



**ST MARY'S LANARK
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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7th November 2021

Visiting a Cemetery

The Bible tells us that, "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins," (2 Maccabees 12:46) and especially in the month of November, the Catholic Church urges us to spend time in prayer for those who have gone before us. Prayer for the souls in Purgatory is a requirement of Christian charity, and it helps us to call to mind our own mortality.

The Church offers a special plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, on All Souls Day (November 2), but She also encourages us in a special way to continue to keep the Holy Souls in our prayers throughout the first week of November.

Why Should We Visit a Cemetery to Pray for the Dead?

The Church offers an Indulgence for a Cemetery Visit that is available as a partial indulgence all year round, but for the month of November this indulgence is plenary. Like the All Souls Day indulgence, it is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. As a plenary indulgence, it remits all punishment due to sin, which means that simply by performing the requirements of the indulgence, you can obtain the entrance into Heaven of a soul who is currently suffering in Purgatory.

This indulgence for a visit to a cemetery encourages us to spend even the briefest of moments in prayer for the dead in a location that reminds us that we, too, will someday need the prayers of the other members of the Communion of Saints—both those still living and those who have entered into eternal glory. For most of us, the indulgence for a cemetery visit takes only a few minutes, and yet it reaps immense spiritual benefit for the Holy Souls in Purgatory—and for us as well, since those souls whose suffering we ease will pray for us when they enter into Heaven.

What Must One Do to Obtain the Indulgence?

To obtain the plenary indulgence during November, we must receive Communion and sacramental Confession (and have no attachment to sin, even venial). Communion must be received each day we wish to gain the indulgence, but we only need to go to Confession once during the period. A good prayer to recite to earn the indulgence is Eternal Rest, though any formal or informal prayer for the dead will suffice. And, as with all plenary indulgences, we must pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary) each day we perform the work of the indulgence.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Thank you very much for your generosity last weekend to the Clydesdale Foodbank. We collected **£305** and **14 bags** of groceries. What a great contribution to our local community. God bless your continued generosity and support.



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.

Liturgical Calendar

Tuesday 9th November Dedication of St John Lateran Basilica - The Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, was dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century. The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date since the twelfth century. It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

Wednesday 10th November St Leo the Great - He died in Rome on this day in 461. Elected pope in 440. Tried to protect the city from the devastation of barbarian invasion. His surviving letters illustrate the leadership and guidance he exercised as bishop of Rome toward other Churches in the West. Noted for the clarity of his thought on the two natures of Christ, affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.

Thursday 11th November St Martin of Tours - Born in Pannonia (Hungary) about 316; died in 397 and was buried on this day in Tours (France). A catechumen who was in conscience unable to continue with military service. Baptised at the age of eighteen, for a time became a hermit, and then worked to establish monasticism in the West. Bishop of Tours for twenty-five years. One of the first non-martyrs to be venerated as a saint. Widely remembered for his legendary generosity to the poor, for arguing against the persecution of heretics, and especially for his active evangelisation and pastoral care of rural areas.

Friday 12th November St Josaphat - Born in Vladimir (Ukraine) in 1580; died at Vitebsk (Belarus) on this day in 1623. A Basilian monk who became archbishop of Polotsk. Worked strenuously to uphold and spread the Union of Brest-Litovsk by which Churches of the province of Kiev, with their Byzantine liturgy and customs, had entered into communion with Rome. In a complex situation of national and religious antagonism, he was killed by violent opponents. Noted for his energetic pastoral reform and courageous ecumenism.

St Mary's Grant Applications

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.



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead - Michael Maxwell Stuart Baitlaws, Lamington
Susan Mackie; Betty Matthews.

Months Minds & Anniversaries - Sarah Gordon; Joseph & Annie McCrossan; Eddie & Kay Fahy; Harry McPhail; Helen McKenna; Mary McKenna; Sarah Hughes; Rose Sharkey.

Funeral Arrangements - Michael Maxwell Stuart Requiem Mass: Friday 12th November 3pm (St Mary's)

Requiescant in Pace

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 Pocket Diary

The fabulous St Mary's Pocket Diary will be on sale at the back of the church this weekend. The Diary is priced at £1.30 and is an excellent addition to your pocket. Many thanks to all those who kindly support



the Diary each year, through advertising, or purchasing. We also thank those who so kindly design our Pocket Diary each year and organise its sale.

October Special Collection

A huge thank you to all those who so generously contributed to the Second Collection is support of Missio Scotland. A staggering amount of money was donated to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves:

Lanark	£660.00
Biggar	£199.60
Forth	£121.00



Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection:	£	966.00
Standing Orders:	£	255.00

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 Isidore's

Offertory Collection:	£	160.00
Standing Orders:	£	90.00

(Including St Mary Magdalene's)

St Marys Mission RCDM 80-17-02 00265809

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

St Mary Magdalene's

Offertory Collection:	£	60.00
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St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

6th/7th November

5.00pm	J. Moynagh
10.30am	P. Roberts
5.00pm	M. Davis

20th/21st November

5.00pm	A. Haetzman
10.30am	S. Watson
5.00pm	M. Davis

13th/14th November

5.00pm	G Abernethy
10.30am	E. McCabe
5.00pm	S. Casserly

27th/28th November

5.00pm	J. Moynagh
10.30am	J. Russell
5.00pm	S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

6th/7th November

5.00pm	M. Keenan
	C. McClafferty
10.30am	C. Duddy
	J. Wilson

20th/21st November

5.00pm	C. Scott
	P. Stewart
10.30am	A. Cruikshank
	P Cunningham

13th/14th November

5.00pm	T. Mullen
	C. McClafferty
10.30am	C. Duddy
	J. McAlavey

27th/28th November

5.00pm	P. Freel
	J. McEwan
10.30am	M. Davis
	T. Mullen

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Monday 8th November

- 9.30am** Holy Mass (St Mary's)

**Please note there will be NO
 Tuesday Mass in
 St Mary Magdalene's
 this week.**

Tuesday 9th November

- 12noon** Angelus & Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Wednesday 10th November

- 9.30am** Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.00am **Church Cleaning (St Mary's)**
7.00pm **Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)**

Thursday 11th November

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

**Please note there will be NO
 Thursday Mass in
 St Isidore's
 this week.**

Friday 12th November

- 9.30am** Holy Mass (St Mary's)
3.00pm Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Michael Maxwell Stuart (St Mary's)

Saturday 13th November

- 9.10am** Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 14th November

- 10.00am** **TRANSPORT LEAVES ST MARY MAGDALENE'S**
10.30am Holy Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Isidore's)
2.00pm **Afternoon Tea - Ticketed Event (St Mary's Clubrooms)**
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 33rd 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.*

300 Club: October Winners

- Week 3rd October: 28*
Week 10th October: 110 E. Gordon
Week 17th October: 201
Week 24th October: 184 P. Donnelly
Week 31st October: 200 M. Devlin

Congratulations to all our winners!!

300 Club subscriptions and winnings can now be paid through bank transfer. If you would like to find out more please email theclubrooms@outlook.com



November Lists

As we continue through the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls, we especially remember all those who have died. Mass is offered every day for those names contained within our November Lists placed before the altar. Praying for the dead is held by the Church as a spiritual work of mercy.

In particular, it is a praiseworthy practice to request Mass to be offered for the repose of the souls of the Faithful Departed.

