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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
14th November 2021

St Ambrose, On The Blessing of Death

St Paul says, *The world is crucified to me, and I to the world. Then he tells us that he means death in this life, and a good death: We carry with us in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of our Lord Jesus, too, may always be seen in our body.*

Let death do its work in us, therefore, so that life may do its work also: a good life after death, that is, a good life after victory, after the battle is over, when the law of the flesh is no longer in conflict with the law of the mind, when we have no more battles with mortal flesh but in mortal flesh we have victory. I wonder if this death might not have more power in it than life. St Paul's authority certainly suggests it when he says *Death works in us but life in you.*

One man's death has laid the foundations of life for so many people! And so St Paul teaches that we should seek that death in this life, so that Christ's death should shine out in our bodies. That blessed death, in which our outer nature falls away and our inner nature is renewed, and our earthly dwelling is dissolved so that our heavenly home is laid open to us.

A man imitates this death when he drags himself away from being part of this flesh and breaks those chains that the Lord had spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: *Break unjust fetters, undo the thongs of the yoke, let the oppressed go free, and break every unjust constraint.*

It was to put an end to guilt that the Lord permitted death to come into the world; but so that human nature should not end up perishing by death instead of guilt, the resurrection of the dead was given us. By death, guilt would be ended, and by resurrection, human nature would be eternal.

And thus this death is a journey for everyone. You must always be journeying: from decay to incorruptibility, from mortality to immortality, from turbulence to peace. Do not be alarmed by the word 'death' but rejoice at the good that the journey will bring. For what is death except the burial of vice and the raising up of virtue? Hence Scripture says, *May I die the death of the just* – that is, may I be buried with them, put down my vices, and put on the grace of the just, who carry the mortification of Christ around in their bodies and their souls.



*Blessed are those who have died in the Lord,
let them rest from their labours,
for their good deeds go with them.*

Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to St Mary's Social Committee for organising yet another successful Coffee Morning last Sunday. The Monthly Coffee Morning gives us a chance to gather informally and spend time building community and enjoying good company...apparently some home-made soup went down a treat...



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

Monday 15th November Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Born in Lauingen (Germany) about 1200; died in Cologne on this day in 1280. The "Universal Doctor" was a Dominican friar and teacher, most notably in Paris and in Cologne where Saint Thomas Aquinas studied under him. Briefly bishop of Regensburg, but resigned the see to return to teaching and writing. Noted for the outstanding breadth of his learning in the natural sciences, Jewish and Arabic studies, and Greek philosophy, all of which he brought to the service of his theology.

Tuesday 16th November St Margaret of Scotland - Born in Hungary about 1046 of Anglo-Saxon and Hungarian parentage; died in Edinburgh (Scotland) on this day in 1093. Found refuge from the Norman conquest of England with Malcolm III of Scotland whom she married in 1070. They had eight children. Reformed the royal court, founded monasteries, and sponsored major reforms of Church life. Noted for the happiness of her marriage, for her devotion to prayer and learning.

Wednesday 17th November St Elizabeth of Hungary - 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.

Thursday 18th November Dedication of the basilicas of Peter and Paul - 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.

RCIA - St Mary's

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will start in St Mary's on Monday evening at 7pm. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or want to find out more about becoming a Catholic, please feel free to come along. At present we have three people taking part in the course.



Prayer to St Joseph

O blessed Joseph, who yielded up thy last breath in
the arms of Jesus and Mary,
obtain for me this grace, O holy Joseph,
that I may breathe forth my soul in praise,
saying in spirit,
if I am unable to do so in words:
"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and
my soul."
Amen.

Cargill House Club

The Cargill House Club Management Committee comprises representatives from Organisations and the Churches in Lanark and District. After many years of excellent service on the Committee, Anne Elder has stepped down. This leaves St Mary's with no representation. If you would like to become St Mary's Church representative please contact Kevan on 07756523623. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month and take place in the Club at 2-30PM.



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead - Michael Maxwell Stuart; Willie Savage; Ann Mooney (Northampton).

Months Minds & Anniversaries - Kate & Will Campbell; Jack Oliver; Cecilia Cloonan; Wilma Jeffrey; John Hughes.

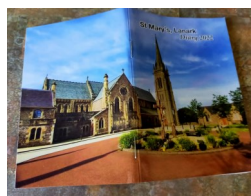
Requiescant in Pace

Michael Maxwell Stuart - Justin and Laura, the children of the late Mr Michael Maxwell Stuart, would like to thank parishioners of St Isidore's and friends of their Father's for all their condolences and prayers offered at the death of their father. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.



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.

Signs of Encouragement

It has been wonderful to welcome so many people back to Mass in our churches! In total we have welcomed back in excess of 450 people. We know of others still waiting to return, and we would just like to encourage them to come back as soon as they are able. The Sunday Evening Mass (St Mary's) is less busier than the others, and if people are still cautious and still anxious about crowds, perhaps this is an ideal Mass for you to attend.

Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection:	£	920.00
Standing Orders:	£	692.00

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:	£	000.00
Standing Orders:	£	333.00

(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:	£	-----
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St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>13th/14th November</u>	<u>27th/28th November</u>
5.00pm G Abernethy	5.00pm J. Moynagh
10.30am E. McCabe	10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm S. Casserly	5.00pm S. Casserly

20th/21st November

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>13th/14th November</u>	<u>27th/28th November</u>
5.00pm T. Mullen	5.00pm P. Freel
C. McClafferty	J. McEwan
10.30am C. Duddy	10.30am M. Davis
J. McAlavey	T. Mullen

20th/21st November

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

Weekly Parish Schedule

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)

Monday 15th November

- 9.30am** Holy Mass (St Mary's)
1.00pm **Monday Club (St Mary's Clubrooms)**
7.00pm **RCIA (St Mary's Chapel House)**

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

Tuesday 16th November

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

Wednesday 17th November

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

Thursday 18th 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 19th November

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

Saturday 20th November

- 9.10am** Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
5.00pm **Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christ The King (St Mary's)**

Sunday 21st October

- 8.30am** Holy Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary Magdalene's)
9.00am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ The King (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ The King (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ The King (St Isidore's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ The King (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.

