

St Mary's Lanark

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th November 2025

Life Everlasting

Eternal life begins with Baptism. It continues through death and will have no end. The so-called particular of personal judgement occurs at the moment of death of an individual. The general judgement which is also called the Last Judgement, occurs on the Last Day, at the end of the world, when the Lord comes again.

Heaven is the endless moment of love. Nothing more separates us from God, whom our soul loves and has sought our whole life. Together with all the angels and saints we will be able to rejoice forever in and with God.

Purgatory, often imagined as a place, is actually a condition.

Someone who dies in God's grace (and therefore at peace with God and others) but who still needs purification before they can see God face to face is in purgatory. Since all those who are baptised into Christ form one communion and are united with one another, the living can also help the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory. Our love extends into the next life, through our prayer, fasting and good works we can obtain graces for the departed.

Hell is the condition of everlasting separation from God, the absolute absence of love. Someone who consciously and with full consent dies in serious sin, without repenting, and refuses God's merciful, forgiving love forever, excludes themselves from communion with God and the saints.

God does not damn human beings. Humans themselves are the ones who refuse God's merciful love and voluntarily deprive themselves of eternal life by excluding themselves from communion with God. God yearns for communion even with the worst sinner; he wants everyone to convert and be saved. Yet God created man to be free and respects our decisions. Even God cannot compel love.

The Last Judgement will take place at the end of the world, at the second coming of Christ. "All who are in their tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to judgement" (John 5:29).

We read in St Matthew's Gospel: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations of the earth, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left.... And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life".

At the end of time, God will create a new heaven and a new earth. Evil will no longer have any power or attractiveness. The redeemed will stand face to face with God - as his friends. Their yearning for peace and justice will be fulfilled. To behold God will be their blessedness. The Trinity will dwell among them and wipe away every tear from their eyes; there will be no more sorrow, death, lamentation, or trouble. God will be all in all, and we pray and hope that we will be worthy of such a great gift, life eternal with God and all the angels and saints.



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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

10.30am Holy Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Monday 17th November *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesday 18th November

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 19th November

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Catherine McLean

Thursday 20th November

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

7.00pm The Choir of St Mary's Weekly Rehearsal (Clubrooms)

Friday 21st November

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 22nd November *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am

9.00am Confessions until 9.25am

9.30am Holy Mass & Rite of Reception

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm

4.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

5.00pm Holy Mass for The Solemnity of Christ the Universal King (St Mary's)

Sunday 23rd November *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King (Holy Trinity)

2.00pm St Mary's Cemetery Service & Blessing of Graves

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King (St Mary's)



St Mary's Cemetery Service

Fr John-Paul will lead a Cemetery Service in St Mary's Cemetery on **Sunday 23rd November at 2pm**. The service will last around 45 mins, and will include recitation of the Holy Rosary, prayers for those buried in St Mary's Cemetery and general Blessing of Graves. It would be lovely to see parishioners there, especially those who have family buried in St Mary's Cemetery. Time permitting, individual blessing of graves will be available for those who wish.

New Bulletin & Hymn Sheets

At present we use Microsoft Publisher for the weekly bulletin and hymn sheet; unfortunately Publisher will be discontinued next year.

We are now in need of a new computer application for the weekly bulletin and hymn sheets. If anyone can recommend software, or indeed would like to design a new bulletin/hymn sheet for the parish, please contact Fr John-Paul.

Catholic Education Collection

Celebrating the importance of Catholic Education will run for two weeks this year, from Sunday 16th November—Sunday 30th November. The Diocesan Education Mass will take place on Monday 24th November at 7pm in the Cathedral.

A Special Collection will be taken up at all Masses on 29th/30th November to support the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES).

Liturgical Calendar

Monday 17th November, St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious - Born in Bratislava (Slovakia) in 1207. Married at the age of fourteen, widowed at twenty, and died at twenty-four in Marburg (Germany) on this day in 1231. Mother of three children, happily married to Ludwig of Thuringia. When Ludwig died of the plague while on crusade, she continued to protect the poor and founded orphanages and hospitals, living this life of service as a Franciscan tertiary despite the hostility of her relatives and the harshness of her confessor. Noted for her good-humoured resilience in adversity and for her humility in menial service of the needy.

Tuesday 18th November, Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles - Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, built in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and Saint Paul's Basilica, built in the nineteenth century, both replaced older buildings erected by Constantine in the fourth century over the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul. The dedications of these churches have been commemorated together on this day since the twelfth century. As on 29 June, the universal Church joins the Church of Rome in honouring its apostles.

Friday 21st November, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - This memorial originally marked the dedication of a sixth century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple of Jerusalem. The East took it up as a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three, a non-biblical story from the apocryphal gospel of James. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

Saturday 22nd November, St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr - Though a late fourth century church in Rome was named after her, nothing is known of her life or death. Popular legends were written about her in the late fifth century, and in the sixteenth century she was named the patron of music. Honoured by the Church as a virgin, martyred for the faith, her name is included in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon).

Afternoon Tea - Thank You

St Mary's Social Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Afternoon Tea. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with food, fun and fizz.

A special thank you to those who donated raffle prizes, our helpers over the weekend and our very talented bakers! We are lucky to have so many parishioners contributing to make the event such a success.

A magnificent sum of £1405 was raised!!

Coffee Morning/Christmas Raffle

The next coffee morning will take place on Sunday 21st December after 10.30 Mass. The Christmas Raffle Draw will also take place at this event.

Raffle tickets will be available from 15th/16th November. Donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support.

Annual Requiem Mass

Our Annual Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 27th November at 7pm**. Please make a special effort to come along and pray for all those who have died from our parish this last year. In a special way we will remember:

Patricia Brien

Pat Drain

Andrew Sharkey

Mary Norbury

Maureen Lynch

Jean Dow

Eleanor Douglas

Johanna Cleary-Bamford

Wendy Kennedy

Sr Joan Conroy DC

Tony Murphy

Jim Mallon

Davie Flynn

Frank Gunning

Ruby Monteith

Kate McCrossan

Elizabeth-Ann Wilson

Elizabeth Dailey

Ian McCulloch

Ronnie Reilly

Peter Harrower

Oliver James Noble

Jane Dalglish

Betty Woods





Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Catherine McLean Beechgrove Care Home
Sheena McLeod; Maurice Lim; Brenda Cotterill; Patricia Kelly;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Nettie Hynds; Andrew Sharkey; Cecilia Cloonan; All Those Named In Our November Lists;

Funeral Arrangements: Catherine McLean Requiem Mass: Wednesday 19th November, 9.30am

*Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.
Isaiah 43:1*

St Mary's Heating

In order to preserve heat in the church **please keep all doors closed**, including the glass doors between the main body of the church and the narthex, **before and after Mass**. Our heating bill averages £1,100 per week in the winter, keeping all doors closed will not only preserve heat but also save the parish money.

St Mary's Bell Tower Repair Update

We are delighted to let you know that we have been awarded two grants towards the work required on our church tower and spire. The award from Historic Environment Scotland is £11,278. HES have been tremendous supporters of St Mary's for many years having supported the re-roofing of the church and external works during our major renovation project. We are also delighted to have been awarded £10,000 by the National Churches Trust / The National Lottery Heritage Fund and to be part of the outstanding work that they do.

The project has also been supported so well by our parish community and we are very grateful to St Mary's Social Committee who raised and donated £4,000 towards the project. We are custodians of our beautiful church for future generations and are so blessed to have such a centre not just for our community, but for the wider community, both socially and for worship.

We are so excited to begin this work shortly and share it with you in online updates, our interactive system and in our bulletin. We are so looking forward to involving you all, especially our young people in the care of a fundamental and iconic part of our heritage.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,465.00
Standing Orders:	£ 254.50
Votives:	£ 320.00
Stall:	£ 175.00

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Thank you for your
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St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>15th/16th November</u>	<u>29th/30th November</u>
5.00pm A. Haetzman	5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am J. Angus	10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm S. Casserly	5.00pm M. Davis
<u>22nd/23rd November</u>	<u>6th/7th December</u>
5.00pm C. Jackson	5.00pm J. McBride
10.30am P. Roberts	10.30am A. Servers
5.00pm N. Donnelly	5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>15th/16th November</u>	<u>29th/30th November</u>
5.00pm M. Keenan	5.00pm A. Dempsey
C. Callaghan	J. McBride
10.30am K. Lawrence	10.30am J. Littlejohn
J. McFarlane	A. O'Neill
M. Russell	N. Keenan
<u>22nd/23rd November</u>	
5.00pm F. McBride	
R. Sinton	
10.30am G. Duddy	
A. Gillespie	
M. Keenan	