in purgatory.

Wednesday 3rd November St Martin de Pores - Born in Lima (Peru) in 1579, an illegitimate child of mixed race; died there on this day in 1639. Trained as a barber and infirmarian, he was accepted as a Dominican brother. Noted for his humility and holiness, his ministry to African slaves, and his dedicated service of the poor and the sick of all races.

Thursday 4th November St Charles Borromeo - Born in Arona (Italy) in 1538; died on this day in 1584 in Milan. Only twenty-two when he was appointed cardinal, secretary of state, and given the administration of the diocese of Milan by his uncle, Pius IV. Prominent in the final sessions of the Council of Trent during 1562—1563 and, at its end, was ordained presbyter, then bishop and became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyteral formation, and diocesan organisation. Honoured as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform.

St Mary's Grant Applications

Over the past few months St Mary's Parish has been successful in applying for various Grants. Fr John-Paul would like to thank Margaret and the Fabric and Finance Committee for the many hours they put in to making our applications so strong, and also to do them in tandem. Fr John-Paul would also like to thank all those parishioners, along with Councillor McClymont, who supported our grant applications! The grants, we hope, will benefit both, our beautiful church, and those who visit our church and magnificent grounds.

Viridor Credits Grant

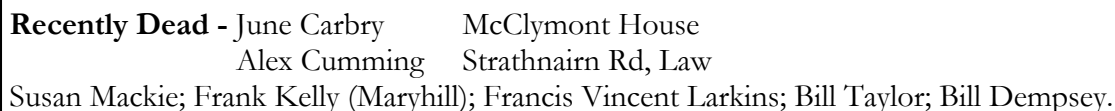
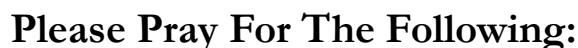
From Viridor Credits we received a 50% funding grant totalling £9,257, for the upgrade of the internal and external lighting at St Mary's. Work is progressing very well and the internal work is now complete. Once the external lighting has arrived it will be installed and the work will be completed.

Hate Crime Grant

Sadly St Mary's was vandalised several months ago. The front of the chapel house and church was damaged and the Calvary Shrine was also vandalised. Bishop Toal then encouraged the parish to apply for a Hate Crime Grant, available from Police Scotland. With only 36 hours until closing date, we were able to submit our application for new security fencing at the rear of St Mary's and also new CCTV covering the grounds and church. We have now been notified that we have received 100% grant funding totalling £19,109. Work will commence and be completed promptly.

Community Funding Grant

The Clubrooms have also been successful in receiving Community Grant funding of £500 to carry out essential roof works and repairs. Once again many thanks to the Community Council for their support and approval of this funding.



Months Minds & Anniversaries - Father Joseph Brannigan; The Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; John Finneron; Maryann Keenan; Jack Hamilton; Arthur Christie; Joseph & Margaret Moynagh; Grace McManus; Bob Oliver.

Funeral Arrangements - June Carbry	Rite of Committal: Monday 1st November 2pm St Catherine's Cemetery
Alex Cumming	Requiem Mass: Wednesday 3rd November 9.30am

Prayer Requests - The Sisters have suggested that anyone with special prayer intentions can hand them into St Catherine's or pass them to one of the Sisters and those intentions will be remembered during their Community Prayers.

St Mary's Passkeepers

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to help as a Passkeeper. Most volunteers have already been contacted to attend the refresher/information sessions taking place after 5pm Vigil Mass on 30th October and 10.30am Mass on 31st October and all who have expressed an interest are very welcome to attend. If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact Margaret Davis on 0775 380 2113.

October Special Collection

Traditionally October is the month when we offer our prayerful and financial support for the work of the Church in mission lands. During the month of October a collection basket will be available at the back of our churches for those who would like to donate to Missio Scotland, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.

Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection:	£	1,220.00
Standing Orders:	£	124.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection:	£	171.55
Standing Orders:	£	70.00
<i>(Including St Mary Magdalene's)</i>		

St Mary Magdalene's

Offertory Collection: £ 85.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.
For those who wish to pay Bank Transfer or Standing
Order please find the relevant details below.

St Marys Mission RCDM 80-17-02 00265809

Parish of St Isidore's 83-16-11 00235026

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>30th/31st October</u>		<u>13th/14th November</u>	
5.00pm	G. Abernethy	5.00pm	G Abernethy
10.30am	Sr M. Brady	10.30am	E. McCabe
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	S. Casserly

<u>6th/7th November</u>		<u>20th/21st November</u>	
5.00pm	J. Moynagh	5.00pm	A. Haetzman
10.30am	P. Roberts	10.30am	S. Watson
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>30th/31st October</u>		<u>13th/14th November</u>	
5.00pm	J. McClafferty	5.00pm	T. Mullen
	A. Dempsey		C. McClafferty
10.30am	M. Davis	10.30am	C. Duddy
	M. Keenan		J. McAlavey

<u>6th/7th November</u>		<u>20th/21st November</u>	
5.00pm	M. Keenan C. McClafferty	5.00pm	C. Scott P. Stewart
10.30am	C. Duddy J. Wilson	10.30am	A. Cruikshank P Cunningham

Weekly Parish Schedule

Sunday 31st October

- 8.30am Holy Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary Magdalene's)
9.00am Holy Mass for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Isidore's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Monday 1st November

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
1.00pm **Monday Club (St Mary's Clubrooms)**
2.00pm Rite of Committal for June Carbry (St Catherine's Cemetery)

Tuesday 2nd November (All Souls Day)

- 10.00am Holy Rosary (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass (St Mary Magdalene's)
12noon Angelus & Holy Mass (St Isidore's)
12noon Angelus & Holy Mass (St Mary's)
7.00pm Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Wednesday 3rd November

- 9.30am Requiem Mass for the repose of Alex Cumming (St Mary's)
7.00pm **Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)**

Thursday 4th November

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.30am Holy Mass (St Isidore's)
7.30pm **St Mary's Church Choir (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

Friday 5th November

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 6th November

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 7th November

- 10.00am **TRANSPORT LEAVES ST MARY MAGDALENE'S**
10.30am Holy Mass for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
11.15am **Coffee Morning - (St Mary's Clubrooms)**
12noon Holy Mass for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Isidore's)
12.35pm **Tea, Coffee & Home Baking (St Isidore's)**
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

The 10.30am Sunday Mass & weekday Masses from St Mary's are Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

The 12noon Sunday Mass from St Isidore's is also Livestreamed on the parish YouTube Channel.

All Souls Day

On Tuesday we celebrate All Souls Day, when we remember all our departed loved ones. We are encouraged during the month of November to remember our beloved dead. **On Tuesday Mass will be celebrated in all three churches, with an extra Mass in St Mary's at 7pm.** If you can, please come along to Mass and pray for those who have died.

Annual Requiem Mass

We have a great tradition in the Church to come together and offer Mass for the faithful departed. This year we will celebrate our Annual Requiem Mass in St Mary's on **Tuesday 23rd November at 7pm.** At this Mass all those who have died since Sept 2020 will be remembered in a special way. All parishioners are encouraged to come along and pray for their loved ones who have died over the years.